16 March 2012 Term 1 Week 7

GOSPEL REFLECTION – 18th March 2012

This week we hear a reading from John’s Gospel, as a gospel this is one of the most difficult to understand as John was writing to a different audience than the other Gospels. We meet Nicodemus this week, a member of the Jewish council, the Sanhedrin and a Pharisee. Pharisees were members of the upper class, they were a political movement, had social standing and were the basis on which conservative Judaism was founded. At various times throughout the New Testament we hear of the Pharisees questioning the actions of John the Baptist and of Jesus. We hear of the same Nicodemus again in a few weeks when he supplies oil and precious ointment to anoint the body of Jesus with. He was a believer and a follower of Jesus but in private, too apprehensive to show his faith publicly for fear of persecution and disgrace.

Sometimes I think we are like Nicodemus, too quiet about our faith, too apprehensive to stand up and speak openly about the injustice we see in the world. What might South Africa still be like if Nelson Mandela had not the courage and conviction to speak and act on the injustice of apartheid?

How can we be faithful followers, like Nicodemus, but courageous like Nelson Mandela? What injustice do you feel strongly about but perhaps have not acted upon for fear of what others might think?

Mrs Bernadette Nolan – REC Coordinator

NEW APPOINTMENT

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Elly Benkovich has been appointed by Mr Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Schools, to the position of Assistant Principal at St Patrick’s Primary, Parramatta. Mrs Benkovich will commence this position at the beginning of Term 2. We have been delighted to have Mrs Benkovich as Assistant Principal at Mt Carmel for Term 1. She is an experienced and competent educator with a passion for providing the best learning opportunities for all students. We have benefited from her expertise with the Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Project as her previous school has been on the same journey to improve the learning and teaching in Mathematics. Mrs Benkovich has been very diligent in ensuring all students understand and follow our guidelines of ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’ and ‘Be Forgiving’.

We will have an opportunity at the end of the term to acknowledge and thank Mrs Benkovich for her significant contribution to Mt Carmel and to wish her well in her new appointment.

Mrs Anne Marrins – Principal

MERIT CERTIFICATES

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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN CAMPAIGN

Last year our community collected dockets from Woolworths for the Earn and Learn Campaign for our school. The community collected 14,009 points enabling us to order a variety of Mathematics resources from Modern Teaching Aids to support the Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Project. The new resources have just arrived. Our Mathematics learning will be enhanced through the wall number lines, playing cards, clocks, dice, counters, teddy counters, tape measures, tangrams, geometric shapes, connecta straws and calculators. The students and teachers would like to thank all of you who participated and contributed to this great effort. In particular, we are very grateful to Mrs Maris Johnston and Mrs Danielle Gardner for undertaking the huge task of entering the numbers from each docket on the Woolworths data base.

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OLMC NETBALL CLUB 2012 SEASON

If you are a past player and have a uniform you would like to sell, or possibly donate to the Club, please give me a ring on the number below.

We are still taking registrations for the 2012 season. If your child is interested in playing netball please contact Margaret Nolan on 0405 509 253 or cmnolan2@optusnet.com.au

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
1. Interview Times for all Stages
2. Band Note for Stage 2 and 3
3. Stage One Homework Note

BEDWETTING
A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.
For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au
Or phone 1300 135 796

DIARY DATES 2012

TERM 1
MARCH

Week 8
Monday 19
Friday 23
Week 9
Monday 26

3.15-4.15pm Chess
Stage 2 Mass
3.15-4.15pm Chess

APRIL

Week 10
Monday 2
Tuesday 3
Thursday 5
Friday 6
Sunday 7
Last Day Term 1
Gōod Friday
Easter Sunday

TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 23
Tuesday 24
Wednesday 25
SCHOOL RESUMES
2.30pm Anzac Liturgy
ANZAC DAY

APRIL/MAY

Week 2

Monday 30
Tuesday 1/5
Thursday 3
Friday 4

9.00am Catholic Schools Week Liturgy & Assembly
Diocesan Cross Country
Yr 6 Camp
Yr 6 Camp

Week 3

Monday 7
Wednesday 9
Friday

Winter Uniform
Mothers' Day Stall
10.00am Mothers' Day Mass