

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
**26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**



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**THE DEEP END – Why is it, Lord?**

I once heard the following reflection read out at a first communion:  
'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm? 'Why is it, Lord, that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?'

Sometimes it can be difficult to look beyond the practicalities and see the possibilities. It depends on all sorts of things, from our circumstances to how willing we are to be open to the beauty and deeper meanings in life. We all need a reminder that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists.

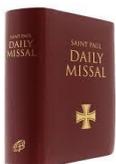
Some of Jesus' followers in today's gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus has been teaching them that he is the living bread. But it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language', and some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life.' Some of the disciples are able to see beyond the obvious.

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Weekly Collection: \$2,193.60

**More volunteers needed for: Greeters Ministry at Stokes Valley for the 8.30 am mass on Sunday** – This involves greeting parishioners or visitors to Sunday Mass. You are required to hand out the newsletter and other material as required.



**Missals** – If you would like a Sunday Missal or a Daily Missal please contact Liz McCaul # 527 3211

**Synod Outcome** Go you are sent as members of One Body 6(f) Parish liturgies and activities involve and reflect their ethnic communities.





**Maori Pastoral Care Appeal** - If you are on automatic payment and you wish to contribute to this appeal, please put your donation in an envelope with the name of the appeal, your planned giving number/or your name and address on the front. This Appeal is vital to the work of the Māori Pastoral Care Vicariate serving and assisting the Māori community and parishes, schools and various groups throughout the Archdiocese. On our website there is a link to a message from Mons. Gerald Burns Vicar for Maori about the appeal.



**Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development** In the family, three words need to be used 'Please', 'Thank you', 'Sorry'. Three essential words! In our families when we are not overbearing and ask: 'May I?'; in our families when we are not selfish and can say: 'Thank you!'; and in our families when someone realizes that he or she did something wrong and is able to say 'Sorry!', our family experiences peace and joy. Let us not be stingy about using these words, but keep repeating them, day after day. Pope Francis

**NEW PARISH LOGO** Thanks to all those who provided feedback to the Parish Council regarding the new logo for Our Lady of the Valleys Parish. Taking the comments etc and indications of support into consideration the Parish Council moved to accept Option D which is displayed here. In some circumstance there may be a need for a border so that Option C would be used for those purposes. Comments from parishioners are invited to be submitted to the Parish Office by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.



**Parish Quiz Evening** Thanks to an overwhelming response, **ALL tickets are now sold** for the Quiz night on 31<sup>st</sup> August at St. Brendan's School Hall, 56 Palmer Cres., Upper Hutt. For those lucky enough to have tickets, doors open at 7:15pm to start at 7:30pm. Please bring a plate, preferably cakes, sandwiches etc. Food not requiring heating would be appreciated.

**Parish Fundraising Raffle** – Raffle tickets for two of our bigger raffles will be on sale at all Masses over the next few Saturdays and Sundays for those parishioners unable to attend the Quiz night. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Prizes include: Two nights' accommodation for 2 people at Tranquillity Bed and Breakfast in Birchville AND three driving lessons with an AA approved driving instructor. Full use of the instructor's car, pick up and drop off to be arranged at the raffle winner's convenience with the instructor. Both to be drawn at the quiz evening on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Enquiries to Debby Morgan 027 450 8979, Mike Dench 021 123 3211, or Prue von Keisenberg 021 252 0223



**CWL** Coffee morning on 29 August at the Silver Stream Bakery at 10 am. All are welcome to join.



**Mass to celebrate St. Margaret Clitherow** - St. Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt on 31<sup>st</sup> August at 11.15am. A shared lunch for Members will follow. 2<sup>nd</sup> September Fundraiser on Father's Day Cake stall at our Lady of Grace – home baking will be welcome. Contact Kathleen on 04 527 4543.



**Holy Hour** You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 28 August beginning at 7.30 pm in the Lecture Room of the Catholic Centre to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence, singing and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.



**Circle of Friendship Ladies Gathering** - All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 1 September for fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2 – 4 pm. We will be sharing our favourite books. Maybe one you've read recently or even some time ago. We will also be holding a book exchange if you have any books you can bear to part with. Everyone is welcome. If you need transport, please ring Melinda on 234 1271. A gold coin donation towards our charities would be appreciated.

**Music Group** Our music group, who play on the 1st and 3rd Sundays every month at the 10.30 a.m. Mass, would love to welcome anyone who plays a musical instrument to join us. Also if you enjoy singing and would like to join us on a Sunday, please come and sit on the music side. We don't aspire to perfection, but to do our best and enjoy what we do in serving the Lord in this music ministry. Either contact the Office or telephone Josephine 5284777.



**Teaching Night @ St Francis de Sales Hall, Island Bay.** Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal on Wednesday 29th August at 7:30pm. Speaker: Michael Powell Theme: Interpretation of Tongues Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship. All welcome.

**Wellington Catholic Social Services** is grateful to all the parishes and groups who contributed household and pantry items; house set-up teams; or sorters and checkers for the August refugee intake. In partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Wellington and the Red Cross, communities of our Archdiocese contributed to setting up 14 homes for 30 former refugees settling in Wellington. The next refugee intake will be in the week of 7-12 October. If you are able to assist with coordinating a household or pantry pack, a house set-up team, or can volunteer some hours to sort and pack goods, please contact [refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz) or call 04-385-8642.



**LIFEFEST 2018:** A one day event providing young people, 13 years +, with important tools to build a new culture of life into the future! Amazing overseas speakers. Formation – Food – Prayer - Prizes. Well worth the trip to Auckland. \$20 Thursday 4 OCTOBER: 9 am to 9 pm. Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. ALSO: cheap accommodation available for those travelling

a distance for the nights of the 3rd and 4th Oct. For more info or to book the accommodation email: [clare.fli@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clare.fli@xtra.co.nz) txt: 021 2317954

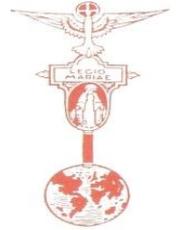
**Message from Cardinal John** Many of you will already be aware that a national Catholic men's event called **MAX18NZ** will be held over the weekend of September 28 – 30 at Kings College Auckland. This event has been jointly organised by our NZ Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship and menALIVE from Brisbane. The event is intended to reach out to the broad cross-section of ordinary men in our parishes. Its purpose is to encourage them to encounter



Jesus in their lives, to grown in their faith and become better husbands, fathers, friends and workmates. The calibre of speakers from both New Zealand and Australia is impressive and the event promises to be very enriching for those men who can attend.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is fully supportive of this event and has made a sum of money available to the organisers so that any men who find themselves unable to attend the event because of cost can be subsidised to attend. I too personally support this wonderful opportunity for the Catholic men of this country and urge you all to do what you can to promote the event in your parishes and pastoral areas. All details are available on the event website [www.max18nz.info](http://www.max18nz.info) or by phoning Jim Gribble on 027 249 5378.

**The Legion of Mary** invite you to a talk on Mary, Our Advocate, on Sunday 2nd September given by Father Linus Clovis, Archdiocesan Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary in St Lucia. Venue: St Patrick's Church, 3 Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Time: 2 pm All welcome.  
 Monday 3rd September: Father Clovis will give a talk on Mary and Motherhood especially for mothers at Our Lady of Fatima Church, cnr Main Rd and Lyndhurst St., Tawa Time: 10 am.



**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, Ronald Haycock and Athol Currin. We pray also for Anton Van Dorrestein, John Byrne, Margaret and Catherine O'Connor and those whose anniversaries 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

<b>St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga</b>	Terry	528 6313
	Petone Shop	568 6408
<b>St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley</b>	Gordon	938 2750
	Stokes Valley Shop	563 9278

<b>Sunday Readings</b>		<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> August Twenty First Week Ordinary Time		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. Twenty Second week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18	First Reading	Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
Second Reading	Ephesians 5:21-32	Second Reading	James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel	John 6:60-69	Gospel	Mark &:1-8 14-15, 21-23

**GOD ANSWERS IN 3 WAYS:**  
 He says yes and gives you what you want.  
 He says no and gives you something better.  
 He says wait and gives you the best.

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