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Gospel Reading

Term 4 Week 8 - 27th November 2015

[Luke 21:25-28,34-36](#)

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Family Connection

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if one becomes consumed by the anxieties of daily life. Many families are too familiar with the kind of fatigue Jesus refers to here. We may be concerned about a family member's health, our job security, our children's education, or any number of other concerns. All these are important matters. Jesus does not promise an end to daily worries and fears, but he does teach his disciples that they will have the strength to withstand anxiety if they stay focused on him, remaining vigilant for his return and praying for strength to endure all tribulations. Through prayer, God helps us stay focused on that which is most important in our lives.

As you gather as a family, recall the tradition of making New Year's resolutions in preparation for the new calendar year. Observe that today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the new Church year. During the season of Advent, our Gospel readings ask us to consider what is most important to us as we prepare for Jesus' coming, at his birth and at the end of time.

PRINCIPAL'S PILGRIMAGE

I am very pleased to be back in Australia and here with the St Francis community. My experiences were amazing in Amman, Tiberius, Jerusalem, Rome and Assisi. Our Pilgrimage group visited many places and celebrated Mass together. To be able to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ was a great privilege. I feel that now I have an even better idea how Jesus lived and His impact on our world.



Fr Chris De Souza was our Chaplain and spiritual advisor. His message and challenge to us all on the pilgrimage was uplifting. He helped us accept our own faults and failings. He helped us understand that we can always be close to God, even when things go wrong. Fr Chris reminded us that Jesus is with us at all times and what Arch Bishop Anthony said to us a couple of years ago when he was the Bishop of Parramatta; - Saints are sinners who keep on trying. Never give up trying to do God's works.

I was fortunate as I spent two nights in Assisi, which was very special as it is where St Francis lived and worked and spread the message about the importance of peace in the world, which at this present time is so important.

I also put prayer intentions of the St Francis community in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place where Jesus was buried.

Many thanks to Miss Deb Sheridan who was the Acting Principal in my absence and to Mrs Kate Owens for taking on the Acting Assistant Principal role.



YEAR 5 CAMP

On Monday and Tuesday this week we went to camp at the Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre. We participated in a variety of activities such as abseiling, archery, pirate climb (a climbing obstacle course), flying fox and we also got to swim in the dam. We got the opportunity to encourage each other and work in teams, which would help us to become better leaders of St Francis of Assisi Primary School next year. We faced our fears and bonded with our fellow classmates. Thank you to Mrs Owens, Mr Boyer, Miss Irvine and Mrs Croser for giving up family time to be at camp with us. Lastly, a big thank you to the Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre staff for organising all the super fun activities for the year 5 students.



YEAR TWO - CAFÉ TIMOR

During Week 9 Year Two's café – Café Timor will be opened every morning before school for parents to purchase tea, coffee and toast for 50 cents each. All money raised will go towards helping a small village in East Timor have fresh running water.

We thank you for your support.

Year Two.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Kirsty Horvath and her husband Sunny on the arrival of their little boy Tyler Norman Horvath. We wish them all the best!

DATES COMING UP 2015

Tues	8th Dec	Reports sent home
Wed	9th Dec	Thank You Morning Tea & Talent Quest
Thur	10th Dec	Year 6 Graduation at 6.30pm
Fri	11th Dec	Year 6 Jamberoo
Mon	14th Dec	Movie Day
Tue	15th Dec	Carols Night
Wed	16th Dec	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

MOVIE DAY PERMISSION & MONEY

The Movie Day Permission note was sent home today. If your child is attending the Movie Day on Monday 14th December you need to return the permission note with \$14.00 to the student note box. The cost for the Movie Day is **NOT** included in your school fees and needs to be paid at school. If the permission note is not returned with the payment of \$14 your child will not be able to attend.

CAROLS IN THE CARPARK

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4th December 2015



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5pm**



GOLD AWARDS

- 3A Patricia Tuazon, Jherico De Leon &
Chelsey - Nicole Caraig
- 4G Kai Burson & Ralph Ferrer
- 5C Sheryn Lucas



SILVER AWARDS

- 1S Alex Rodriguez, Malia Latu &
Hendrix Campbell
- 3A Thomas Delauney, Marcus Sinsay &
Chanelle Ponce
- 3Z Marley Campbell
- 4G Anjelo Bueno & Samara Purvis
- 4H Elyssa Acallar
- 5C Jaiden Acallar, Chantelle Marasigan,
Madison Bain, Paul Taveuveu, Justin
Ghneim, Vince Baquillos, Benjamin
Klemenic & Sheila Nicer
- 5I Kirsten Dasig, Breanna Stuart, Hazel Russell,
Laura Summers, Nelson Lowa &
Andrew Pumihic

BRONZE AWARDS

- 1S Lincoln Brooks, Jacob Dela Cruz &
Hiten Kalra
- 4G Brady Herod
- 6S Gracey Hannah, Thomas Cosier &
Aaron Smith

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. As Christmas approaches, they rely on the generosity of others to help them answer the ever increasing calls for help.

Over the next 2 weeks, we will be collecting donations of food to help them make hampers that will enable those less fortunate to have a happy Christmas.

Below is a list of the foods required.

- * Biscuits (sweet or savoury)
- * Long life custard/milk
- * Rice
- * Jam
- * Hot chocolate/milo
- * Tins of soup
- * Tinned salmon/tuna
- * Tins of vegetables
- * Tinned fruit
- * Cereal
- * Tinned meat
- * Instant noodles
- * Jellies
- * Coffee, tea, sugar
- * Honey, vegemite
- * Drinks (juice, soft drink, cordial)
- * Pasta and pasta sauces

If you are able to help, please send your donation to your child's classroom by 1st December. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

MERIT AWARDS

- KA Aaleyah Armocilla, Tahlia Clinch &
Leif Eriksson
- KS Ayaan Arya, William Duff & Grace Walia
- 1S Ryan Joseph & Edward Bailey
- 2B Jessica Thompson & Momoh Konneh
- 2W Ruby Price & Billy Whyman
- 3A Marley Wells & Alexis O'neill
- 3Z Mikko Tiongson & Charlize Santos
- 4G Ferdinand Cordoba & Ashlea Geagea
- 4H Dominic Habil & Lauren Kennedy
- 5C Arac Anyau & Ryley Wilson
- 5I Mathew Krishn & Laura Summers
- 6D Jacob Stuart & Sukhan Singh
- 6S Sylvana Taveuveu & Nikolau Naisara

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