

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 26 February 2016

## MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Good Morning All

Welcome to Week 4. With only 3 weeks to Polyfest our groups are hard out practicing.

Our prayerful thoughts for Emmanuel Tufuga who is in Middlemore Hospital with a broken jaw. Surgery went well.

Welcome back to Matua Hapi after being away for his family tangi.

Welcome back to Head Girl Kalolaine after being away in Tonga for their family putu.

Many of our students are carrying injuries we pray for their well-being and good health.

CONGRATULATIONS to School House for winning Athletics on Friday. 2<sup>nd</sup> was Winstone, 3<sup>rd</sup> Stanton and 4<sup>th</sup> Simmonds.

Our theme for this week is MANNERS.

The Bible reading was Luke 6:37-42 on page 1088 and 1268 in the Wesley Bibles.

The ability to critically examine oneself and to see ourselves as others see us, is integral when we think of MANNERS.

The challenge in this Lenten season is to examine, to reflect and make a judgement about what it is we see. Our MANNERS are the mirrored image of who we are every day, reflecting back at us our way of being and doing, helping us to see what it is we see, helping us to see what others see of us, and then helping us to re-examine ourselves in the light of our all seeing God.

We thank God for God's grace which allows space and time for us to come to see things in a new way.

Have a blessed day

## TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Good Afternoon All

We are in Week 4 of Term 1, Week 2 of Lent and our theme is MANNERS.

CONGRATULATIONS to Toni in the Laundry who will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in the coming days.

This morning our Year 9s left for Camp Adair returning on Friday. We wish them well.

We continue our prayers for Emmanuel Tufuga who is presently in hospital.

The Bible reading today is the well-known Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12

The first group of verses refers to our individual relationship with and reliance on God.

The second grouping of verses then speaks to our relationships with one another as a result of that dependence on God.

Jesus promises the kingdom to the powerless, the oppressed who embrace the poverty of their condition by trusting in God

The inequities and inequalities of this world will not forever taunt the justice of God. God's justice will find fulfilment.

This promise provides us both hope to work for justice and grace to endure the hard path of love.

Love of those particularly whom we find hard to love.

Some Year 11s are making it difficult for the Prefects to love them at the moment.

The challenge is to find ways to build relationships which then will help to build bridges.

More often than not, the actions of those who are powerless are for that very reason. In this season of Lent we are asked to walk the path Jesus walked through the paths taken by others who know neither love or hope or justice or peace. The best thing is God is with us!

Have a blessed day

### **WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY**

Good Morning All

MANNERS is our theme for this week.

Our prayerful thoughts continue for Emmanuel Tufuga and Lua Finau who are both in hospital. Welcome back to Head Girl Kalolaine Ikavuka after being away for a funeral in Tonga. CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Touch team who won both their games against Sir Edmund Hillary and Alfriston A. The MANNER in which the team conducted themselves on and off the field was impressive.

The Bible reading was the psalm for Lent 2 Psalm 27 on pages 561 and 677 in the Wesley Bibles.

To protest is every individual's right and usually comes when people feel that they are being unjustly treated. The Protestant Church was borne out of Martin Luther's protest against the injustices of the Church back in the days.

The World Wars were a protest against certain groups whom the rest of the world felt were a threat to world wide peace.

The Mau Movement in Samoa was a protest against NZ military occupation.

When the military coup happened in Fiji the rest of the world protested by placing sanctions upon them.

Last week the Bus Drivers held a strike in protest against wages.

When people feel unhappy, feel that they are being hard done by, feel they are being unjustly treated, they will find a way to share their concerns

There is a manner, etiquette and process around protesting which is followed and going on strike is usually the last step in the process.

There are meetings, sometimes letters written, representations are made to the powers that be, the process can be a long one and only after lengthy discussions will people decide upon the action to strike or not.

For our young people to hear that they too can protest is something new in their hearing and understanding, and are yet to fully grasp the MANNER and process by which to 'protest' and make their concerns known.

In this Lenten season we are reminded that our God is one of justice and of what is fair and what is right. The best thing is in all of this new hearing and understanding ... is that God is with us. Amen!

Have a blessed day

### **THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

No Chapel Message today

### **FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

Good Morning All

TGIF seriously TGIF ... what a week!

THANK YOU to everyone for the MANNER in which we have all conducted ourselves this week. Our prayers and thoughts for former Prefect and student Michael Smythe who is in hospital.

We will welcome back the Juniors and Staff on their return from Camp later today.

A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Wesleyan Victoria Guttenbeil who will celebrate her 8th birthday tomorrow

Manners are a matter of the heart and governs our behaviour in a MANNER different from etiquette which are the protocols around the MANNER in which we behave in any given situation.

Together they work to direct our actions ... shield us against embarrassing ourselves or others.

Through etiquette we learn what to do and what not to do; however, if we correct someone in public, we embarrass them – no two ways about it! The MANNERS in our hearts, makes us think twice about doing that.

By being good examples and role models in a MANNERLY way, others will notice and change their MANNER.

In this the 3rd week in Lent we continue to journey the path taken by Christ whose life and death demonstrates the MANNER of a life lived in love and in service of others ... whose life is the role model for our lives.

The Bible reading is from Romans 12:9-21 on pages 1226 and 1406 in the Wesley Bibles and is entitled 'Love in action.' It speaks for itself!

Have a blessed day and weekend.

