

St. Mary's Special Character News



SCHOOL MASSES
9.20am at St. Mary's Church

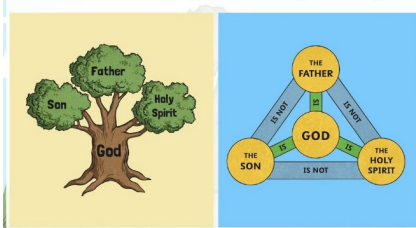
9th June
22nd September
1st December

Trinity Sunday–26th June

What is Trinity Sunday?

It is the day we celebrate the truth that God is made up of the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit. The bible tells us that there is only one God but that this God is made up of three parts, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The word we use to describe this 3 in 1 God is "Trinity." That is a word made up of the word "Tri" which mean 3 (eg A tricycle has 3 wheels) and the word "Unity," which means "One" or being unified together.

Understanding The Holy Trinity



Cross or Crucifix?

A Christian cross is simply a T-shaped symbol, whereas a crucifix is a cross with the image of Christ's body, what is commonly referred to as the **corpus**. Both the cross and the crucifix are the two of the most identifiable symbols of Christianity. A crucifix is generally identified with the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, and a cross with Protestant.



Term 2 School Mass is on Sunday
9th June at 9.30.

The theme of Mass is 'We are all one Family' and as one school family the children are preparing for the Mass, learning songs, readings and prayers.

Please support us by coming with your children.

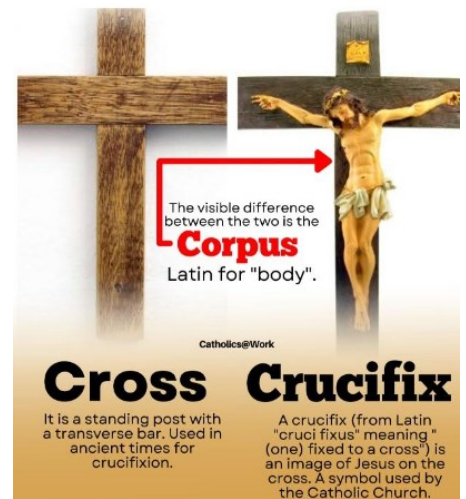
- Children in school uniform
- Please arrive by 9.20am
- Sitting with their families
- Please stay for morning tea afterwards—bring a plate to share if you can.



This term Yr1-6 are studying the Good News. The Good News here is understood to be the revelation of Godself to human beings through Scripture. It is about God's relationship with us, and our relationship with God. It is fundamentally and joyfully... Good! The story of Jesus and the first disciples is told in the New Testament. The revelation of God to the Hebrew people, which forms the foundation for Jesus' life and teachings, is told in the Old Testament. The Bible is part of everybody's story.

Check out how you can support your child's learning by reading the whanau pages on Seesaw.

Year 7 & 8 are learning about Jesus Christ, our saviour and redeemer. How Jesus was fully human and divine. They are developing an understanding of how Jesus is an advocate for the poor, the weak, the powerless, those without mana, and how this challenges Christ's followers today to bring about justice - tika and peace in the world.



End of Term 1 - Holy Week



Our amazing school leaders dramatized the Stations of the Cross on the last day of term 1— Holy Thursday.

They did a fantastic job in very windy conditions. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our end of term liturgy.

OUR SCHOOL CHARISM

We see, do and say God's mission with grace and love.

When people share in the "charism" of the founders, it means more than people identifying with them. We believe that the gift given by the Spirit to the founders impels people to use that same gift in carrying out Jesus' mission in their new circumstances.

"Charism" then can be understood as a gift of the Spirit, given to persons and taken up by a group to carry out the mission of Jesus, having characteristics in their way of being and serving which mirror a particular experience of God's presence in our world.

Our charism comes from that of Mary Mackillop and the Josephite nuns. Mary Mackillop dedicated her life to providing for others who were not as fortunate. She saw the needs within the communities she lived in, helping the poor, disabled, homeless, those afflicted with addictions or people who were sick, orphaned or dying. Together, with the sisters of the order she founded, they offered education to children from poor families, especially those in the poorer sections of town and in widely-separated rural settlements of Australia and New Zealand. At the time of Mary's death, 1909, there were more than 600 sisters living in 106 houses in many different parts of Australia and New Zealand. They were caring for over 1000 needy children and adults in 12 charitable institution and were teaching more than 12,400 children in 117 schools. Our school was founded by the Josephite Nuns.

Our school charism calls us to continue to see a need in our community and respond, sharing God's aroha with everyone.