



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER - 21st March 2024

He tauhou te tohunga ki tetahi mea

The expert in anything was once the beginner

Theme: 'The Me I Want to Be'
'Ko āku hiahia he tutuki pai i āku wawata'

MARIST

Excellence in learning and behaviour

We work hard

Kia mahi tahi tatou

ATTITUDE

Positive can-do attitude

We don't give up

Ngakau rekatou



RESPECT

Consideration for ourselves,
others

And the environment

We are caring and helpful

Manaakitangatou

YES

Yes to following in the footsteps of Jesus

We say Yes to doing the right thing

Kia mahi pono tahi tatou kit e mahi
tikatou

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

20-21 Mar	-	Year 7 & 8 Marae Trip
23 rd Mar	-	Palm Sunday – School Mass
27 th Mar	-	Ruben the Road Safety Bear
29th Mar	-	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
1 & 2 Apr	-	Easter Monday & Easter Tuesday – NO SCHOOL
11 Apr	-	Year 8 Retreat
12 Apr	-	End of Term 1
29 Apr	-	Term 2

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

PALM SUNDAY – SCHOOL MASS

Please note that our Palm Sunday School Mass is being held on **Saturday 23rd March and will start at 5:30pm.** The students who are reading are:

Ruby Conway
Dean Doyayag
Cooper Ormsby

Koby Ormsby
Layla Van Heuven
Sienna Farrell

Sofia McNicholl
Bailey Paton
Lucas Heaysman



Our Liturgical dancers are:

Ella Birks
Sofia McNicholl

Lola Andrews
Alea Berger-Mueller

Harper Bucknell
Violet Rose-Spragg

Our Year 7 & 8 students are acting out the gospel and the senior music group are also playing. ALL students must be in their full school uniform and with correct shoes please.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are being held on Wednesday 27th March from 1:30-6:00pm. These can be booked using the SKOOL LOOP app – appointments are set up now so feel free to book your slot. If you do not have Skool Loop, or are unable to set up an appointment, please call Sandra in the office. **We would appreciate it, if you can, that students are collected at lunchtime**, but if you are unable to do this (and for our bus students) – students will be supervised at school.



SKOOL LOOP

We use Skool Loop as one of our methods of communication to our school community, so please download the app on your mobile phone.



ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent from school, can you please let Sandra in the office know as early as possible. You can email her (office@stmarysput.school.nz), phone the office (07 885 1006), or you can record the absence using Skool Loop. It is very important that the school is informed of absences as we have to record them correctly for the Ministry of Education. With Ministry checking attendance, we need children to attend every day unless they are sick – and the school needs to be informed.



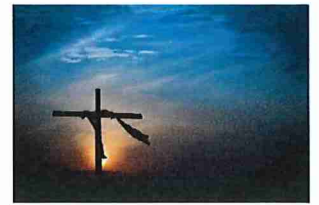
SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have a new school website – this has a multitude of information including all important dates, newsletters, notices etc etc. Please take a look <https://www.stmarysput.school.nz/>



PTA EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all our families who have returned their sold tickets. If you have any tickets that you are unable to sell, can you please return them to the school. ALL tickets MUST be returned by Tuesday 26th March.



SOFTBALL – TBALL



Due to the amazing turn out for softball, this will run for an extra week. It's been great to see our students really enjoying the games and representing our school so well.

EXCITING NEWS!!!

Mohini Reddy has been granted her visa and will be here for the beginning of Term 2.



YEAR 8 RETREAT

Our Year 8 students will be having a retreat with Cynthia Piper in the Parish Centre on the 11th April.

RUBEN THE ROAD SAFETY BEAR

Will be visiting Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4 on the 27th March. Ruben the Road Safety bear is also known as Rūpene te Pea Haumarū Huarahi. Ruben gets a buzz in his fuzzi from helping children learn about keeping safe around roads and traffic.

Assembly Photos

Below are our "Principal Award" and "Fruit of the Holy Spirit Award" winners for Week 6 of Term 1 – congratulations to you all – keep up the excellent work 😊



Ryder Van der Heyden, Mellissa Tan, Caden Mansell-Bennett, Octavia Farrell, Ava Begbie, Cyrus Ballantyne, Ieshea Wellington, Heath Banfield, Kevin Tan, Lachlan Ormsby, Evie Herbert, Lucas Heaysman, LJ Tebrio, Rejoyce Ogle, Aenon Aneesh Paul, Brian Emperado



Greer Campbell, Delsin Heng, Kaylin Schutz, Jordan-Florence Wellington-Priestley, Charlotte Lop, Allura Cherry, Gavin Perera

NETBALL

We are hoping that netball will be starting on Friday 5th April, the netball courts are being resurfaced and as long as that work is complete the 5th is the start date.

Teams are below – these are subject to change and can be added to if your child/ren want to join in. We still need a coach for SATURN and a supervisor for our Fun Ferns – if you are interested, please let Sandra know ☺

NETBALL

SATURN	Coach:
ANDREWS	Aria
FARRELL	Sienna
HICKS	Cleo
HUGHSON	Kenzie
McCHLERY	Tadhg
OGLE	Brooklin
SHIBU	Johanna
TRUMPER	Ashlee
WELLINGTON	Ieshea
WOODS	Harry

MERCURY	Coach : Kaba & Courtney
HUGHSON	Indie
BARRY	Isla
TRUMPER	Charlotte
LEAVAI	Molly
PAKI	Ada-Dawn
LOP	Charlie
LOP	William
CONWAY	Ruby
COLMAN	Caleb

STARS	Coach: Clara C & Daisy
BEGBIE	Ava
COLMAN	Hannah
FARRELL	Auguste
FARRELL	Octavia
KNAP	Mackenzie
NICHOLLS	Cienna
OGLE	Hanour
PRIESTLEY	Isabella

MARS	Coach: Daisy
ANDERSON	Lylah
BUCKNELL	Ava
CROKE	Cillian
GURUNG	Alvin
JOHNSTON	Aurora
PERERA	Gavin
SCOTT	Indy-Lee
SHARMA	Haycan
SIMEON	Katia
VAN DER HEYDEN	Harper

JUPITER	Coach : Greer & Charlotte
BIRKS	Ella
DE CLEENE	Aria
FARRELL	Nico
HYSLOP	Lance
KAMPSHOF	Cedar
KAMPSHOF	Rusch
LOP	Charlotte
OGLE	Lincoln
ROSE-PRAGG	Violet

EARTH	Coach : Malesa
BEAZLEY	Jaco
CROKE	Fiann
DEIPARINE	Joy
LLUBIT	Bianca
LOUGHNAN	Emily
PORTER	Nyla
PORTER	Esther
PRIESTLEY	TJ
WHITE	Maia

Fun Ferns	Coach:
ANDERSON	Kaiya
BUCKLEY	Prisha
CROKE	Niamh
PERERA	Gihansa
PIKIA	Harper
SIMEON	Florence
WELLINGTON-PRIESTLEY	Jordan-Florence

PLUTO	Coach : Michael
CONWAY	Stella
HEPEHI	Summer
HERBERT	Evie
LOCKLEY	Karlee
MOTION	Isla
RATA	Denton
STEVENS	Lucy
WHITE	Emilia
WOODS	Mikah

VENUS	Coach : Tere-Anne & Kirby
ANDREWS	Lola
ATONI	Sina-Rose
BUCKNELL	Harper
MANSELL-BENNETT	Coden
McNICHOLL	Sofia
PAKI	Hendrix
VAN DER HEYDEN	Ryder

NEPTUNE	Coach : Lise
BARRY	Noah
CAMPBELL	Greer
CHRISTENSEN	Toby
KRAAKMAN	???
McCHLERY	Orla
SOK	Sophie
WALSH	Charlotte
WERAHIKO	Johayn

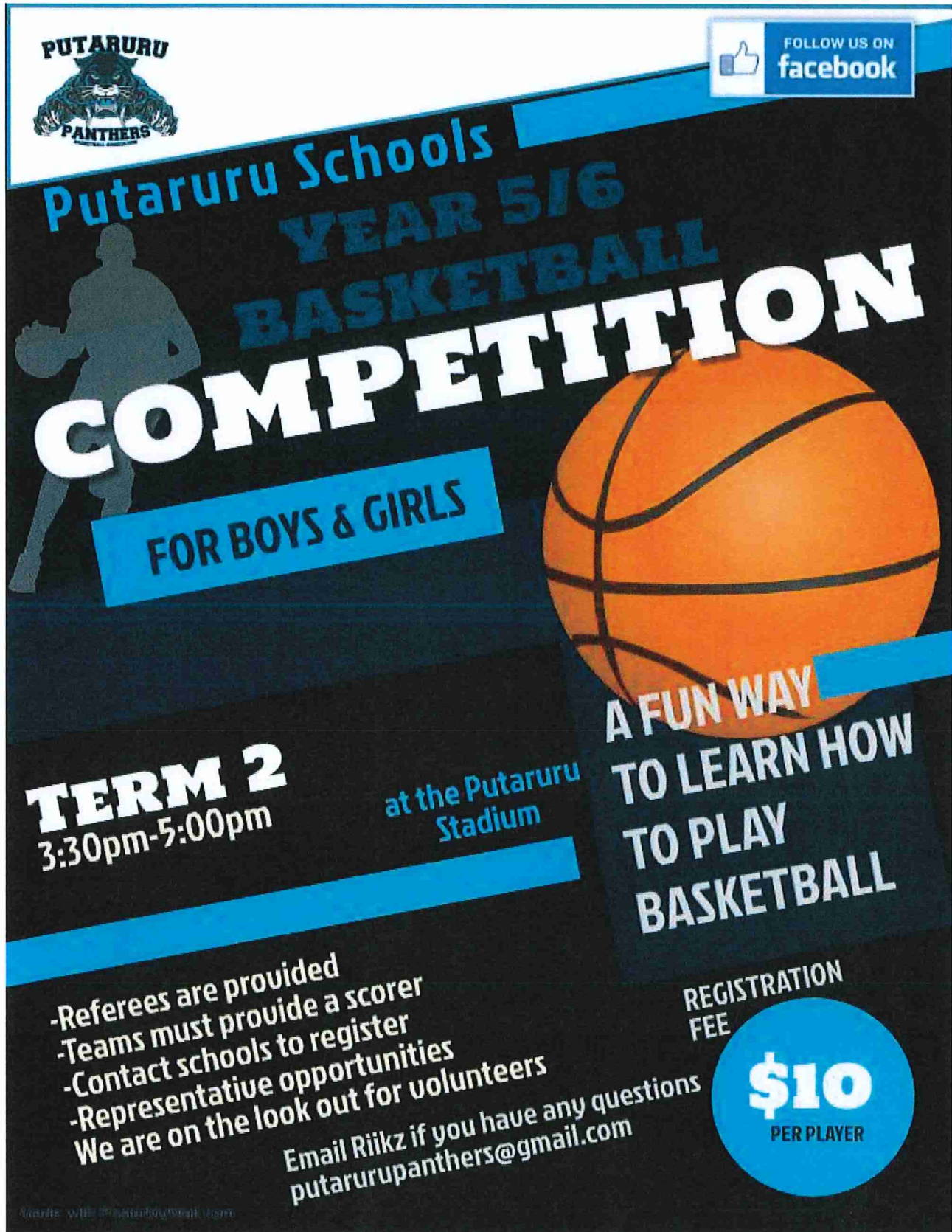
Umpire
Courtney

SOCCKER

This will be starting in Term 2. A notice will be coming home for you to register your child/ren for soccer.

YEAR 5 & 6 BASKETBALL

Year 5 & 6 basketball will be starting the second week of term 2. Please see details below.



PUTARURU
PANTHERS

FOLLOW US ON
facebook

Putaruru Schools
YEAR 5/6
BASKETBALL
COMPETITION

FOR BOYS & GIRLS

TERM 2
3:30pm-5:00pm

at the Putaruru
Stadium

A FUN WAY
TO LEARN HOW
TO PLAY
BASKETBALL

-Referees are provided
-Teams must provide a scorer
-Contact schools to register
-Representative opportunities
We are on the look out for volunteers

Email Riikz if you have any questions
putarurupanthers@gmail.com

REGISTRATION
FEE
\$10
PER PLAYER

Website: www.putarurupanthers.com



31 Taupo Street
 PUTARURU, 3411
 Email putarurupanthers@gmail.com
 Putaruru Panthers Basketball Association

**Putaruru Junior
 Basketball Competition
 2024
 Registration Form**

School:		
Childs Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Emergency contact:		
Year:		
Interested in representative basketball?		Yes / No
I give permission for my child's photos to be put on the Putaruru Panthers Facebook page		Yes / No
Parent/Guardian Signature:		

Follow our Facebook page for draw updates, photos and the "focus of the week"

The dates for the next Baptism Preparation Course will be Monday's 11th and 25th March at 7pm - 8:30pm in the parish centre.

These courses - a prerequisite for parents seeking to have a child Baptised - consist of two 90 minute sessions. Expectant parents are most welcome to attend.

To register or for more information contact Bernie Farrell 0212973595

Reminder for children and parents participating in the Sacramental Programme the next session is this Sunday after 9:30am Mass.

St Patrick's Parish Sacramental Programme 2024 First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are pleased to announce that the Sacramental Programme for 2024 will be starting this term. We are looking forward to witnessing our young people confirm their faith, through the three Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. This year, the celebration will be held on **Sunday 5th May 2024**. Children who are eligible to receive these Sacraments this year (baptised Year 4 students and above) will need to fill in an enrolment form and return by or bring to the parent information session on Sunday 18th February to stpatricksputaruru@gmail.com or the school office

The programme for this preparation is as follows:

Sessions:	Date:	Time:	Venue:
Parent Information	Sunday 18th February	10.45am - 11.00	School Staff Room
Session 1 (Reconciliation)	Monday 26th February	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
Session 2 (Reconciliation)	Sunday 3rd March	10.45am - 12 noon	School Staff Room
Reconciliation Evening	To be confirmed -	TBC	St Patrick's Church
Session 3 (Confirmation)	Monday 11th March	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
St Patrick's Feast Day Parish Pot Luck Lunch	Sunday 17th March	10.45 - 12 noon	Parish Centre
Session 4 (Confirmation) Kids	Monday 18th March	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
Session 4 (Confirmation) Parents	Monday 18th March	7pm - 8:15pm	Parish Centre
Session 5 (Eucharist)	Monday 25th March	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
Session 6 (Eucharist)	Sunday 7th April	10.45am - 12 noon	School Staff Room
Session 8 (Eucharist and review/finish up)	Monday 8th April	3.15 - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
Confirmation/First Holy Communion Final Practice	Monday 29th April	3.15pm - 4.30pm	St Patrick's Church
Confirmation/First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 5th May	9:30am Start	St Patrick's Church

Please note that the **parent meetings** highlighted in yellow are an opportunity for you to be informed about the programme and learn how to support and prepare your child to receive the Sacraments.

At least 1 parent is expected to be at these sessions.

If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to email jonathan@stmaryspu.school.nz , angelinanz@hotmail.com or jandbfarrell@gmail.com

Kind Regards and God Bless,
Jonathan, Angelina and Bernie (on behalf of the parish sacramental team)



St Mary's Religious Education Newsletter

Week 7 - Term 1

2024

*"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna is the highest!"*

Gospel Prayer: Eternal God, may we always welcome Jesus into our hearts with joy. Help us to see Christ in all people and to make them feel welcome. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Marist Students

Our Marist Students this week are...



Brian Emperado



Erynn Evangelista

These students have shown the values of the school in the past weeks and have shown excellence in everything they do.

Well done!

Lent and Easter Season Breakdown!

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbols of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

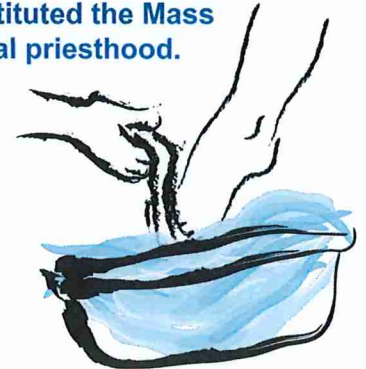
Holy Week

Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth.

These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

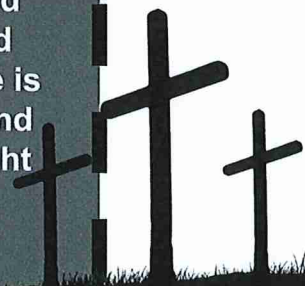
Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.



Good Friday

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.



Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Jesus. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. On this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.



Easter

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church because it is the completion of the Holy Week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus. Easter celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity. Jesus was raised from the dead, and it goes to show that He conquered sin and death. He is the only Son of God, who through this amazing resurrection, brings us closer to God and our faith.



Palm Sunday Readings

First Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-10 (Palm Sunday):

Jesus instructs his disciples to find a colt for Him to ride into Jerusalem. As He enters the city, people spread their cloaks and palm branches on the road, shouting "Hosanna!" to welcome Him as the Messiah.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 (Suffering Servant):

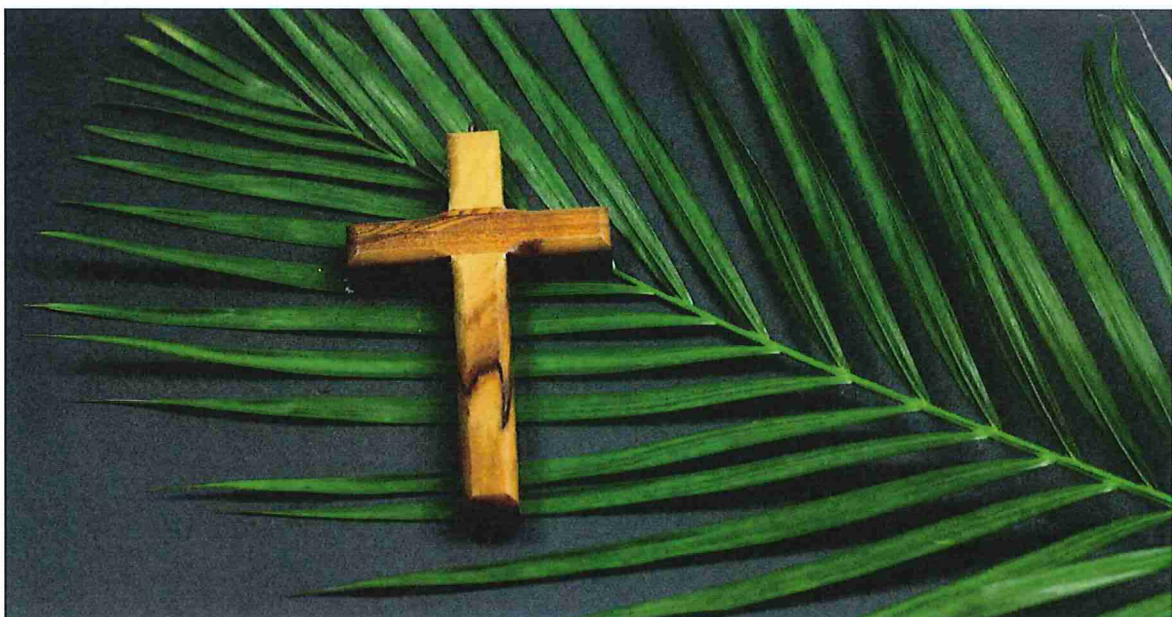
This passage describes the suffering servant's obedience to God's will, despite facing opposition and persecution. The servant remains faithful and trusts in God's protection, ultimately offering his life as a sacrifice for others.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 (Christ's Humility and Exaltation):

Paul writes about Christ's humility, how He emptied Himself and became obedient to death on the cross. As a result, God exalted Him above all and gave Him the name above every name, that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Second Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1-15:47 (Passion and Crucifixion):

This lengthy passage covers Jesus' betrayal by Judas, the Last Supper, His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, arrest, trials before religious and civil authorities, Peter's denial, crucifixion, and death. It narrates the events leading to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for humanity's redemption.



This term, St Mary's Catholic School has many liturgies and Masses lined up.

Check the following dates...

Everyone is welcome!

<p>Palm Sunday (Saturday) Mass 23rd March 5.30pm St Patrick's Church</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross <i>Wednesday</i> 27th March 12.00PM St Patrick's Church</p>	<p>Holy Thursday Liturgy <i>Thursday</i> 28th March 12.00pm St Patrick's Church</p>	<p>First Holy Communion and Confirmation <i>Sunday, 5th May</i> 9.30am St Patricks Church</p>
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Palm Sunday Mass is our termly school Mass.
All students are encouraged to attend.

Putaruru Community Food Bank Roster:

Thank you so much for your support!

- Week 1 - No one
- Week 2 - Room 1
- Week 3 - Room 2
- Week 4 - Room 3
- Week 5 - Room 4
- Week 6 - Room 5
- Week 7 - Room 6
- Week 8 - Room 7
- Week 9 - Room 8
- Week 10 - Staff

In terms 2, 3, and 4, food bank will coincide with the classroom room number - e.g. Room 3 - Week 3

Putaruru Community Food Bank Roster:

St Mary's Catholic School would like to thank everyone who has donated so generously to the Putaruru food bank through the school!

These small works of charity are greatly appreciated by many over this Lent/Easter period.
Again, thank you very much!



Please continue in your generosity.



In Term 2, the food bank will continue to coincide with the classroom room number
E.g. Room 3 - Week 3

10 Holy Week Activities for Catholic Families

- 1. Follow directions to fold your palms from Palm Sunday into a cross or another decorative shape. <http://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-fold-a-palm-cross-in-10-easy-steps/>
- 2. Attend at least one weekday or special Mass during Holy Week.
- 3. Attend Stations of the Cross or do a Stations of the Cross reflection or drawing project at home. Stations of the Cross for Children: <https://www.reallifeathome.com/printable-stations-of-the-cross-for-children/> Stations of the Cross Draw and Write Activity: <https://www.reallifeathome.com/stations-of-the-cross-activity/>
- 4. Pray for people in your parish and around the world who are going through the RCIA process and are about to be received into the church during the Easter Vigil.
- 5. Make your own set of Resurrection Eggs to help children with the story of death and resurrection of Jesus. <http://www.catholicicing.com/catholic-resurrection-eggs/>
- 6. Holy Thursday's (Maundy Thursday) focus on cleansing is a reason that families often used to thoroughly clean their homes right before Easter. Pick some areas of your home (or your whole home) for your family to clean during Holy Week to be fresh and ready for Easter.
- 7. On Holy Thursday, do a foot washing with your family. Talk about ways each family member can serve others in the way that Jesus calls us to do.
- 8. Make hot cross buns together with your family. Find ways to have everyone join in on making them, even if it's just by adding in some ingredients or helping to add the icing crosses.
- 9. Spend time on Good Friday (particularly between noon and 3 pm) in prayer or reflection. Consider making it a time with no television or Internet.
- 10. Make these special Easter Story Cookies on Holy Saturday to enjoy on Easter. <http://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-make-easter-story-cookies-with-a-printable-recipe/> If you prefer, you can try these Empty Tomb Rolls: <https://lovelylittlekitchen.com/empty-tomb-rolls/>

Colouring Competition!

Any student at St Mary's who prints, and colours in this page, will go into the draw to win a

prize! NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

