Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, ‘if you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.’ But he replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘if you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels’ charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ‘I will give you all these’, he said, ‘if you fall at my feet and worship me.’ Then Jesus replied, ‘Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Reflection

Jesus’ forty days in the desert (Mt 4:1-11; Lk 4:1-13) provides the Scriptural foundation for the Liturgical Season of Lent, a time of penance and great spiritual renewal. Just as Jesus took time to prepare himself for the beginning of his public ministry we use Lent as a form of preparation for the great celebration of Easter. Central to this preparation is that we “repent, and believe the Good News”. Amidst the busyness of our lives it is paramount that we slow down to recognize the need for time to reflect. Lent is not only a time of penance and preparation, it is a time of prayer, a time to “be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). Jesus’ time in the desert models this for us. He sought aloneness to reflect, to pray, and to prepare for the events ahead of him. We are constantly reminded of the centrality of prayer to our spiritual renewal.

What is Happening at Hennessy

Aspiration Program

Hennessy Catholic College and the Australian Catholic University on Wednesday launched the Aspirations program. This partnership will provide students from across our region with the opportunity to undertake a gifted and talented program. The program will use Hennessy as a satellite venue for students to gather to stretch their skills in Mathematics and Science. The program will have two focus groups: Years 5 & 6 primary students and Years 7-10 secondary students. This program will provide an innovative local solution for many students from the south-west slopes region and beyond. Academic leaders from across Australia will work with our student at Hennessy. A most exciting prospect.

Students came from:

St Mary’s Young, Sacred Heart Cootamundra, St Anne’s Temora, McAuley Tumut, St Joseph’s Boorowa, Trinity Harden/ Murrumburra, St Joseph’s Grenfell, St Joseph’s Adelong, St Patrick’s Gundagai, St Francis Xavier Lake Cargellico, St Mary’s West - Wyalong and St Mary’s Batlow.

Students from public schools can attend by application, they should contact Jenny Holloway 6382 1486.

NAPLAN

The 2013 NAPLAN results are now on public display. The NAPLAN results will provide the Hennessy staff with valuable diagnostic information about individual students in vital literacy and numeracy skills.

Hennessy did well with 9 out of 10 areas above Australian Averages, but we know we can do better. As such, we use this data to inspire our future teaching and learning. Examples of this is our Aspiration Program designed to stretch our gifted and talented students and 1-Read which is having significant benefit for our students.

Hennessy is recontextualising ‘What it means to be a Catholic School’

Two examples of Hennessy’s commitment to recontextualise ‘What it means to be a Catholic School’ were witnessed last week.

The Cambodia Immersion program is an exciting time for our students, parents and staff to reflect on their faith journey. It was pleasing to see so many members of our community able to use this experience as a catalyst to expand their experiences. Fr Paul joining the trip will significantly add to the spiritual experience.

Ash Wednesday was special in that our student leaders lead the celebration. Our students are our future, they are the future of my Church. Providing opportunities for them to share their experiences is the direction we are heading.
Young Junior Rugby Club

Young Junior Rugby is taking the ‘game they play in heaven’ to schools throughout the region. The Yabbies are looking for new recruits and aspiring junior Rugby players from Young, Boorowa, Harden and beyond. Club registrations – U7’s: $30, all other age groups: $50 and a family of two or more $100 - commences this Friday at the S&C Club from 5-7pm, then Friday March 21 and 28 from 5.30 pm at Hall Brothers Oval, Young in conjunction with training.

On Friday April 4th, the training session before our first game at the Cootamundra Gala Day on April 6th, we invite all 2014 club players and their families to the season launch at Hall Brothers Clubhouse.

For more information go to http://www.youngrugby.com.au/ & click on info@youngrugby.com.au at the bottom of the home page & our Registrar will get back to you or alternatively you can contact Nathan McEvoy, Registrar on 0439952059 or Mary-Lou Bonsembiante, Secretary on 0457564449. You can also find us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com//Young-Junior-Rugby-Union/.

2014 Southern Sports Academy
Town & Country Asphalting
Netball Talent Development Camp

Wagga Wagga Netball Courts, Equex Centre, Kooringal Road, Wagga Wagga

16th/17th & 23rd/24th April 2014
9am—3.30pm

8/9/10/11 Years
Wednesday 16th / Thursday 17th April

12/13/14/15 Years
Wednesday 23rd / Thursday 24th April

COST $90.00

PLEASE NOTE:
CAMP IS OVER 2 WEEKS IN 2014

Nomination Forms Available
at the Office.

STUDENT DEAL:
BUY A MILKSHAKE & HOT CHIPS
&
RECEIVE A FREE DONUT.
Limited time only
Community Connections

Relay for Life performers needed
The committee is looking for students to perform music or drama for a period of time on Saturday 29th March. Please contact Sharon Richens 0419 019 133 or email sharon.richens@frameworkgroup.com.au to express your interest.

School Photos
Envelopes have gone out for school photos which will be held next Tuesday 18th March. Students are to wear their summer school uniform on this day for photos.

Cross Country
The cross country is on next Thursday, 20th March. Students are to wear their sports uniform/house colours (senior students wear appropriate sports attire) and bring books for period 1 and 2. Remember to wear a hat sunscreen and have a water bottle on the day. No game balls to be brought to this event, they will be confiscated. At the end of recess they will be bussed (no cost) to the racetrack. Year 10 will be running a BBQ at the racetrack on the day. At the end of the races they will be bussed back to school.

National Day Against Bullying and Violence
This event occurs on the same date as Harmony Day activities being organised by Mrs Kirkwood for next Friday 21st March. We will devote some time the following week to reminding our members about the importance of Hennessy being a safe and welcoming school and how our actions and inactions make the difference.

Personal Electronic Devices
Please be advised that the confiscation period for inappropriate use of personal electronic devices (e.g., mobile phones) in the first instance will be to the end of the next school day (not 24 hours)

Year 12 Exams
Timetables have gone out to students. Good luck to our year 12 students as they begin their examson the 26th March

Gerard Simms  Director of Community
Are you a student, teacher or parent and would like to join the Young Squash Club?

It’s fun, you meet new people and great exercise.

The Young Squash Committee has opened nominations for the 2014 autumn competition.

There is a grading afternoon at the Young Services Club Squash courts on Sunday 23rd March at 3pm. If you would like to learn to play or improve your squash, come along and we will grade you.

Nominations for the autumn comp close Monday 24th March and the competition runs Monday 31st March to 19th June.

Fees for this comp are:

**Juniors (Under 18 years)** - Annual Membership = $25.00 + Comp Fee = $20.00

**Adults** - Annual Membership = $35.00 + Comp Fee = $25.00

If you are interested, but want to know more you can phone the Young Squash club President David Coombes on 0417 263 978 or email [youngsquashclub@hotmail.com](mailto:youngsquashclub@hotmail.com), otherwise turn up at the grading afternoon on Sunday 23rd March at 3pm at the Young Services Club Squash courts.

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**Hennessy Cross Country**

The cross country will be held Thursday 20th March, at the Young Race Course. The first race will start at approximately 11:45am. There will be staggered starts as follows:

- 16 and 17yr boys and open boys and girls will race first
- 14, 15 boys and girls, 16y and 17yr girls will run next
- 12 and 13yrs boys and girls will run last

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What's on at the Young and District Community Hub? 
March/April 2014

Budgeting Workshops: Boorowa 7th March: Short, practical session for people wanting to take control of their finances. Relaxed instructor, no jargon, easy to understand. Morning Tea Provided – No Cost.

Seasons for Growth: Young: For adults experiencing significant loss and/or change in their lives. Seasons will be held over 4 consecutive Wednesdays commencing on 19th March from 10am-12.30pm at the Hub. Please phone for more details/bookings.

Cake Decorating: Harden: 5th and 12th March. Just a few spaces left, all welcome – beginners to experienced. 3hr sessions $15 per person with Morning Tea Provided.

Mosaics: Harden: 4 consecutive weeks commencing March 19th at Harden Hub. Work on a project of your choice, great for Beginners. 3hrs sessions $15per person with Morning Tea Provided. Bookings essential on 63826328.

Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Parade: Young: Get together at Carrington Park for Pre-school aged children and their carers on 3rd April from 10am. BYO Rug and Morning Tea….Wear your Easter Hat and take part in a parade and hunt for hidden EGGS! Please advise us of your attendance to ensure we’ve enough eggs to go around!

Art Classes: Young: 2hr sessions using Acrylic Paints. Experienced tutor, all materials supplied. No experience necessary and at the end of the session you’ll have a completed work to take home! $10 per person with tea/coffee provided – alternating day/evening classes - phone to book. 12yrs+

Music and Movement: Young: For parents/carers and little people aged 15mths to 4yrs. At the Hub each Wednesday morning from 10.15am-11.15am during school terms. Gold coin donation.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Course: Harden, Boorowa and Young Sessions
An end to arguing! Resolve conflicts positively and quietly, develop your child’s tolerance for frustration, set clear expectations for your child and learn simple strategies to keep you sane! No cost.

Play Power Workshops: Harden, Boorowa and Young: Talk over the benefits of play, learn how infants grow and develop, use everyday moments to connect to your child and brain storm ideas for safe, fun playtime. No cost-little ones welcome.

Computer Classes: Young: Join us each Friday afternoon for computer basics. For people aged 50yrs and over. Gold coin donation.

Young Carers Group: Young: Fun, No Cost group for young people caring for a loved one with a disability, chronic illness, mental illness or drug/alcohol problem. Fortnightly Thursday meetings.

Toy/Book Libraries: Young: $5 yearly membership fee per family. Keep the kids interested by changing up play time or treat yourself to a good read!

*Please call in and see us at 2c Campbell Street Young or phone 63826328 to book for all activities (catering and space limitations) or for information
This week’s Career Quote:

If the career you have chosen has some unexpected inconvenience, console yourself by reflecting that no career is without them.

Australian Defence Force Academy

Are you currently thinking about joining the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) or just want to find out more? Chat with midshipmen and officer cadets to learn about their experiences, life at ADFA and how they find balancing military training with their university study.

https://www.facebook.com/events/77351302677592/

Work Experience with Fire & Rescue NSW

Work Experience at Fire & Rescue NSW provides school students in Years 10 to 12 the opportunity to develop industry-specific and generic work skills in an authentic work environment at the State Training College, Alexandria. The practical program covers the roles of Fire & Rescue NSW and its fire fighters. Through this program, school students gain insight into the organisation and develop employment related skills to enhance their vocational education. The program is offered weekly during school terms. Contact the work experience coordinator on:

workexperience@fire.nsw.gov.au, (02) 9318 4876 or 0408 220 656.


National Youth Week NSW: Minding Our Mental Health Forum

Tue 1st April, NSW Parliament House

Nominations close Mon 3rd March This forum is a chance for young people to network with a range of policy makers and service providers, to participate in activities, discussions and workshops, and to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence in order to support the mental health and wellbeing of their family and friends.


Reminders from last editions

Helping your son or daughter choose a Career Path

Upcoming Careers Related Activities

CSU MyDay - Accounting, Business and Information Technology
CSU MyDay - Arts, Psychology, Social Work
CSU MyDay – Communications & Sports Journalism
CSU MyDay – Community Health
CSU MyDay – Teaching & Education
CSU MyDay – Agriculture
CSU MyDay – Nursing & Biomedical Sciences
CSU MyDay – Year 11 & 12 Creative Industries
CSU MyDay – Year 10 Creative Industries

Introducing your dance instructors

DJ = jazz
DJ was a Top 10 finalist on the hit TV show. So you think you can dance in 2009. He has since performed with Natalie Bassingthwaighte, Ian Walker, Jessica Mauboy and more.

Dayton = hip hop
Dayton is an accomplished Hip Hop dancer as well as Broadway performer. Dayton played the title character in the Sydney, Melbourne and New York productions of Billy Elliot.

Aeysha = contemporary
Aeysha is Co-Director of A-Live Performing Arts Centre. Aeysha also spends time teaching at A-Live PA.