

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



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**THE DEEP END – Old wives' tale**

Growing up, did the adults in your life tell you any stories about food?

- Eating carrots helps you see in the dark.
- Crusts will make your hair curly.
- Spinach makes you strong.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

These wise old sayings, passed down through the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Some even had an element of truth. Nowadays we can establish the accuracy of such claims at the touch of a button, but many parents still find themselves trotting out these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up as strong, healthy and happy as possible. There is a huge focus these days on healthy eating and having a physically healthy lifestyle. Mental health is also being spoken about more and more. Nourishing one's mind and keeping it healthy is just as important as fuelling the body. Both of these are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime.

When it comes to the life beyond this one, Jesus talks about a different type of food – food that endures to eternal life. It is this bread, Jesus himself, that gives meaning to our work and our struggles here on earth. As Jesus tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' Let us not forget to nourish our spirit.

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Weekly Collection: \$1,317.00

**Meetings in the Parish**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Men's Group 5.30pm – Silverstream Bowling Club

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August – St. Vincent de Paul – SV – 7pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Parish Finance Committee – 7.30 pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August Henley Group Mid winter dinner at Hutt's home

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August O'Leary Group Scones at Paddy's home



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Last Sunday the Parish held its Annual General Meeting in the Pettit Centre. Thanks to all those who attended. We trust that you found it informative and positive. At the meeting suggestions for future action

for the Parish Council were proposed and these will be discussed at future meetings of the Parish Council.

At the Meeting a number of Parish Councillors were standing down as their two year term was completed. Those not seeking re-election were our current Chairperson John Benvenuti, Barbara Aukusitino, Sally Armitage, and Nick Lee-Frampton. Mena Aukuso had earlier resigned from the Council when she left the area to move overseas. We thank them for the contribution to the life of the Parish over their tenure on the Parish Councils of Our Lady of Grace Parish, St Francis Xavier Parish and latterly Our Lady of the Valleys Parish.

Two other Parish Councillors' terms were completed and were nominated for re-election. These were John O'Malley and Prue von Keisenburg. These were joined by three other nominations from the Parish, being Victoria Aukusitino, Tiana Sio and Conor Healy.

As there were more vacancies than nominations it was proposed that the five nominated people be appointed to the Parish Council. This was passed by the meeting. The new Parish Council will be formally commissioned as a body at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August.



## NEW PARISH LOGO

Over the past few months the Parish Council has been working on a new Parish logo to better reflect the coming together as One Parish -Two Churches the Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys. Recently at the last Parish Council meeting the results of this work was presented in the tabling of two basic designs



for a new logo. The chosen logo will be used on stationery, letterheads, and publications These were displayed at the Annual General Meeting and comments were invited. The two basic logos are on display in the foyer of both churches and you are invited to send your comments into the Parish Office on your preference and/or suggestions.



## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

The 15<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> August at the Stokeswood Rest Home at 1:30 pm and all parishioners are welcome to attend there.



## ***Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development***

If we look around, we realize that there are so many offers of food which do not come from the Lord and which appear to be more satisfying. Some nourish themselves with money, others with success and vanity, others with power and pride. But the food that truly nourishes and satiates us is only that which the Lord gives us. Pope Francis: Homily on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi 2014



## 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.

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.

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

**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.



**Parish Fundraising Raffle** – A parishioner has kindly donated a raffle of 2 nights accommodation for 2 people at Tranquility Bed and Breakfast in Birchville to be drawn at the quiz evening on 31<sup>st</sup> August. To enable parishioners unable to attend the quiz evening to purchase tickets they will be on sale at all Masses over the next few Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

**Cardinal’s Lunch** To be held on 8<sup>th</sup> 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



**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 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7pm at St Joseph’s Church, Mt Victoria. Hospitality to follow



**Vigil for the Unborn:** Saturday 18th August. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12.00 p.m. Come-Pray-Sacrifice for the Unborn and a Culture of Life in NZ. For more information contact Family Life International NZ PH: 2378343

**Feast of the Assumption** Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 includes Latin psalms, the Gregorian antiphons and Palestrina’s Magnificat. Following will be a short, thirty-minute concert of music 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.

**Enabling Communities: Social Justice Week workshops** - hosted by Caritas and the Wellington Archdiocese JPD Commission. An interactive workshop on disability and participation. Saturday 18 August, 10am – 3pm, St Francis Xavier school hall, 69 Main Road, Tawa, Wellington. Free entry, koha is welcomed and lunch provided. Register by emailing [joannav@caritas.org.nz](mailto:joannav@caritas.org.nz) or call 04 496 1782. NZSL interpreters are available



**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 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** 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

**Pastoral Council Chairperson**

John Benvenuti

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Terry

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Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
5 <sup>th</sup> August Eighteenth Week Ordinary Time		12 <sup>th</sup> August Nineteenth Week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15	First Reading	1 Kings 19:4-8
Second Reading	Ephesians 4:17, 20-24	Second Reading	Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Gospel	John 6:24-35	Gospel	John 6:41-51

**Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. – Francis of Assisi**