



5 August 2021

TERM 3, 2021 CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER NEWSLETTER

Beginning of the Term Prayer

Loving God
Mother and Father of all,
we ask your blessing as we engage in another term of work.

Be our near companion.
Spread the road before us with beauty and adventure.
Give us, on the journey, a heart wrapped
in wonder that we may see your
presence in all things
and in all whom we meet.

You call us to serve you and your
people.
In the midst of a busy world.
When we stumble, hold us.
When we fall, lift us up.

Give us hearts full of your love.
Strengthen us to share this love
With those whom you have called
To share the journey.

We make our prayer through Christ, your Son, Amen

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Class Programmes

Room	Liturgical Year	Prayer Module	Strand	Title
1	The Transfiguration 6 August The Assumption 15 August	Traditional and Devotional Prayer or Imaginative Prayer - Karakia and Meditation	God Sacrament Church	God is Creator Holiness Belonging
2			God Church Sacrament	God is Creator Belonging Holiness
3			Church Communion of Saints	Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence Saints and Inspiring People
4			Jesus Sacrament Church	Jesus Gives Himself in Eucharist Forgiveness Called to be like Jesus
5			God Sacrament Church	Te Atua - God is Love Food for Life Called to Service
6			Sacrament Church	Healing The Church Celebrates
7			Sacrament Church	Confirmed in the Spirit The Church as a Pilgrim People
8			God Church	God's Desire for Humanity The Living Church
9			Sacrament Church	Called for Others The Teaching Church

Please use the links below to familiarise yourself with your child's/children's Religious Education learning this term.

[Sacrament Year Level Summary](#)

[Church Year Level Summary](#)

[Liturgical Year - The Assumption](#)

CLASS MASSES IN THE SCHOOL HALL

(Rooms 1 - 9)

TUESDAYS Term Three, 2021

WEEK	DATE	CLASSES
1	27 July	
2	3 August	
3	10 August	
4	17 August	
5	24 August	
6	31 August	Rooms 1-3
7	7 September	Rooms 4 & 5
8	14 September	Rooms 8 & 9
9	21 September	Rooms 6 & 7
10	28 September	

Mass, as indicated on the above roster, will not be celebrated if a Requiem Mass is scheduled for that day, or if there is no priest available.

HAPPENINGS	
15 August	The Feast of the Assumption
29 August	Parish/School Mass
12 - 18 September	Social Justice Week
20 - 24 September	Religious Education Home Sharing
29 September	Catholic Schools Day
30 September	Non Uniform Day

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on Sunday 15 August.

Mary of the Assumption is the Patronal Feast of the Church in New Zealand. We recall the origins of the Catholic Church in our country, when Bishop Pompallier, as he celebrated the first Mass on New Zealand soil, dedicated this mission to the Assumption of Mary.

This Feast Day is a time to pray for our country - that the mother of the one who embraces all people without distinction, might help us.

This [VIDEO](#) provides a helpful summary of Mary's part in God's plan and explains why The Assumption and why Catholics have a special devotion to Mary.

The assembly prayers on Friday 13 August will focus on the Assumption of Mary. Please join us in celebrating this special feast day.

PARISH/SCHOOL MASS

The Parish/School Mass this term is to be celebrated on Sunday 29 August at 10:30 am at St Thomas' Church. We encourage all students and families to attend this celebration. Many students will have roles in the liturgy. All students are to wear the school uniform and sit in class groups please. We look forward to joining our parish community, as the people of God, to participate in this Eucharist.

The following Room 1 and 2 students will be presented with a Starting School Booklet at this Mass - Jaxon Valentine, Marley Seguin, Riddhi Hari, Vahley Bensemman and Miller Smolinski.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social justice issue.



Social Justice Week 2021 runs from September 12-18, and will highlight the Beatitudes with the theme of encounter and community.

This year the education resources for Social Justice Week highlight the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12. The title of the resources is 'A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church'. Following on from last year's resources that unpacked the Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Principles, the 2021 resources encourage us to **BE** the Church through our daily lives and the way we encounter others.

[The Beatitudes](#)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOME SHARING

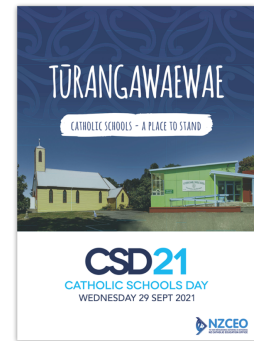
During the week of 20 - 24 September, students will share their current Religious Education learning with families in the form of digital learning, worksheets, games or activities. The purpose of this sharing is to inform parents and prompt students to talk about, or demonstrate, their learning. Thank you for your encouragement and support in this. Parents are often asked to comment on their child's work.

A bank of suggestions for this can be found on pages 39 and 40 of the [Family Whanau Book](#).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY

Catholic Schools Day 2021 is to be celebrated throughout New Zealand on Wednesday 29 September, but will be celebrated by the catholic schools in South Canterbury on Tuesday 28 September. This is an opportunity to witness who we are, and celebrate our raison d'être.

The theme of Catholic Schools Day 2021 will be Tūrangawaewae: Catholic Schools – A Place to Stand.



More information will be published when the planning for this day is completed.

NON UNIFORM DAY

On **Thursday 30 September**, students will donate a gold coin for the privilege of wearing non uniform clothing to school. This term the monies raised will go to the Caritas Social Justice Week focus.

ALTAR SERVICE

Students who have made their First Communion are routinely invited to become altar servers. This is a very special way young people can witness and contribute within our parish. Mrs Pauline Berry (Pastoral Assistant) provides training for this role each year.

Please discuss the possibility of altar serving with your son or daughter.

This invitation is open to **all** students who have made their First Communion.

Details of the training session will be published in the Parish Bulletin which is posted to our website each week and the St Joseph's School newsletter.

Please contact Pauline Berry on 684-4263 or email pastoralassistant@holyfamilytimaru.org.nz to register interest or intent.

God Bless.

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A Litany to Celebrate Mary of the Assumption



Mary, daughter of Anne & Joachim - pray for us

Mary, engaged to Joseph - pray for us

Mary, cousin of Elizabeth - pray for us

Mary, chosen by God - pray for us

Mary, mother of Jesus - Pray for us

Mary, who loved and worked for her family - pray for us

Mary, first disciple - pray for us

Mary, caring friend - pray for us

Mary, who saw Jesus suffer and die - pray for us

Mary, assumed into heaven - pray for us.