

St Joseph's School Balclutha

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Jesus commanded us to love one another as he loves us. In this week's Gospel he reminds us that his love should unconditionally and freely be shared with everyone. Each loving gesture we make or kind word we utter will bring us closer to his perfect Kingdom, because whatever we do for others we do for him. This week find a way to answer the needs of the hungry and thirsty, the strangers, the sick and the imprisoned.

The Church year ends this week. Our everyday calendar is not far behind. We have spent the year looking at Matthew's Gospel with its emphasis on God's Kingdom. We look forward to the start of a new cycle following Mark.

End of Year Mass and Prize Giving Celebration

We are celebrating our End of Year Mass next **Wednesday 29 November at 6PM**. It is an expectation that all children attend this final Mass for the year to give thanks for the year and to farewell our Year 8 students. Mass starts at 6 o'clock so children need to be in the Church with their class by 5:45. **All children must wear school uniform**. This celebration is early this year because Ms Mc Laughlin is returning to Ireland. We would like to wish her well on her travels.

SUNDAY MASS

November 26

Altar Servers

Wendy and Athena

Projector

Logan Murray



VALUE AWARDS

Model an Attitude of Gratitude

Briar Wainohu

Pippa Irwin

Sophie Irwin

Prayer

Loving Father, open our eyes to see your loving face in places we have not looked before. Help us to be reflections of your love in the world around us. Amen



Calendar of Events

Wed 29 November

End of Year Mass 6PM

Friday 1 December

Room Aroha's Shared Prayer.

Friday 8 December

Young Vinnies day
Leaver's Assembly and speeches in the Church
2PM

December 14

Last Day of School 3PM

Learning Together For Life
Ako Tahi Mo Te Oranga Tonutanga

Dates to Remember

29 November School celebration Mass and prize giving at 6pm

30 November Fiona returns to Ireland and Mrs Miller teaching in Room Awhero

1 December Shared Prayer Room Aroha

8 December Assembly in the Church / Year 8 speeches

14 December Last day of Term. School finishes at 3pm

31 January School Starts for 2024

Shared Prayer

Room Aroha will lead Shared Prayer in the Church on Friday 1 December at 2:20PM

Please come along and celebrate with us



Young Vinnies Fair Day

The Young Vinnies are organising a fun day for Friday 8 December. They are raising money to help families from our Church community through these difficult times over Christmas.

Children need to bring some money to participate in the games. This is a fun day and the children have an enjoyable time.



End of Year Mass and Prize Giving

Wednesday 29 November at 6PM

Supper at the School Afterwards



Room Awhero's Camp.
Thank you to all the parents who helped. We had a great time!

When Room Awhero were away on camp Room Pono and Room Aroha had a book celebration day. They had lots of fun reading books, dressing up as their favourite book character and meeting a special author.



