

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
29th July 2018



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THE DEEP END - Jesus comes to serve

In John's version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger, the great teacher. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'king' Jesus really is. The crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him king'. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship. His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, he takes himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain. It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus' example of leadership is service in today's gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort, that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

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Weekly Collection: \$1,138.20

Meetings in the Parish

Wednesday 1st August – CWL 1.30pm – Pettit Centre

Thursday 2nd August – Grief Support Meeting 7.30pm – OLOG Meeting room

Saturday 4th August – Ladies Group – 1.30pm

Newsletter – It's in colour and with a bigger font - only if you get it by email. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email send us a line to office@olov.org.nz or please write your name and email address on the sheet provided for you at the entrance of the church.



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.



Synod Outcome – Go you are sent to develop a spirituality of service 2(j)
The Archdiocese identifies a variety of models for lay-led scripture study/reflection groups for use in parishes, and assists with the formation of leaders

UNACCOUNTED COLLECTION FUNDS



We received an envelope for the year 2005 with the No. 67 could the person please ring up the office to let us know who they are.

FOUND FUNDS

A small sum of money (a single note) was found sitting on the piano (or the floor by the piano) after Sunday's morning tea in the Pettit Centre several weeks ago. Please phone Grant on 021 466 730 if you think this might be yours. Many thanks."



Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development

As evening falls, Jesus is concerned about feeding all those tired and hungry people, and looks after those who follow him. He wants his disciples to be involved in this. Indeed he says to them: "you give them something to eat". He shows them that the few loaves and fish that they have, by the power of faith and of prayer, can be shared with all of those people....The Lord meets the needs of humankind, but wants to render each one of us a concrete participant in his compassion.
Pope Francis, General Audience August 2016



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION 15th AUGUST

The 15th August marks the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. It is also the Patronal Feast Day of New Zealand, as the country was placed under Mary's. This day is marked as a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. To allow parishioners to celebrate this day there is an additional Mass being celebrated in the Parish. The timetable for the Day

- 9:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church
- 7:30 pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Church

NOTE: This day is also the 3rd Wednesday of the month so the normal **HEALING MASS** in the Pettit Centre will be **cancelled** for this month. There will be a Healing Mass on Thursday 16th August at the Stokeswood Rest Home at 1:30 pm and all parishioners are welcome to attend there.



QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Following is a summary of the financial results for the first quarter of the new financial year. Sadly we have overspent the income for this period by just over \$5,000 for the three months. The overspending has highlighted the need for the Finance Committee to be good stewards of the resources gifted to it by you the parishioners. The Parish can sustain some level of excess spending this is perhaps an opportunity for all to review the level of their gifting to the Parish.

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| Operating Income | | 39,328 |
| Less Expenditure | | |
| Pastoral | 17,805 | |
| Property | 12,102 | |
| Administration | 7,962 | |
| Total Expenditure | | 37,869 |
| Operating Excess | | 1,459 |
| Less Balance Sheet Items | | 6,573 |
| Nett Overspend for Quarter | | (5,114) |

To reduce the impact of break-in in the future the Finance Committee encourage parishioners to make their contributions to the Parish via internet banking. If you would

like to change to Automatic Payments please contact the Parish Office to make this change.

Catholic Women's League welcomes its members and friends to their monthly gathering on Wednesday 1st August at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre. A Raffle and a sales table to raise funds towards the missions will be set up.



Circle of Friendship Ladies Gathering - All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 4 August for fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2 – 4 pm. Ann Peebles will be our guest speaker, talking about her work at the Upper Hutt Citizens Advice Bureau. Everyone is welcome. If you need transport, please ring Melinda on 234 1271. A gold coin donation towards our charities would be appreciated.

Grief Support Meeting

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

Parish Quiz Evening – Move over Bradley Walsh, The Parish Chase event is here. 31st 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.

Passionist Family Group - Parish Lunch - July 15th – was filled with fun and the teenager in quite a few of us emerged. What lovely conversation and fellowship. Rekindling old friendships and making new ones. As we stood around the buffet table groaning under the weight of food, pouting with indecision at all those wonderful dishes there was only one thought, "what can we afford to leave out". Thank you Trish for the catering.

A word of caution to those who missed out – watch out for the next one

Caring Space Quiet Day We offer this breathing space for all those who care for a loved one. Thursday 2nd August 11am – 2pm at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. The cost is \$10, hot drinks are provided please bring your own lunch. Any enquiries and to register please contact Veronica vjpdap@gmail.com or 021 238 6675



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

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO LAUGH AT THEMSELVES
FOR THEY WILL NEVER STOP HAVING FUN**



NZ Catholic July 29 – Aug. 11 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Quake safety risk sees Wellington cathedral closed. Number of marriages declared null in NZ doubles. What is Western Civilisation anyway? Vocations feature. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on August 12.



Mass for those affected by Divorce or Separation Cardinal John invites all those affected by divorce and separation to a special Mass. If you or someone you know has been affected by this, you are invited to join us. When: Thursday 9th August 2018 at 7pm at St Joseph’s Church, Mt Victoria. Hospitality to follow

Feast of the Assumption Wednesday August 15th 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Angels Church – 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. The Choir of St Mary of the Angels will celebrate Vespers for the Feast of the Assumption. The liturgy, which lasts for about 50 minutes, includes Latin psalms, the Gregorian antiphons and Palestrina’s Magnificat. Following that will be a



short, thirty-minute concert of music for the feast, and for the Feast of the Transfiguration, with music by Tallis, Tavener, Victoria, and including Monteverdi’s wonderful setting of ‘Beatus Vir’ with violins, and featuring our own choir soloists: Olivia Webb, Wendy Kale, John Sullivan, Paul Beres and Emmanuel Godinez.

Afternoon of Sacred Songs and Broadway Tunes - 19 August, from 2pm - 4pm, Joe Moorman will be singing at a concert at St. Patrick’s Church, Wainuiomata, to help them raise money for a church hall they’re building. The first half will be Sacred music, and the second half will be Broadway showtunes. Anyone wanting tickets or detailed information can call Alan at 564-6904.

Please remember in prayers, all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently, Athol Currin, Jan Kennedy and John Mooney. We pray also for Jack O’Kane, 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 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

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| Sunday Readings | | Sunday Readings | |
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| 29 th July Seventeenth Week Ordinary Time | | 5 th August Eighteenth Week Ordinary Time | |
| First Reading | 2Kings 4:42-44 | First Reading | Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 |
| Second Reading | Ephesians 4:1-6 | Second Reading | Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 |
| Gospel | John 6:1-15 | Gospel | John 6:24-35 |