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CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER NEWSLETTER

Winter Prayer

*God of Winter, we pray in
thanks for those with hope
around us.*

*In the midst of this lifetime
remind us that you still live.*

*You are present in the grey,
bleak skies and your Spirit
blows in the freezing wind.*

*The wonder of your being can be seen in each
snowflake and each bare, black branch.*

*All of these wintry signs are footsteps to new life
in the season of spring.*

Be with us as we wait in hope.



Class Programmes

Room	Liturgical Year	Prayer Module	Strand	Title
1	The Transfiguration 6 August	Traditional and Devotional Prayer	God Sacrament Church	God is Creator Holiness Belonging
2			God Sacrament Church	God is Creator Holiness Belonging
3	The Assumption 15 August	or Imaginative Prayer - Karakia and Meditation	Sacrament Church	Welcome Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence
4			Sacrament Jesus Church	Forgiveness Jesus Gives Himself in the Eucharist Called to be like Jesus
5			Sacrament Church	Food for Life Called to Service
6			Sacrament Church	Healing The Church Celebrates
7			Sacrament Church	Called for Others The Teaching Church
9			Sacrament Church	Called for Others The Teaching Church
8		Church Sacrament	The Living Church Commitment	

CLASS MASSES IN THE SCHOOL HALL
(Rooms 1 - 9)
WEDNESDAYS Term 3 2019

WEEK	DATE	CLASS
1	24 July	
2	31 July	
3	7 August	Room 4
4	14 August	Friendly afternoon
5	21 August	Rooms 8 & 9
6	28 August	Parish Mission
7	4 September	Rooms 1, 2 & 3
8	11 September	Friendly afternoon
9	18 September	Rooms 5, 6 & 7
10	25 September	

Please note that class masses for students in Rooms 1 - 9 will be celebrated in St Joseph's School hall.

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	
5 - 9 August	Religious Education Home Sharing
15 August	The Feast of the Assumption
26 - 28 August	Parish Mission
1 September	Parish/School Mass
3 & 4 September	Catholic Special character Review for Development
8 - 14 September	Social Justice Week
19 September	Mufti Day

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOME SHARING

During the week of 5 - 9 August, 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](#).

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption, 15 August, falls on a Thursday this year.

Mary of the Assumption is the Patronal Feast of the Church in New Zealand. It is a time when 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 all of us.

Students from Rooms 5 - 9 will attend the 9.00 am parish mass at St Thomas' on Mountainview Road.

Students in Rooms 1 - 4 will participate in a paraliturgy based on The Assumption at 9.00 am in the school hall.

Please join us in celebrating The Feast of the Assumption.

[Notice for parents/caregivers regarding the Mass of the Assumption](#)

PARISH MISSION

From 26 - 28 August, the Holy Family Parish is holding a Mission facilitated by John Pridmore. Please read the attached promotional material for more information.

PARISH/SCHOOL MASS

The Parish/School Mass this term is to be celebrated on Sunday 1 September at 10:30 am at St Thomas' Church. We encourage all students and families attend this celebration. Many students will have roles in the liturgy. Students are to wear school uniform and sit in class groups please. We look forward to gathering as a community of God's people to participate in this Eucharist.

The following Room 1 and 2 students will be presented with a Starting School Booklet at this Mass - *Harriet Diamond, Oakley Mattingley, Chase Vidal, Myriah Gordon, Evana Linson & Ayla Strachan.*

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to take action on a current social justice issue. This year, from 8 - 14 September, we focus on **fairness**.



In our world, which is tainted by unfairness, we are challenged to open our eyes to what is not just, and to be inspired to be instruments that will bring fairness and justice in our homes, schools, communities and the wider world.

Catholic Social Teaching guides us to respect each other as we are all God's creation and have an inherent human dignity. We are called to love even those who may treat us unfairly. Our greatest challenge is to follow the example of Jesus and work for justice in all that we do. Let's take ACTION in order to make our world a fairer and more just home for all. If we all pledge to make one positive change then we can make a huge difference.

Please view the range of [resources available online](#) to help teachers and students engage with the issues and to make decisions for the future.

MUFTI DAY

On **Thursday 19 September**, students donate a gold coin for the privilege of wearing mufti clothing to school. This term the monies raised will go to the Caritas Social Justice Week focus as described above.

CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER EXTERNAL REVIEW FOR DEVELOPMENT

On 3 and 4 September we welcome Mr Mark Gregory (reviewer) and Mr David Armstrong (co-reviewer), who will conduct a Catholic Special Character Review for Development at St Joseph's School.

In the review, schools are asked to consider and demonstrate the ways in which they provide for their students -

- * an encounter with Christ
- * growth in knowledge
- * the development of Christian witness

The review also investigates stewardship, including stewardship of the relationship between the Church and the State.

The review is designed to look at the work the school has done, in its internal evaluation and development, to grow Catholic Character. It affirms what the school has achieved and the opportunities for further development the school has discerned. It challenges the school to be more transformational. Reviewers encourage and commend best practice, and work with the school to analyse opportunities to further strengthen and develop the Catholic culture.

The review is an effective way for the school to demonstrate to its Proprietor that the school's Special Character is being maintained (Education Act 1989, Part 33 S45(2)(i) and S116(3)). *Catholic Special Review for Development - New Zealand Catholic Education Office.*

Parents are invited to meet with the reviewers on Tuesday 3 September at 2.30 pm. They would like to gather some parent voice and it would be great if you could make yourselves available to speak with them.

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@holymfamilytimaru.org.nz to register interest or intent.

Litany to Celebrate Mary's Assumption

Mary, daughter of Anne and Joachim - guide our sons and daughters

Mary, betrothed to Joseph - help us to value the faithful men in our lives

Mary, cousin of Elizabeth - help to seek wise counsel

Mary, handmaiden of God - help us to be willing to trust God's plan for us

Mary, chosen by God from all women - help us to respond willingly to God

Mary, mother of Jesus - help us to value the privilege of motherhood

Mary, who raised the messiah - help us to appreciate the gift of salvation

Mary, housekeeper for the Holy Family - help us work well together at home

Mary, concerned friend - help us to support our friends in times of need

Mary, wedding guest - show us how to rejoice with and support our friends

Mary, first disciple - teach us how to follow Jesus

Mary, watchful companion - make us sensitive to what is happening around us

Mary, silent witness of Jesus' last days - soothe us in times of anxiety

Mary, wondering about your son - strengthen us in times of uncertainty

Mary, broken hearted mother on Calvary - comfort us in times of grief and loss

Mary, steadfast at the foot of the Cross - sustain us in times of waiting

Mary, beloved and protected by John - surround us with loving friends

Mary, present at Pentecost - open our hearts to the presence of the Spirit

Mary, assumed body and soul into heaven - we rejoice that God has raised you

Mary, present with God on high - bring us home after death to be with you

Mary, full of grace, glorious woman - pray for us to God.

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Please find attached for your information and reflection -

- [Sacrament Strand Year Level Focus Statements](#)
- [Church Strand Year Level Focus Statements](#)
- [What is Catholic Social Teaching?](#)
- [Parish Mission Information](#)

God Bless.

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