



### GOSPEL CONNECTIONS



#### Careful What You Reach For

Be careful what you reach for when you are hurting or fearful.

That's an important message from today's Gospel. Peter finds himself sinking in a storm. He reaches out to Jesus, who brings him to safety. We have no control over what storms burst in our lives. But we do have control over who or what we reach for when the storms come. Like Peter, we'll find ourselves sinking if we take our focus off Jesus during those tough times.

Young people are vulnerable to lots of storms – pain and hurt they just can't avoid or control. Many live in abusive homes or with alcoholic parents. Many suffer in poverty. Many hurt from friends who betray them. Many feel unyielding pressure from parents, teachers, or coaches to excel.

If any of that is true of you, reach out to Jesus for help. Turn away from some things others might choose, like isolation or violence. Strengthen your prayer life. Don't miss Mass. Talk with someone you trust. Like Peter, you'll find Jesus offering you strength, peace, and a way to safety.

*What do you reach out for when you face the storms in your life?*

*Does it help you meet your troubles or just ignore them?*

### FAITH FACTS

7th August - 11th August

8th St Mary of The Cross – Mary MacKillop

10th St Lawrence

11th St Clare of Assisi - [Patron](#) of eye disease, goldsmiths, laundry, television

### SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers. She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 11th.



### COMING UP EVENTS

#### TERM 3

<b>AUG</b>	Sunday 13	<b>Mass 9am</b> First Holy Communion preparation after Mass
	Tuesday 15	<b>Assumption</b>
	Tuesday 22	School speech competition
	Thursday 31	Inter-school Speech Competition
<b>SEP</b>	Monday 11	Education Review
	Tuesday 12	Office visit
	Friday 15	Tamaki nui a Rua Kapa Haka Festival
	Sunday 17	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
	Saturday 23	K.C Mud Run
	Friday 29	Term 3 Ends

### TALENT ALERT



We would like to acknowledge Alex Wrenn who has been selected to Represent Dannevirke Under 9' Rugby Union. Awesome effort Alex.





## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### Fundraising for the Toy Library

Beanies! Beanies! Beanies!

Orders are to be taken and paid for at the Toy Library (We are located in the front room of the AMP Wai Splash Indoor Pool Complex, 35 York Street) by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
With delivery the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> September

#### Two Beanie Sizes:

Littles : 0 - 2 years

(Navy, Royal & Black only)

\$15 each

One-size-fits-all : 3 years - adults

(Navy, Royal, Black, Pink, Purple,

Lime Green & Orange)

\$15 each

#### Nine Stitching Colours:

Pink, Purple, Light Blue, Royal, Red, Navy, Lime Green, White and Black

#### Two Font Styles:

**SANDY**

OR

**SANDY**

Fred Flintstone lettering

Block lettering



Any queries please phone Sandy on 0276315228

## HEALTH NOTICES

### 4. EAT PLENTY OF FRUITS, VEGETABLES GRAINS, and LEGUMES



•Foods high in complex carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins, and minerals, low in fat, and free of cholesterol.

•Try to get fresh, local produce.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Ava Green & Harlem Foster

**Happy Birthday**  
God bless you always

## LAST WORD

Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord

Nenah Kelemete

## WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S



Cooper Hautapu



Aaliyah Foster

