

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 1 April 2016

MONDAY 28 MARCH

Easter Monday

TUESDAY 29 MARCH

Easter Tuesday

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH

Good Morning All

Welcome back everyone to Week 9 after the extended Easter break.
Our prayerful thoughts for the families of the two students drowned over the last two weeks at Hunua.

Our theme for the beginning of this short week is HONESTY
The Bible reading was from 1 John 3:16-24 on pages 1380 and 1550 in the Wesley Bibles.
v18 Dear children, Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.
Love actions and truth seem to be the main thrust of the reading for us today.
Love motivates action and our actions always speak the truth of who we are.
When love does not underlie our actions, then our actions will again always speak the truth of who we are.
The truth cannot be hidden.

It's like ... we can say whatever we want but it's what we do that counts, and it's what we do, that people take note of.
Actions speak louder than words!
Sometimes people are 'changes' and maybe it's part of growing up, but when we hear people who say one thing and then do the opposite
the opposite more often than not, is the truth of who that person really is, and no matter what that person says, the truth of their actions cannot be changed. Their actions speak louder than their words.

Are we the same people when we are with our friends or when we are at home with our families?
Are we the same people when we know no one is looking or watching what we are doing?
I guess that's the real challenge for us ... to be the same people wherever we are ... whomever we are with ... when people are watching or not ...

Our theme for this week is Honesty which means uprightness, trustworthiness, goodness, fairness, reliability and integrity.
Let us not love with word or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY 31 MARCH

Good Morning All

WELCOME to Siosiu, Desiree and the Pole family who moved on site last weekend.
THANK YOU to those students who will make a pastoral visit to Tuakau College in support of students there after the drowning of a Tuakau student last weekend.

We continue with the theme of HONESTY.

The Bible reading was from Isaiah 11:1-5 on pages 723 and 850 in the Wesley Bible.

Some say ... Being HONEST can be easy, can be hard.
Being truthful to others can be easy, can be hard.
Being truthful to yourself can be easy, can be hard.
Doing what's right regardless of who's around can be easy, can be hard.
Being someone others can trust can be easy, can be hard.

The Reading reminds us that we are the shoots from the stump of Jesse. Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament.

He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. The Jesse tree is like the original Christmas tree of Jesus' genealogy.

We are part of the Jesse tree ...
... we are that branch that will bear fruit, and that the Spirit of the Lord rests upon us.
The Lord's Spirit resting upon us brings wisdom and understanding,
counsel and power, knowledge and respect for God.

HONESTY in the light of the reading is a no brainer!
For those who find it hard to be honest to who we truly are, be encouraged that the Lord's Spirit, the spirit of the Risen Christ will continue to rest upon us all in our easy times and in our hard times.

Thanks be to God

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY 1 APRIL

Good Morning All

CONGRATULATIONS to Zuriel Togatama, Loni Tongotongo, Te Rena Wallace and Chantelle Faiva who will represent Counties Manukau at the North Island Regional Athletics Championships this weekend.

GOOD LUCK to the 1st XV who will have their first hit out pre-season game against a visiting Australian side at Ardmore Marist Grounds 10.30am tomorrow.

TGIF, the end of Week 9 and our theme for the week of HONESTY.

A parent phones their child's school to hear the following ...
You have reached the automated answering service of your child's school. In order to assist you in connecting to the right staff member, please listen to all options before making a selection:

To stretch the truth about why your child is absent, Press 1.

To make excuses for why your child did not do homework, Press 2.

To complain about what we do, Press 3.

To curse at certain staff members, Press 4.

To ask why you didn't get needed information that was already enclosed in your newsletter and bulletins sent home with your child, Press 5.

To request another teacher for the third time this year, Press 6.

To complain about school bus transportation, Press 7.

To complain about school lunches, Press 8.

To argue about documented test results, Press 9.

If you want us to raise your child, Press 0.

If you realize this is the real world and your child must be accountable/responsible for his/her own behaviour, classwork, homework, and that it's not the teachers fault for your child(ren)'s lack of effort... Hang up and have a nice day!

- * If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.
- * If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.
- * If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.
- * If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment.
- * If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective.
- * If you plant hard work, you will reap success.
- * If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.
- * If you plant faith in God, you will reap a harvest.

“Whatever You Give To Life, Life Gives You Back”

Have a blessed day and weekend.

