



GOSPEL CONNECTIONS



A Peak Experience

The experience on Mount Tabor had great significance, first of all for Jesus himself. It came at a crucial moment in his public life – at the start of his journey to Jerusalem. He knew that the same fate awaited him there as befell all the prophets, namely, a violent death. Naturally he recoiled from such a fate. In order to reflect on it and pray about it, he climbed to the top of Mount Tabor, taking Peter, James and John with him.

As soon as they reached the top, Jesus began to pray. During his prayer, Moses and Elijah appeared to him and spoke to him about his forthcoming passion. More important, he experienced the presence of God. And he heard again the wonderful words of affirmation he had heard at his baptism: 'You are my beloved son; I am pleased with you'.

On Mount Tabor Jesus felt himself comforted, reassured, affirmed and strengthened for the ordeal ahead. It wasn't that everything became rosy. In fact, nothing changed. He still had to face a dark and threatening future. But he knew that somehow it was what God wanted from him, and that God would give him the strength to face it.

But the experience was also of great importance for the three apostles who were with him on the mountain. It confirmed their faith in Jesus and helped them to face the dark future with him.

The Tabor experience could be called 'a peak experience'. We too can have peak experiences or moments of transfiguration. We can have intense experiences of light, peace, unity, joy, exhilaration, meaning ... and of the presence of God. These are true moments of grace which can be triggered off not only by prayer, but by poetry, music, nature ... but they are more likely to be the fruit of suffering and painful struggle.

After that wonderful experience on the mountain Jesus and the apostles had to go back down and resume the journey to Jerusalem. After a peak experience we too have to come down from the 'mountain' and return to the plain or valley, where life goes on in the darkness of faith. True religion does not encourage escape from life, but helps us to commit ourselves more deeply to it.

When have you felt most certain about your faith?

COMING UP EVENTS

TERM 3

AUG	Sunday 6	School Mass Transfiguration of the Lord
	Tuesday 15	Assumption
	Tuesday 22	School speech competition
	Thursday 31	Inter-school Speech Competition
SEP	Monday 11	Education Review Office visit
	Tuesday 12	
	Friday 15	Tamaki nui a Rua Kapa Haka Festival
	Sunday 17	First Holy Communion
	Saturday 23	K.C Mud Run
	Friday 29	Term 3 Ends

FROM THE D.R.S



School and Parish Mass

Sunday 6 August at 9 a.m.
The Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord
All children (**in school uniform**) and their families are expected to attend this

Mass. During the Mass we will be welcoming Miss Jennings and nine children and their families. After Mass we will have morning tea as an opportunity to meet and greet each other. Nau mai Haere Mai

Sacramental Preparation

We pray for those members of our community who are preparing for First Eucharist.

The Date for First Holy Communion is Sunday September 17 2017 at 9.00a.m. This will be a School and Parish Mass.

Please also pray for those who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church with Baptism.

Prayer for Vocations

For young men and women; That God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; And for the gift of courage to follow His call.

For young people; That they may know the personal love of the Lord for them, and respond with open and generous hearts



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2017 TERM 3 WEEK 2



Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage (www.usccb.org/vocations).

FAITH FACTS

31st July-4th August

31st St Ignatius of Loyola

1st August St Alphonsus Liguori

3rd St Dominic

4th St John Vianney



1st August 100 years ago 1917 Pope Benedict XV tried to offer a peace proposal to end World War 1. It was largely ignored by all warring nations. He asked for a peace linked to justice rather than military conquest, a demand

for a cessation of hostilities, a reduction of armaments, a guaranteed freedom of the seas and international arbitration. Throughout the war, Pope Benedict wrote 12 letters pleading peace.

In 1920, the Muslim Turks erected a statue of him in Istanbul to commemorate "the great pope of the world tragedy ... the benefactor of all people, irrespective of nationality or religion."

FROM THE BOARD



It is with great pleasure that we confirm that Zita Smith has agreed to be Acting Principal for term four.

Zita is currently working as a coach/mentor but up until a few years ago was the

principal of St Teresa's School in Plimmerton, as well as being an ex-teacher of St. Joseph's. Welcome back Zita, it's a pleasure to have you back.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tararua District Library 9th Annual Adult Trivia Quiz!

When: Wednesday 6th September 2017
6:30pm start

Where: Your local community library

Fancy Dress Theme: Bad Family Portraits



Prizes: Best fancy dress, District Champs, Highest Scoring Town Team & Spot prizes!!!!

Refreshments will be available
BYO Beer/Wine

JOYFUL NEWS



We celebrate with Fr Brian Walsh, our Vicar General who has been made a Chaplain to His Holiness Pope Francis and thereby has had bestowed upon him the honourable title of Monsignor. I am sure you will join with us in congratulating Monsignor Brian.

LAST WORD

Love is a choice, a commitment, an action,
a gift

May the spirit of God give you wisdom
to follow your heart in the way of love

Nenah Kelemete
Principal



'Nurturing Spirits, Encouraging Excellence'
A.M.D.G