



GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

You Have a Defender

John, this week's Gospel writer, reassures us that Jesus hasn't left us orphans. Jesus' Spirit lives with us as an advocate, a defender who stands by and for us. That was important news for the early Christians who heard stories about Jesus but never knew him. John's passage this week reassured them that Jesus' power would still help them face trials.

Re-read John's advice. Observe Jesus' commandments, and you'll realise Jesus also will defend you. If you ever feel orphaned, you'll find Jesus with you when you do what he did: pray, read the Scriptures, worship with others, and reach out to faith-filled people for help. You'll also find him close by and reassuring you when you serve and sacrifice for other people, as he did. The more you do that, the more you'll build self-confidence that will help you weather tough times at home.

If you don't face problems at home, remember that we, Christ's body today, should stand with others who feel orphaned by problems at home. How can you reach out to another young person who lives in a pain-filled home?

It's still Easter, during which we celebrate how God brings hope and peace from suffering. Live Jesus' commandments, and you'll see victory in homes where pain seems overwhelming.

***How can you help a friend with problems at home?
How can living Jesus' commandments help you with your problems at home?***

KIDS CRUSADERS

The Mother's Day Quiz night held on Saturday was a good success with a total of ten teams entered. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the evening, your support is greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes, and on the night, to make this a fantastic evening.

We would also like to thank:

- McIntyre Architecture for providing 1st prize \$300 Black Stump Voucher won by Barraud Street Health Centre
- Gifts and Souvenirs for the beautiful gift basket raffle won by Rochelle Murphy
- Ward's Pharmacy for the beautiful perfume auctioned to raise more funds
- BNZ for donating a box of pens used by everyone

Your generosity really made our evening successful.

The next meeting will be held 12th June at 7pm, you are most welcome to join us.

UNIFORMS

We have been advised that school uniform navy tights in merino wool and also in cotton are available from Stitchme.

COMING UP EVENTS

TERM 2

May	Wednesday 24	DHS Open evening
	Friday 26	Tales from the Farm (Show)
June	Monday 5	QUEENS BIRTHDAY
	Tuesday 6	Scripture reading Competition
	Tuesday 13	St Joseph's Cross Country (Pp day Friday 16)
	Wednesday 14	7 Aside Tournament
	Monday 26	Inter-school Cross Country (Pp Wednesday 28)
	Friday 30	End of term 2

SCHOOL LUNCHES



PROVIDED BY DHS CANTEEN

Lunch orders (with payment) must be taken to our school library between 8.35a.m and 8.55a.m on Friday morning.

No late orders as we need to fax the Canteen by 9.00a.m.

Mrs Michelle McIntyre will collate the orders, we would be grateful if another parent could assist her.

Lunch options available:

Half Chicken Wrap	\$2.50
Full Chicken Wrap	\$4.00
Ham Sandwiches	\$2.50
Chicken & Mayo Sandwiches	\$3.00
Filled Chicken Roll	\$3.50
Filled Ham Roll	\$3.50
American Hotdog	\$2.50
Mince Pie	\$2.50
Potato Top Pie	\$2.50
Mince & Cheese Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Lasagne Square	\$2.50
Mini Pizza	\$1.50
Chicken Burger	\$3.50
Pork Rib let Burger	\$3.50
Cookie	\$1.00
Chippies	\$1.50





Chocolate Milk	\$1.80
Juice	\$1.50
Apple Pie	\$2.00

COMMUNITY NOTICES



St Joseph's School is an accepted organisation for the Tumu ITM community sponsorship programme. Customers of Tumu ITM can nominate us to receive sponsorship dollars when making purchases. Existing customer? Please advise us of your Tumu account number. Secondly we have Priority Card applications forms at school to sign up for this programme. Alternatively please speak to the staff at Tumu ITM directly. Thank you.

FROM THE D.R.S



Challenge 2017

Thank you for the generosity of your Gold Coin donations. This Challenge is done in various ways nationwide in Catholic Schools. The money is sent directly to CARITAS and will be used to support the children of Kiribati in the Pasific. who are undergoing extreme hardship as a direct result of Climate Change. *What can we do do make a difference?*

Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants is set aside each year to fall as close as possible to World Refugee Day on 20 June.

"Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel, which calls you to recognize and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable."

Pope Francis

THANK
YOU!



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FAITH FACTS

The Church is still Celebrating the Easter Season as we journey toward Pentecost. The Easter Season



begins on the evening of Easter Sunday and continues for fifty days, ending on the evening of Pentecost Sunday. The fifty day between Easter Sunday and Pentecost is a time of thanksgiving and joy for what Christ has done for humanity. This week we can remember Father Damien of Molokai. He won recognition for his ministry from 1873 to 1889 in the Kingdom of Hawai'i to people with leprosy (also known as Hansen's disease).

OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA

Two more Saints for the Church - Celebrating Mass last week on May 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and the 100th anniversary of the date when Our Lady of Fatima, appeared to three young children, Pope Francis canonized two of the three young shepherds, Jacinta and Francisco Marto. In announcing their canonization back in March, Pope Francis said we must all "listen attentively to the Mother of God and ask for peace in our world."

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



Noah Wong

&

Jamie Monaghan

LAST WORD

*From the fullness of His grace we
have all received one blessing after
another. John 1.16*

Nenah K. Lemete
Principal

Book Character Day



Tuesday 23 May 2017

Come dressed as your favourite book character. There will be a parade and prizes for best book character boy and girl from each class.