

Saint Mary's Newsletter: August

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SERVICES FOR August

Sunday 2nd:

10am Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Trish Smithson

Sunday 9th:

10am Family Communion service.

Refreshments - Brenda Kebbell

Sunday 16th:

10am Patronal Service of St Mary

Refreshments - Brenda Stobie

Sunday 23rd:

10am Family Communion service.

Refreshments - Jo Dudson

Sunday 30th:

10am Fresh Expressions.

Refreshments - Majella Heaton



Patronal Festival Service: Sun 16th

August: We will be celebrating the Patron Saint of our church: Saint Mary

September 20th Care of Creation:

This year families can donate \$15-20 towards a native plant that will be purchased from a specialist Native Plant grower from Ngaruawahia. The donation box is on the Welcome table by the church entrance. The plants will be planted by parishioners on the day in the church gully.

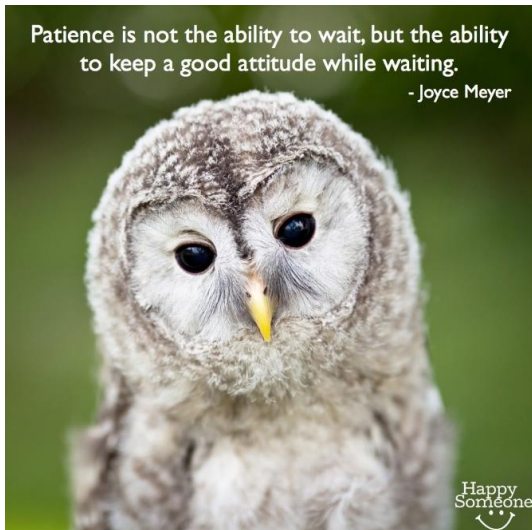
Children's Church/Junior Youth:

This month - 2nd and 16th Cool activities in the Kidz Zone, and on the 9th 23rd and 30th there are Activity packs available during the service - with a chocolate treat!

Youth Group (Year 9+): Combined churches youth Meet Fridays 7pm at Oaks Church Gordonton.

Patience

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*



In this day and age, patience seems to be an elusive virtue. Everything around us appears to be getting faster and faster, so much so that even the slightest form of delays manages to irk us to no end.

Yet, God's Word teaches us to be patient in all things, no matter how insignificant or important they may be. In fact, the importance of patience can be seen from its listing as one of the fruits of the spirit in Galatians 5. Haven't we all heard that good things come to those who wait?

Even so, God knows that most of us may find it difficult at times to remain patient. But let us look at patience as if we were farmers waiting for a field to grow. Before we can harvest our rewards, we must diligently wait for the right season. On the same note, there is also a story of how a farmer grew impatient and tried to 'help' his crops grow by pulling and stretching their stalks. Not only did his crops not grow any faster, they eventually died because of his interference.

Therefore, let us trust in God and allow Him to work out things for good in our lives. Let us cast our anxieties on Him, and rest comforted in His love. By doing so, we will have our answers in due season, because God has promised that patience will indeed bring plentiful rewards to our lives.

In 2 Peter 3:9, you will find a renewed faith in God and His timing.

Christmas Fair:

Sat 5th December! You can make a start by making preserves. More details to follow



Hall Fund:

To date there is \$12,669.00 raised and in the Hall Building Fund so far 😊

Parish Bank Account:

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Thanks for your weekly A/P contributions to keep our Parish running!

Golf Tournament:

Diary note the new date of Friday 11 Sept. 9AM to 4PM We need lots of volunteers – please see Richard & Sally-Ann Riddell

