



GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Stubborn Like Jesus?

We humans can be stubborn. We can think we know ourselves so well. We sometimes need people to pester us until we open our minds and reconsider our values or goals. We're just like Jesus in this week's Gospel.

I love this story. Jesus seems stubborn and closed-minded, although there may be more going on in the story than we know about. He seems entirely focused on his mission to the Jews – until the Canaanite woman urges him to reconsider. Some scripture scholars argue that this story really does reflect how Jesus learned about his mission from others who challenged him.

He was fully human. Like us, he had to learn about himself and his talents. It also took him time to understand God's role for him. He didn't know all of this from birth.

Here's the challenge for us. If Jesus needed others to help him learn more about himself, don't we? Think about that this week. When someone disagrees with you, don't be stubborn. Listen. Don't be defensive when someone challenges you. Look within. Don't turn down the opportunity to try new retreats, youth groups, or community service experiences. Open your mind and go.

Quite often, God calls us to be people we're called to be – and leads us to the fulfilling life planned for us – through others who disagree, challenge, or invite us. Keep your eyes and ears open this week. A "Canaanite woman" just might come across your path.

Who has helped you grow closer to God through an invitation or challenge?



COMING UP EVENTS

TERM 3

AUG	Tuesday 22	School speech competition
	Thursday 31	Inter-school Speech Competition
SEP	Mon 11- Fri 15	Social Justice week
	Friday 15	Tamaki nui a Rua Kapa Haka Festival
	Sunday 17	First Holy Communion
	Tues 19 - Wed 20	E.R.O visit
	Saturday 23	K.C Mud Run
	Friday 29	Term 3 Ends

FAITH FACTS



14th August - 18th August

14th St Maximillian Kolbe

15th The Assumption of Mary (Patron saint of New Zealand, Feast Day)

WHAT IS A CATHOLIC FEAST DAY?

The Catholic Church assigns one date out of the year for each

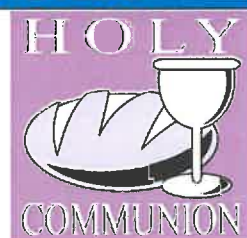
and canonized saint — known as the saint's feast day. The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers, and possibly a scripture reading.

The 15th of August is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Mary is the Patron saint of Aotearoa New Zealand.

FROM THE D.R.S

Our next meetings to prepare for First Holy Communion will be:

- Monday 21 August at 5.45pm
- Sunday 3 Sep following the 9a.m. Mass
- Sunday 10 Sep following the 9a.m.
- Thursday 14th September at 5.30pmTBC





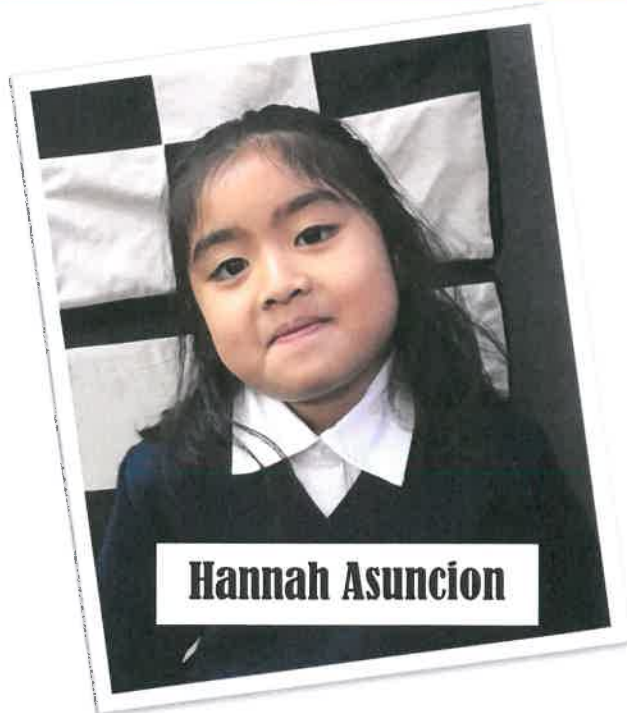
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Happy Birthday

God bless you always

Myah Sutton

WELCOME TO
ST. JOSEPH'S



Hannah Asuncion

HEALTH MESSAGE



BLAST FROM THE PAST



*The Parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of
the Holy Spirit
Saturday 13 August 2016*

PRAY FOR SOMEONE

Pray for those people who are hurting and going through some unimaginable circumstances.

Pray for those who want their lives to be better and to be free from those things that may be holding them back. Even though you may not know them, God knows their situation.

LAST WORD

You will be blessed when you hope
You will be blessed when you trust
You will be blessed when you cast
All your cares on the Lord

Nenah Kelemete
Principal

