



# OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

Religious Education Newsletter  
Term 1, 2022



*Respect, Service, Social Justice, Excellence and Sustainability*

Each term we focus on one of the Mercy Values. This term our focus is Social Justice

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

Haere mai, welcome to Term One at Our Lady of Victories School. I trust that you have had a restful and blessed Christmas break and the children and you are ready for the new school year. We are mindful that this is trying times as we navigate more restrictions due to COVID but please continue to uphold our school, students and parish family in your prayers, as we will with you.

In Religious Education this term, all classes will begin the year learning about Prayer. This will be followed by everyone doing lessons from the Jesus Strand. The Jesus Strand links very well with the liturgical Year Lessons on Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter, which are a major focus of Religious Education in term one. During this term we will be integrating the Caritas Lessons into our programme. The focus of Caritas this term is 'Called to be Peacemakers'. In our changing world we need to come together and find ways of realising our dreams. There is always hope of transforming our world for the better when we are guided by peace, love and justice in our lives. You can check out the resources we will be using at [Caritas in Schools](#).

We are blessed at Our Lady of Victories to have a very active relationship with the Parish. An important aspect of this is our weekly Masses at 9.00am on Friday's however under Red level we are only able to have two classes attending each week. Check out the dates below to see when your child/ren are going to Mass and see if you are able to join us. When your child's class is going to Mass it is important that they are at school by 8.45 so they can get to Mass on time.

During Lent we will be organising a Social Justice Action to support those in need. In Holy Week we will be re-enacting the Stations of the Cross and the Last Supper. Please keep an eye out in the school newsletter for more information on these events. Thank you for supporting your children in forming their faith.

God Bless

*Cath Shaw - DRS*

### Dates for the calendar

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                       | Parish Mass – Senior 2 and Junior 1   | 9.00am |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                      | Parish Mass – Senior 1 and Room 4     | 9.00am |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                      | Parish Mass – Room 6 and Room 9       | 9.00am |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                      | Parish Mass - Room 7 and Room 5       | 9.00am |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                                                                                      | Ash Wednesday Liturgy                 | TBC    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                          | Parish Mass – Room 8 and 10           | 9.00am |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                         | Teacher Only Day                      |        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                         | Parish Mass - Room 10 and Room 8      | 9.00am |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                         | Parish Mass - Room 9 and Room 6       | 9.00am |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April                                                                                          | Parish Mass - Junior 1 and Senior 2   | 9.00am |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> April                                                                                          | Parish Mass - Room 5 Room 7           | 9.00am |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April                                                                                         | Last Supper and Stations of the Cross | TBC    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday |                                       |        |

**Lent** is the period of preparation for Easter – a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the poor. During this season, we remember that Jesus Christ - Hēhu Karaiti calls us as members of a worldwide community. The call to fullness of life, the sharing in the very life of God, endows every human life with inestimable value and an innate and sacred dignity. As children of God we each have the same needs and yearnings: for food, water and shelter; for protection of family and whānau; for education and work; for the opportunity for spiritual reflection and renewal; and for a safe and peaceful environment in which to live.

**Below is an outline of learning for the Jesus Stand and Liturgical Yr for each Curriculum Level**

| Level 1 – Year 1 &2:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Level 2 – Year 3 &4:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p>Jesus my friend.<br/>Jesus showed his love in different ways.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Jesus gives himself in the Eucharist.<br/>Jesus came to show people how to live and lead them to God.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>1) How Jesus' life as a child is similar and different from the lives of children today.<br/>2) Jesus who became a human being – our elder brother, tuakana is the true Son of God the Father<br/>3) Jesus' invitations to be friends with him.<br/>4) Jesus showed love and respect for people in different ways.<br/>5) How Jesus showed love and respect, how people show love and respect today.<br/>6) The Bible is the Church's special book which includes stories of Jesus.</p> | <p>1) Sharing food with friends is like celebrating Jesus' gift of the Eucharist that helps us to grow in holiness.<br/>2) Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist in different ways especially through the changing of the bread and wine.<br/>3) The best way of giving thanks to God the Father is with Jesus through the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist<br/>4) Jesus invites people to grow in holiness by sharing in his life which we call grace Mana Atua.<br/>5) By living as Jesus lived, Christians share in Jesus' mission of worshipping God and bringing about the kingdom of God Te Rangitiratanga.<br/>6) Jesus respected tapu in people by exercising tika justice, pono integrity and aroha love.<br/>7) Jesus was sent to reveal the love of God, bring forgiveness of sin and healing so people can be reconciled with God Te Atua.</p> |
| Level 3 - Year 5 & 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Level 4 – Year 7 & 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>The Life of Jesus.<br/>Jesus - the fullness of God's revelation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Jesus Saviour and Liberator.<br/>Jesus: His values and the role of disciples today.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>1) The structure of the New Testament.<br/>2) The context in which Jesus lived.<br/>3) The life of Jesus Hehu.<br/>4) Jesus was fully human he tino tangata and fully divine he tino Atua.<br/>5) Jesus is the Son of God and that he revealed to the world that God is Abba, Father, Matua.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>1) Jesus is Saviour and Liberator through his life, death and Resurrection – te aranga.<br/>2) Titles for Jesus, including Jesus is Lord, Mātāmua firstborn and Tuakana eldest brother.<br/>3) The Beatitudes and their place in the lives of Christ's disciples today.<br/>4) Original, personal and social sin and people's struggle against sin in the light of Jesus' message of forgiveness hohou rongo.<br/>5) 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.<br/>6) Jesus as Risen Lord.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Liturgical Year

| Level 1 – Year 1 &2:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Level 2 – Year 3 &4:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Level 1 children will learn about: LENT is a season for getting ready for Easter.</li> <li>• LENT is a season when people who follow Jesus try to live more like him.</li> <li>• The HOLY WEEK stories.</li> <li>• The HOLY WEEK stories are like events in people's lives today</li> <li>• Jesus rising from the dead at EASTER.</li> <li>• Jesus rose from the dead so EASTER is a time of joy.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and symbols that show LENT is a season for change. LENT is a season for turning back to God through prayer.</li> <li>• The stories and rituals of HOLY WEEK stories.</li> <li>• The events of HOLY WEEK as part of the life of Jesus.</li> <li>• How people celebrate HOLY WEEK in various cultures in their school, parish/pastoral area, family whānau.</li> <li>• The meaning of EASTER in Jesus' life and in the life of Christians.</li> <li>• (The meaning of the Resurrection for Christians at EASTER. The stories of the EASTER event.</li> </ul>                                                |
| Level 3 - Year 5 & 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Level 4 – Year 7 & 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LENT is a season when Christians are reminded to repent, pray and do penance as they make their 40 day journey to EASTER.</li> <li>• LENT is a time of spiritual growth and renewal for individual people and the Church community</li> <li>• The liturgies of HOLY WEEK, how people can take part in them and how they make events in the life of Jesus present today.</li> <li>• HOLY WEEK and EASTER are the most important times in the year for Christians, in history, and in the life of the Church. The EASTER Sunday liturgy and how people can meet the Risen Jesus today.</li> <li>• The importance of the Resurrection, it's meaning for Christians and how the joy of it is expressed in the EASTER Eucharist.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LENT is a time when people prepare for Baptism and a new way of life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.</li> <li>• The Readings in LENT challenge people to follow God's call to turn back to God and live more just and holy lives.</li> <li>• HOLY WEEK is the week that the Church remembers the role Jesus played in liberating people from sin and death and how the Church shares in this.</li> <li>• The importance of the HOLY WEEK events for Christians and how they are celebrated in various cultures.</li> <li>• The 4 parts of the EASTER Vigil and their meaning for Catholics today.</li> </ul> |