

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
8th July 2018**



Father Tony Kearns
Parish Office and Presbytery (04) 972 4282
Residence: 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga
Parish Administrator: Jovena Fernandez
Office hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am -1:00 pm
Email: office@olov.org.nz
Email: pp@olov.org.nz
Website: www.olov.org.nz
St Brendan's School - 939 1909



THE DEEP END - Prophets and Home Countries

'You cannot be a prophet in your home country' is a well-known phrase. You don't have to go too far to see examples of this gospel around you. Anyone who returns to their home town with new knowledge and wisdom can sometimes be put in their place. This is what occurs in Jesus' home town of Nazareth in today's gospel. Even though the crowd are impressed by the local carpenter's son, astounded even, and note that he has great wisdom, still he could do no deed of power there. It is definitely a reality check experience. Have you ever had this experience in your own life? A time you were really excited about a new-found knowledge or inspired by a great event or speaker; yet when you returned to tell friends or family members they made fun of you or greeted you with cynicism? Or you can imagine yourself in the crowd today, listening to the local carpenter's son, so full great teachings you can't quite believe it. In the end Jesus left and went around the villages teaching. Simply put, there are times when you have to move on and bear fruit elsewhere.

'Lord how often you have sent Jesus to us in the form of someone we knew well, but they were just too ordinary for us. All we could see was the carpenter, the son of our neighbour. So the great miracle you had in store for us could not be worked. Lord have mercy.'

Michel de Verteuil/ Jane Mellett
mellettj@gmail.com

Weekly Collection: \$1,670.80

Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development

Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me.

Pope Francis: [Meeting with Young People, Maipu Shrine, 17 January 2018](#)

Meetings in the Parish

Tuesday 10th July – St. Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley – 7pm
Wednesday 11th July – Choir Group – Stokes Valley – 7.30 pm
Thursday 12th July – Parish Finance Committee – 7.30 pm

Passionist Youth Retreat at Camp Rangī Woods near Palmerston North in first week of July school holidays. Passionist young adults retreat at Featherston on weekend 14-16 July. For more info please go to website www.passionistfamily.org or contact Terry and Heather O'Brien on 5286976



CONGRATULATIONS – CONFIRMATION 2018

The Parish Community extends its prayerful best wishes to the 35 young members of our family who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We rejoice as they receive the power of the Holy Spirit to be their companion and guide on their faith journey. May these young people inspire us all to live lives animated by the Spirit of Jesus we have received.

William Bassett, Ryland Blackwell, Jacob Chard, Ruby Coffey-Duffin, James Coulon, Cooper de Greve, Amelie Denston, Joshua Flannery, Benjamin Foster, Payden Fox, Declan Gotlieb, Benjamin Grout, Isabella Hartziker, Matthew Heeran, Grace Hills, Noah Hohua, Joshua Lamb, Riley MacKenzie, Ruby MacKenzie, Austen Maraku, Millie Noyes, Mason Parr, Addison Potter, Keltia Robinson-Reidy, Hunter Sammons, Lachlan Saul, Thomas Stowers, Maximus Tararo, John-Pallid Tufue, Hayden Walker, Scarlett Walker, Amy Watterson, Jack Watterson, Olivia Whiteman, Leith Wonnacott

Passionist Family Group - Parish Lunch 15 July

The annual parish lunch, hosted by the Family Groups, will be held at mid day on Sunday 15 July at the Stokes Valley RSA, Hawthorne Cres.

Cost is \$18 pp. \$10 for school age children. Preschoolers free Please pay to Group Coordinators or church office in named envelope.

We will be celebrating thirty years of Passionist Family Groups in New Zealand.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Parish's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held at Pettit Centre 5 Palmer Crescent Heretaunga on 29th July 2018 starting at 2:00pm. In preparation for this meeting an **ANNUAL REPORT** has been prepared by the Parish Council. Copies of this report are available in the foyer or can be downloaded from our Parish website

www.olv.org.nz/publications/olv-annual-report. Please take the time to read this to be aware of all the wonderful things that are happening in our Parish family. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the organisation involved or the Parish Office.

CWL Fun Quiz Evening –31st August doors open at 7:15pm to start at 7:30pm at St. Brendan's School Hall, 56 Palmer Cres., 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. Contact Debby #027 4508979, Mike # 021 1233211 or Pru # 976 3960



CWL Prisoners Toiletries would like to request Parishioners to please contribute towards women leaving the prison things like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, hand crème etc.

CWL National Conference is being held in Wellington from the 25th to 28th July, the Catholic Women's League of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather in Wellington for their biennial National Conference.

Highlights of these days of Conference will be Opening Mass by Cardinal John Dew /- Keynote Speaker Anne Dickinson reflects on "Women welcoming change". / An Art Exhibition of NCEA Art students from the Catholic Colleges of the Archdiocese. / A "Pilgrimage" by bus to the Home of Compassion to visit the Venerable Suzanne Aubert All enquiries to Christine Paterson, CWL, phone 479 6274. For more information please see the notice board.

CWL would like to thank all who attended the Hospice Fundraiser or contributed to the supper. \$1,000 will be donated to the Hospice Fund from CWL.

Healing Service Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday 9 July beginning at 7.30 pm. Fr John has just returned from Western Australia where he has witnessed many healings. Come and hear fresh testimonies of how God heals today. Please bring all those who need Jesus` healing. All are welcome. Come with expectant faith.

PRAYER IS THE
BEST MEDICINE.
GOD IS THE
BEST DOCTOR.



Cardinal's Lunch To be held on 8th August from 12pm to 2pm at the Intercontinental Wellington price \$89+GST. The speakers are Sir Bill & Dr. Mary Lady English. The key topics are Faith, Family & Professional Life and will cover

- New leadership in the Catholic community
- Create new environments where business and community leaders can engage with the Church
- Provide opportunities for Catholics to be inspired and encouraged to live out their values in daily working life



Dove Women's Retreat Weekend - 27 to 29 July

Come and join us for a weekend to be "Refreshed - Renewed - Restored".

The theme for 2018 is "Harvest" with guest speakers Wilma Conroy and Anne Claessens.

Venue: Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland

There are optional weekend registrations for residential or non-residential.

To register or for further information visit our website www.dove.org.nz or phone Shona Williams 07 543 0101 email shonawilliams58@gmail.com

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women. Our meeting is on Saturday, 21 July at 1:15pm at Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon. Our speaker is Maureen Wilmshurst on "My hope is in Him". All women welcome. Enquiries Shura 3899938.

Learn about **Modern Slavery, Trafficking & Exploitation in Aotearoa NZ**

Speakers: Dr Rebecca Miller & Peter Devoy, Immigration NZ on Monday 16 July 7 30-9 pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Knights Rd, Lower Hutt. Gold coin donation. Sponsored by ANZRATH (Religious & Friends Against Human Trafficking)



Synod Outcome –.Go you are sent to build community 12(e) Seeking out and drawing "the missing" back into the parish community is a factor in all decision making in the implementation of the Synod outcomes.

Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday 21 July. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. 10 am Mass. Followed by Exposition & Rosary Procession to front of Hospital. Ends at Noon with a shared lunch. Join in this important prayer effort for our most vulnerable, the unborn children, and those affected by the tragedy of abortion. For more information contact Family Life International NZ PH: 237 8343



For Engaged Couples A wedding is a day. Marriage is a lifetime. Prepare for your lifetime together by attending an Engaged Encounter marriage preparation weekend. Your next opportunity to attend a weekend is 14th and 15th July. For more information phone Simon and Kate on 8016192.

Society of Mary Priests and Brothers: Communities of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally. If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother there is an information and prayer weekend 24-26 August. Information at www.maristseminary.org.nz or facebook.com/marists. Email Fr Pat Breeze SM at vocations@smnz.org.nz



Request from Immigration New Zealand: Homes needed for new New Zealanders Immigration NZ are often looking for rental homes in Wellington for refugee families. The tenants have recently arrived in NZ, are now Permanent Residents and are undergoing a 6 week induction to NZ life. Our onsite MSD office will arrange rent, bond and fee payments direct to you. The tenants will be supported in their new homes for a year by the Red Cross support team. If you can assist, please contact our Housing Officers to see how you can join our happy network of housing providers:

Rona Varney rona.varney@mbie.govt.nz Phone 029 771 1694
 Doug Richards doug.richards@mbie.govt.nz Phone 021 870 564

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, John Mooney, Annette Carvalho (Jennifer Rodricks mother), 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) 10.00am – 6:00pm

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

Reconciliation Please ring for an appointment

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	
8 th July Fourteenth Week Ordinary Time		15 th July Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Ezekiel 2:2-5	First Reading	Amos 7:12-15
Second Reading	2.2Corinthians 12:7-10	Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel	Mark 6:1-6 Creed	Gospel	Mark 6:7-13