

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
Pentecost Sunday – Year B
20th May 2018**



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THE DEEP END

Bursting with Joy

Have you seen the film *The Greatest Showman* that came out earlier this year? Its soundtrack boasts a number of musical gems, from fun, catchy numbers to more rousing and powerful ballads. I was struck by a video I saw online of a read-through session before filming began. The film's star, Hugh Jackman, had recently had surgery on his nose and was under strict medical orders not to sing. So instead, the director instructs him to stand in the right place, and act and gesticulate at all the appropriate moments. However, during the final song, he can't stand it anymore. The music seems to take hold of him, and he bursts into song. The atmosphere in the room changes immediately, with musicians and singers joyfully joining in. It's a powerful moment, and the video is well worth a watch. The name of the song is 'From Now On', and in the film it marks a major transformation for Jackman's character, when the scales fall from his eyes and he sees clearly the changes he needs to make to live a better life.

I like to think that magical moments such as this capture something of what the apostles must have experienced at Pentecost. The powerful wind, the tongues of fire, the palpable and overwhelming presence of God stir something in the apostles. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they are unable to hold in their joy and enthusiasm. How are we moved by the Spirit?

Tríona Doherty

Weekly Collection: \$1,147.30

Meetings in the Parish

22nd May – St Vincent De Paul, Heretaunga 7 pm

24th May – Liturgy Meeting 7.30 pm

Sacramental Programme – Confirmation

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



GRIEF SUPPORT The Parish Council would like to gauge support for GRIEF SUPPORT group that could assist people experiencing a period of grief and/or bereavement over a recent loss. The group would be seen as a resource that could be called on in specific situations to provide assistance, advice and accompaniment for people. While the most acknowledge period of grief/bereavement occurs with the death of a family member, other grief processes can result for the breakup of family relationships, job loss from redundancy or injury, the physical moving away of a significant person in a person's life.

If this is an area that you would like to explore and would like to see established in the Parish please contact Father Tony in the Presbytery or come along to attend a discussion on the merits of such a group being established on Thursday 31st May at 7:30pm in the Presbytery.

Altar Society at St Francis Xavier – help is required on a regular basis to organise the flowers and the cleaning of the brass. If this sounds like something you would like to help with please either ring Linda on 938 2750 or Jovena on 972 4282



CWL – Mother's Day Raffle – Thanks to all who contributed to our raffle – we raised \$282 for our Mission. The lucky winners were:

No 43 Irene Hennessy / No 183 Marilyn Keating

CWL Coffee morning at Silverstream Bakery on Wednesday 30th May at 10 am. All welcome – Men and Women

CWL Birthday Wednesday 6th June at 1.30pm. All are welcome. Subscriptions are due now.

CWL Fun Quiz Evening – Fundraiser for Te Omanga Hospice – 29th June (time to be advised) at St. Joseph's Hall Pine Ave/Royal Street, Upper Hutt. Make up a team of 6-8 people or come along and join a table and enjoy a lovely supper. Tickets \$10.00 per ticket. No door sales. Contact Maria # 5288674



St. Vincent De Paul Shop in Stokes Valley requires volunteers to help in their shop either a.m. 10-1pm or p.m. 1-4pm. Could you spare a morning or afternoon to help us out? A friendly team to work with who all give their time generously to help others in the community. We also need a Book-keeper with computer knowledge 4 hours a month to pay our accounts and keep our finances in order. If you are able to help us please phone Jan 0279165609 or Gordon 9382150



Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt welcomes enrolments for Year 9, 2019 from Monday 14 May and forms are to be completed online or returned to the College Office by Monday 2 July 2018. See noticeboard for more information



Life in the Spirit Seminar

This seminar will be conducted at the Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning on 5 June till the 17 July except for the 4th week which will be on Monday 25 June. Do you want to encounter Jesus on a deeper level? Come and be blessed. Further information on the notice board.



WANTED! New or barely used, quality shoes of all shapes and sizes including children's shoes for our BIG shoe sale to be held in June (info to follow in later bulletin). As well as raising the funds we need to purchase a new organ or keyboard this is a community service project to provide quality shoes at a huge discount to those who cannot afford to buy good shoes at full retail prices. If you can help please call Monica on 567 8267 or email her at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com. We can pickup or alternatively shoes can be dropped off in a specially marked box in the foyer of St Peter and Paul's church whenever it is open. Thank you in advance for your support



St Bernard's College Open Day - St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 26th May 2018 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college. For further information please see our website: www.sbc.school.nz or contact the office at: 183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph 560 9250 Email: office@sbcschool.nz



Synod Outcome – Go, you are sent to deepen your bicultural relationship 5(c) The Archdiocese captures the shared story of our history



Teaching Night at St Anne’s Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal on Wednesday 23rd May at 7:30pm.

Speakers: Rainer Hensel & Michael Powell

Theme: The Gift of Discernment.

Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!



The May 20 – June 2 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Private NZ screenings of Paul movie. Christians in Science tackle ultimate questions. Communion issues for inter-church couples. Call for courage at seminary Mass. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on June 3.

Holy Hour You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 May beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence, singing and conclude with Benediction followed by supper. All are welcome.

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, Shirley McGrail, Audrey Wearne, Rosemary Downey and Annette Wells 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)

Samoa 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	John Benvenuti	563 8775
St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga	Terry	528 6313
	Petone Shop	568 6408
St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley	Gordon	938 2750
	Stokes Valley Shop	563 9278

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
20 th May – Pentecost Sunday		27 th May – The Most Holy Trinity	
First Reading	Acts 2: 1-11	First Reading	Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Second Reading	1Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13	Second Reading	2 Romans 8:14-17
Gospel	John 20: 19-23	Gospel	Mathew 28:16-20 Creed