

# The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

15th July 2018



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## THE DEEP END - A Better World

Being a follower of Jesus means to be 'sent out'. Our spiritual lives ought to be visible on the outside through our actions and dealings with others. The disciples are sent in twos for companionship but also as a team; one person cannot have all the gifts and there is support in working with another.

We might interpret the many demons that they cast out as all those things in the world that are not of the Spirit, the injustices in our world. Jesus sends the disciples out to work for a better world, to bring more love, compassion and peace to those that they encounter. They go and urge people to repent, to turn around. This is one of the goals of their mission and Jesus' mission: to turn the world around.

Jesus' instructions to shake the dust from their feet when they feel unwelcome may seem harsh at first. We too may fear rejection and when we experience it, it can leave us feeling exhausted and upset. Perhaps the message here is to free ourselves and move on; to not let that disappointment and upset control our lives because if we do, we lose our freedom, it holds us back and it starts to define us. In the midst of that experience, our true mission can become lost. As we prepare to welcome Pope Francis to Ireland, let us go out and bring joy and hope to those we encounter.

'You might be the only gospel which people read.'

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Weekly Collection: \$1,534.30

### Meetings in the Parish

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Healing Mass – 11:00 am - Pettit Centre

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Healing Mass – 1:30pm – Stokeswood Rest Home Stokes Valley

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Parish Council Meeting

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Parish's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held at Pettit Centre 5 Palmer Crescent Heretaunga on 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## **NOMINATED PERSONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Conor Healy** and I've agreed to accept a nomination for the Parish Council. I'm the father to Quinn (12) and Noah (10) - who both attend St Brendan's. You'll find us, and my mum Eileen, at the 10.30am Sunday mass. I work in IT and referee football. I've belonged to the Parish for about 11 years now since moving to Upper Hutt. I currently organise the altar server roster for the Parish and I'm also a Eucharistic Minister.

**John O'Malley** I have been active in the Parish of OLOV since its inception and its predecessor OLOG. Served on both the Parish Council and the Liturgy Committees for the past 4 years. Currently studying for the Diploma in Pastoral Leadership (two papers to complete it) and a certificate in psycho-therapy. Areas of interest are Social justice, all areas of pastoral support, and exploring ways to bring the recommendations of the recent Synod, where pertinent, into our parish life. On a personal level I am widowed, grandfather, and retired businessman and Chartered Accountant.

**Victoria Aukusitino** I have been blessed to have grown up with the St Francis Xavier Parish and now the Our Lady of the Valleys Parish. My ministry currently is being a Eucharistic Minister for the Parish and am still an active member of the Samoan Catholic Youth. I have also recently joined the worship team at St Gerard's Monastery for Praise and worship Night (Last Friday of every month – all are welcome). Being involved with ICPE mission has helped to further my spiritual journey along with the Wellington Archdiocese Young Adults Church events throughout the year. If I was chosen, it would mean more development in my community and service aspect for my journey and I look forward to this potential opportunity

**Prue von Keisenberg** I have been a member of the Heretaunga Parish since 1973. Kevin, my husband, and I have been members of various Parish groups over 35 years. Our Lady of the Valley Parish has provided us with many opportunities to develop lasting friendships and it is this fellowship that is one of the many aspects of the Parish that we value. I have been a member of the current Parish Council for two years and willingly stand to serve another term.

I am currently involved in and supportive of the implementation of Synod initiatives, that have been established for the Parish: Supporting the establishment of a Grief Support Group is also an initiative I am keen to support. My vision for Our Lady of the Valleys, should I continue as member of the Parish Council, is to strengthen support for and extend the variety of groups that are functioning in the Parish.

**Tiana Sio** is the organist at St. Francis Xavier's Church and comes from Stokes Valley. Is a member of the Samoan Community of Stokes Valley.

### **Healing Mass Wednesday 18th July at 11:00 am in the Pettit Centre.**

Please join us for Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by a shared lunch. If transport needed please ring Patricia (Paddy) 972 8043. All welcome and your help is appreciated. There will be no 9:00am Mass in the church that day.



**Healing Mass in Stokes Valley 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm** at "Stokeswood" Rotary Lounge, Glen Road, Stokes Valley. Afternoon tea will follow Mass.

### **Grief Support Meeting**

We met on Thursday 5 July at St Francis Xavier Meeting Room to further chat about the purpose of the group. Why do we need this?

The Parish, as an active family, cares about what goes on. To offer such support within the Parish community fulfills a basic need to connect as Jesus did on the road to Emmaus.

What kind of grief?

The group discussed that it can be a loss of a particular circumstance such as a job, a loved one, divorce. Although there are support groups that can help, the group will exist to offer an ear or even a first step.

How support can be delivered?

The group is still figuring this one out but perhaps in a group session or even one on one. So far, we've agreed to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

What qualification does this group have?

1. Life experience of attendees
2. Training and experience of professional groups like Samaritans and Victim Support
3. Willingness to listen and share

The group will look into formal training offered by the Catholic Centre.

Next meeting – 7:30pm, Thursday 2 August at Heretaunga Our Lady of Grace Church Meeting Room.

**Parish Quiz Evening** – Move over Bradley Walsh, The Parish Chase event is here. 31<sup>st</sup>



August doors open at 7:15pm to start at 7:30pm at St. Brendan's School Hall, 56 Palmer Cres, Upper Hutt. So if you think you are clever enough or not, make up a team of 6-8 people or simply come along and join a table to enjoy a lovely supper. Those attending are requested (if they can) to bring along a small plate to add to the buffet.

Tickets \$10.00 per person. Contact Debby 027 4508979, Mike 021 1233211 or Pru 976 3960.

We are also requesting for donations of any items to go towards the raffles. These can be left at the Parish Office.



**Circle of Friendship** Last Saturday on a wet and blustery afternoon, 16 women gathered to share fellowship and exchange 'winter' recipes and cooking tips. A lot of fun and laughter 'warmed' us all up as we shared memories of our favourite (and least favourite!) dishes.

Melanie Avery gave us a quick 'debrief' of her recent most successful A.W.E (Artistic Wearable Expression) Show which showcased local talent and gave exposure to the designers of the wearable art that didn't make the cut for WOW. Our congratulations, and best wishes for her future shows.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thank You for your support of our recent Fun Quiz held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June in Upper Hutt. Proceeds from the evening were \$2000.10 and this will be to the Te Omanga Hospice. The Upper Hutt & Heretaunga Catholic Women's League were delighted with support given by so many in donating prizes, supper, raffles and ticket sales.



**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 7:30-9:00pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Knights Rd, Lower Hutt. Gold coin donation. Sponsored by ANZRATH (Religious & Friends Against Human Trafficking)

**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



**NZ Catholic** The July 15 – 28 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: NZ theologian reflects on Humanae Vitae 50 years on. Jesuit working in Hamilton diocese. Cardinal Dew gives tips on homilies. Ecumenical document accentuates positives. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on July 29.

**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 and George Moen whose anniversary occurs 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** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Church 11:30am

**Weekdays –** Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, Sat 9:30am Liturgy of the Word

**Reconciliation** Please ring for an appointment

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Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
15 <sup>th</sup> July Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time		22 <sup>nd</sup> July Sixteenth Week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Amos 7:12-15	First Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14	Second Reading	Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel	Mark 6:7-13	Gospel	Mark 6:30-34