



GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Don't Let Fear Threaten Your Character

Fear is real, but it doesn't have to control us because God cares enough to stand by us through it all. That's the good news from this week's Gospel.

Early Christians also struggled with fear. Remember, they were Jewish and saw Jesus as the fulfilment of all Jewish hopes. That belief put them in conflict with other Jews, who eventually kicked those early Christians out of their communities. Read the Acts of the Apostles of Paul's letters. You'll find some hair-raising stories about the persecutions they faced.

Nonetheless, they persevered. They believed that Jesus' teachings helped them grow closer to God. So they developed strong worship lives that soothed and strengthened their souls. They devoted themselves to helping one another. All this, they found, brought them God's strength – strength that helped them face rejection and brutality.

That strength can be yours. Call upon it. It's scary to risk your popularity, to challenge bullies, to stand against bigotry and dishonesty, and to stand up for the little ones and those who live on the margins. You are likely to face rejection and maybe even physical attack. But you build so much character when you take those risks. Those risks strengthen your character.

Follow the example of those early Christians. Make Mass and acts of justice and service important in your life. They will protect your soul and calm your fears. You will find, as Jesus says, that God watches you closely, always looking for ways to help you out.



What Christian decisions cause or have caused you fear?

COMING UP EVENTS

TERM 2

JUNE	Tuesday 27	Finance meeting 12 pm Property Committee 5.30 pm
	Wednesday 28	Inter-school Cross Country (Pp Friday 30)
	Thursday 29	Sacramental programme
JULY	Wednesday 5	First Reconciliation
	Friday 7	Mufti-mania End of term 2

TERM 3

JULY	Monday 24	Term begins
	Thursday 27	Board of Trustees meeting
SEP	Sunday 17	First Holy Communion

FAITH FACTS



So many things to celebrate this week. The feast of Corpus Christ or The Body and Blood of Christ. This is the Holy Day to remember the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. Many Parishes will have children making their first

communion on this day.

Also, it is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This image of Jesus was first imagined as early as the 13th century and maintained deviation through to the 16th and 19th century even to today. This image of Christ depicts Jesus' humanness and Jesus love for humanity.

On the 24th we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist. (Jesus Cousin)





COMMUNITY NOTICES



ST PETER'S COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 10th August 2017
7.00 - 9.00 pm - School
Gymnasium

*"St Peter's College celebrates
being a Catholic Faith*

*Community, where students, teachers and
families work in partnership to develop
empowered, self-managing, life-long learners,
who live the Gospel values in a changing world."*

We look forward to meeting parents and students
choosing a Catholic, co-educational Year 7 - 13
education.

You will have the opportunity to meet staff and
students, and to have a look around
our modern learning environments.

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REMINDER

If you are picking up your child/children from school
during the school day, other than after-school, please
report to the office first. We need to be the first point
of call.

SAFETY FIRST

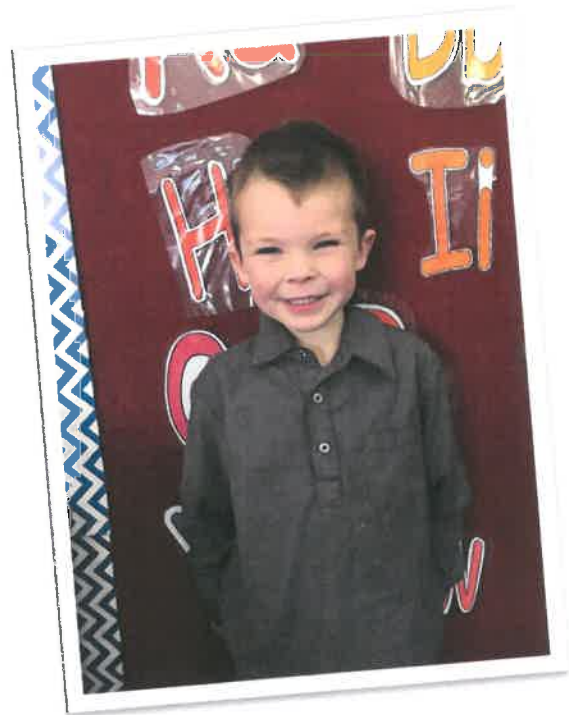
STUDENT TEACHER



We would like to thank Mrs
Rachel Southgate for sharing
her talents and skills with
room 1 for the last five
weeks. God bless you and
keep you safe and motivated
in the rest of your studies.

WELCOME

**Nau mai Haere mai
Levi Ransom**



We are so blessed to have you!

LAST WORD



The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**Nenah Kelemete
Principal**

