

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
3rd Sunday of Easter – Year B
15th April 2018



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THE DEEP END

'You are Witnesses of these Things'

Today's gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The gospel continues into another account of the risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'peace' (shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The resurrection accounts in the gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. Our Easter faith is based on their testimony. Once Jesus has opened their minds to understand the scriptures, he tells them to go out and preach them in his name.

'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.'

Joyce Rupp

Jane Mellett
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Weekly Collection: \$1,210.00
Garage Sale extra: \$330.51

Meetings in the Parish

18th April – Healing Mass at 11am at Our Lady of Grace
19th April – Healing Mass at 1.30pm at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
19th April – Parish Council at 7.30pm

Sacramental Programme – Confirmation

13th May – Pettit Centre at 7pm

27th May – Group Session at Our Lady of Grace at 10.30am

10th June – Pettit Centre at 7pm

24th June – Group Session at Our Lady of Grace at 10.30am

24th June – Rehearsal in Our Lady of Grace, Church at 11.30am

1st July – Confirmation ceremony at Our Lady of Grace Church at 10.30am

Family group events for April

Sunday 29th April - **Holmes Group Bus Trip** Contact John Spavin 5639033

Sunday 29th April - **O'Leary Group** Movie and coffee afternoon contact Christine
021518971



The Aubert Family Group met for a lovely afternoon at Zelandia, we were blessed with a sunny day and saw a variety of wildlife. The highlight was spotting a rather large Tuatara even with the cooler weather.



Tuesday Mass at St Francis Xavier Church - Due to Father Tony having various meetings with Diocesan committees in the next few weeks the Mass at St Francis Xavier for Tuesday 17th April and Tuesday 24th April will be replaced by a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.



Circle of friendship - A most informative and entertaining afternoon last Saturday, was enjoyed by 30 women with Annette Reid as the speaker on 'all things gardening'. Annette shared her practical knowledge and tips, answering many questions along the way. Followed by afternoon tea, an enjoyable time of friendship and fellowship was had by all! Next month's gathering will be based on our Mothers - our memories of their advice, treasures, tales, sayings, anecdotes, history, or whatever folk wish to share, as we celebrate the month of Mary.

Mass with Anointing Wednesday 18th April at 11am - Please come and join us in the Pettit Centre next to Our Lady of Grace Church for this Mass, followed by a shared lunch this Wednesday. Extra helping hands are always welcome and transport can be provided please contact Patricia on 972 8043. There will be no Mass at 9am at Heretaunga on Wednesday 18th April as this is replaced by the Anointing Mass at 11am.



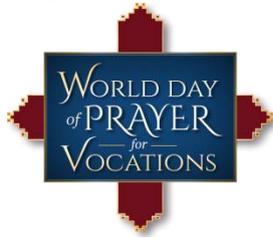
Mass of Anointing in Stokes Valley Thursday 19th April at 1-30pm at "Stokeswood" Rotary Lounge, Glen Road, Stokes Valley. Afternoon tea will follow Mass. If anyone needs transport please ring Gordon or Linda Holmes on 9382750.

We have 3 copies of the **Lenten Booklet** – "The Little White Book" left and if you wish to have a copy you can pick them up from the office for just \$6.00

Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday 22 April - The 4th Sunday of Easter is a special Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for our seminarians Jovanie and Alfred and those discerning the call to priesthood. Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest? Pray for this person. Invite him to consider priesthood. Affirm his gifts and qualities. Encourage him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

Pope Francis: *"Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us."*

Fr David Dowling, Vocations Director - email: frdavidd@gmail.com



IN REMEMBRANCE



ANZAC Day Commemoration 25th April - As ANZAC Day falls on a Wednesday this year the Parish will remember the day during the 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church in Heretaunga. All Parishioners are invited to come and remember those who have lost their lives at war and pray for peace. There will be **No Liturgy of the Word** at St Francis Xavier Church that morning



Archdiocesan Commission for Justice Peace and Development -

If we dare go to the fringes, we will find him there; indeed, he is already there. Jesus is already there, in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, in their wounded flesh, in their troubles and their profound desolation. He is already there. Pope Francis: [*Gaudete et Exsultate* #135, 2018](#)

Work with Caritas: "Caritas has three vacancies currently being advertised. They are the full time *Communications, Marketing & Fundraising Advisor*, part time *Communications & Marketing Assistant* and a short term contract role of *Social Justice Week Advocate*. If you're interested in joining the Caritas team and contributing to the Church's work in social justice. Please email catharinavossen@micahpartners.co.nz or visit <http://www.caritas.org.nz/get-involved/work-us> for further details."



Mortgage Update – The Finance Committee are pleased to announce that the Garage Sale raised around \$3,200.00 and that the mortgage at the 31st March 2017 was \$86,000 and the mortgage at 31st March 2018 is \$57,000 – many thanks to all who have helped to reduce the mortgage and we look forward to your continued support of planned giving and more fundraising ventures in the near future.

Tax receipts for 2018 – I have been rung asking about the tax receipts and when they will be available. In the past we have given out the tax receipts along with the new planned giving envelopes. We are still awaiting the arrival of the envelopes and as soon as these arrive the tax receipts will be collated with the envelopes and then they will be available as usual at the back of each Church. This year the parishioners on Automatic Payments will also receive, with their tax receipts, a pack of envelopes for Special Collections eg Christmas, Easter etc.



**ORANGA
TAMARIKI**
Ministry for Vulnerable Children

Open your heart, open your home. Change the world one life at a time.

We at Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children, are looking for people in the greater Wellington area who love children and young people and don't ever give up. That's it. We can help with the rest! If you have a room (or two!) and can provide a safe, loving home then you can make a difference. We need people from all walks of life to care for children and teenagers. This is your opportunity to create positive outcomes for our tamariki in a practical way. There are many types of care from temporary and respite right through to permanent and we'll support you in which ever role you choose.

Let the children come.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12009598 Ring me to know more! Doug Fauchell - Caregiver Social Work Supervisor Wellington 04-917-1140

Greenstone Doors is holding a Movie Night Fundraiser 23rd April 5:30pm \$20 per ticket. Join us at the The Lighthouse Cinema in Petone to see "**The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**" - Greenstone Doors is holding a Peace Retreat for single mothers 4th - 6th May, this is fully sponsored and is being held at the Magnificat Retreat Centre. We are taking registrations now. - If anyone would like to be on a prayer list for Greenstone Doors please email us and we will add you to the list. - This is to pray for any special intentions that may arise. To register for any of these or for more information please email greenstonedoors15@gmail.com or phone 0272549222

Trustees - Mission Colleges Lower Hutt Trust Board, the proprietor of Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt, is seeking to appoint Proprietor's Representatives to the College's Board of Trustees or members of the Trust Board itself. If you are interested in either of these roles, please forward your details to the Trust Board's Secretary at terry.lh@xtra.co.nz or for further information, contact Terry on 0274-819-394. Skills in finance, law or property are of particular interest.

Please remember in prayer, all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently, Joanne Rich, Father Brian Quin and Ted Johnston, and those whose anniversary occur around this time –may they rest in peace



Our Lady of Grace Church 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga

Mass Times Sunday –10:30am

Weekdays Wed, Sat 9:00am Mass, Fri 9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation – Please ring for an appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday (during school terms) 10.00 am – 6pm

St Francis Xavier Church 152 Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley

Mass Times Weekends 5.30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 8.30am (Sunday)

Samoan Community - Mass 4th Sunday – Church 11.30am

Weekdays – Tues, Thurs, 9.30am Mass – Wed, Sat 9.30am Liturgy of the Word

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Pastoral Council Chairperson

St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga

St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley

John Benvenuti	563 8775
Terry	528 6313
Petone Shop	568 6408
Gordon	938 2750
Stokes Valley Shop	563 9278

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
15 th April – 3 rd Sunday of Easter		22 nd April – 4 th Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	First Reading	Acts 4: 8-12
Second Reading	John 2:1-5	Second Reading	1John 3: 1-2
Gospel	Luke 24:35-48	Gospel	John 10: 11-18