

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
2nd September 2018



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THE DEEP END – ‘Every Generous Action is a gift from God’

The second reading today reminds us that as Christians we are called to put our faith into practice; every generous action is a gift from God. St James speaks of the word that is planted within each of us and through that word we are sent out to work together for a more just world. From 1 September until the Feast of St Francis on 4 October Christian churches are encouraged to celebrate the Season of Creation. This is an annual celebration of prayer and action inviting us to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth and the environmental destruction which threatens our world. The theme this year is ‘Walking Together’. As pilgrims, let us walk together to awaken again to the wonder of the Earth, our common home, and the web of life which it shelters.

In the gospel Jesus tells the Pharisees that it is what comes out of a person that defiles a person, emphasising how through our actions we show what is in our heart. Let us encourage one another during this Season of Creation by praying with and for creation; encouraging small actions in our homes and parishes to try to live more sustainable lives.

‘God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things. From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night’.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 85

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Prayerful best wishes to all those who fill the role of father in our Parish families.



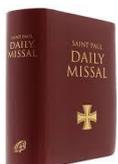
Meetings in the Parish

Tuesday 4th Sept – Men's Group 5:30pm – Silverstream Bowling Club

Wednesday 5th Sept – CWL 1:30pm – Pettit Centre

Thursday 6th Sept – Music Group 7:30 pm – OLOG Church

Saturday 8th Sept – Nixon PFG meal at Silver Palace – Tricia # 563 6507



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

Columban Calendars for 2019 –In **Limited** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



Have you considered going on the Planned Giving system. You can do this by automatic Payment or the weekly envelope system. Your donations entitle you to a 33% tax rebate and a receipt will be provided to you at the end of the financial year. If you have any enquiries please ring the Parish office on 972 4282

Synod Outcome Go you are sent to your own peripheries 7(f) Parishes and schools work closely together to reach those on the peripheries in the Catholic community.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin on Wednesday the 24th October at 7:30 in the Meeting Room of Our Lady of Grace Church in Heretaunga. This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program please join us on the 30th August or phone: Fr Tony 972 4282 or Liz McCaul 527 3211

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 16th September.



QUIZ NIGHT



A great time was had by all who took part in the **Fun and Fundraising QUIZ NIGHT** event on Friday at St Brendan's School Hall. The evening was abuzz with laughter, answers (both right and wrong), great companionship and merry-making.

The winning table was *Ligourice Allsorts* with a score of 66 and the consolation prize went to table *A Tribe Called Blessed* with 37. Winners of the major raffles run in conjunction with the Quiz Night went to **Ticket**

Orange C28 Paul Yutter for the Tranquillity Resort stay and **Ticket Green E39 to Maria** for the Driving Lessons. Congratulation to all the winners of the other raffles drawn on the night.

Thanks to all those on the **FUN AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** who organised the event and the associated raffles, and made it such as a grand success. Along with the fun raised a provisional total of over \$2,000 was collected to help pay off the CDF loan.

The Parish would also like to acknowledge the support of local business whose sponsorship and donated services/products helped us make our total.

Look forward to seeing you again at next year's Quiz, and at the next **fun and fund raising** event later this year.

NZ Catholic Aug. 26 – Sept. 8 issue is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishops to meet Pope. Celebrity chef priest coming to NZ. New qualification on leadership and Catholic culture. Naming the next generation of Catholics



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.



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 txt: 021 2317954

The Bach Choir of Wellington - 3pm Saturday 15th Sept. - St Andrew's on The Terrace
The choir's second concert in its 50th anniversary year, and the first concert under its new Musical Director, Shawn Condon, is a concert of "two halves".



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 or by phoning Jim Gribble on 027 249 5378.

Please remember in prayers, all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray for those who have died recently, Vernon O'Sullivan, Joan Patton, and James Casey. We pray also for those 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

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	
2 nd Sept. Twenty Second week Ordinary		9 th Sept. Twenty Third week Ordinary	
Time		Time	
First Reading	Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8	First Reading	Isaiah 35: 4-7
Second Reading	James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27	Second Reading	James 2: 1-5
Gospel	Mark &:1-8 14-15, 21-23	Gospel	Mark 7:31-37