

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
9th September 2018



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THE DEEP END – Ephphatha

In today's gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment, unable to hear or speak God's word of truth. Jesus says ephphatha, which means 'be opened!' Immediately this man was healed.

During this Season of Creation we are all urged to listen to the cry of the earth. Scientists are now telling us that unless drastic action is taken we will lose the battle against the environmental destruction which this world is faced with. The worldwide heatwave and drought which we experienced this summer is one example of how our planet is under pressure. Yet change is possible. All it takes is one good person to restore hope. As followers of Christ we have a duty to lead the way in caring for God's beautiful creation. What prevents us from hearing these messages? We can be cynical and say that the issue is too big, that it is up to governments to sort out. Ephphatha! We start where we are and do what we can. This week can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? A very simple action is to reduce the use of plastic by buying a reusable water bottle or coffee cup which removes so much waste from landfills and sends a powerful message. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. Ephphatha! Let us all be open to this call to care for our common home. (You can find out more at www.seasonofcreation.org)

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Weekly Collection: **\$1,355.00**

Meetings in the Parish

Tuesday 11th Sept – St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga – 7pm

Thursday 13th Sept – Parish Finance Committee

Every Wednesday Silver Swallows Extension and Movement Classes – 9.30 am at the Pettit Centre – Gold coin donation

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 fellow Christians 9(a) The Archdiocese and parishes actively promote more interaction and partnership with other churches, particularly in action on social issues and joint worship.



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.



Circle of Friendship Last Saturday we gathered to speak about books we have enjoyed, books we wished to recommend, or just to listen to others sharing their love of books. Our table of free books was so popular we have decided to make it a regular attraction, where any books can be donated or taken by attendees. There was a range of genre from childhood favourites, history, biographies, religious, gardening, fiction and non-fiction covering a wide range of tastes and interests. As you can imagine this generated much interesting discussion and 'sharing'!! Thanks to all who came along and enjoyed each others company.

We also circulate a prayer card where anyone can write their requests for special intentions to be taken to our Tuesday evening Prayer group.

Our gold coin entry donation was forwarded to our church funds this month.



Holmes Group – 16th September – Days Bay Pavilion afternoon tea at 2 pm
PFG 25th Anniversary Mass on Sunday 30th September at 10.30 am at OLOG and then a shared lunch.

St. Brendan's School Year 3/4 children have been learning about recycling etc. The school is to run a sewing bee to make boomerang bags on Tuesday 11th September at St.Brendan's School Hall from 1:00- 3:00pm All you need is to bring your sewing machine and a smile. Materials and thread provided. Come along and sew a boomerang bag and create a useable cloth shopping bag. Any questions contact Chris Pullan 0224369391 at St. Brendan's School.



St Patrick's College Art Exhibition, Kilbirnie, 6.30pm-9.30pm 21 September 2018 Tickets are on sale now on Eventfinda or from the College for this much anticipated event (contact spcpa1885@outlook.com or phone 939 9070). Tickets are \$25 and include light refreshments. This is a great night out to view or purchase high-quality art by more than 30 established and upcoming artists.



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 a grand success. Along with the fun raised a provisional total of \$3,032.90 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 The Sept. 9 – 22 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Cardinal Dew in Ireland. Forgiveness is essential, Francis tells families. Involving God in our significant life decisions. Catholic 1st XV's take out premierships. 



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

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.

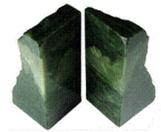


The Nano Nagle Charitable Trust was established in NZ by the Presentation Sisters and friends of Nano in 2009 to support children unable to attend a Catholic School due financial constraints. To apply for aid email nanonagletrust@gmail.com.

A fund raising Movie evening 'Christopher Robin' on Sunday 30th September at 5pm at the Lighthouse, Petone. Tickets \$20 are available from Sr. Fran 04 9737381 or Joe 027 5335442. Tickets also available after 5.30 Mass St Francis Xavier Church Sat. 8th September.

Vigil for the Unborn Saturday 15th September. 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

Greenstone Doors is holding a Movie Night Fundraiser 17th September arrival from 5pm, movie starts 6pm \$20 per ticket. Join us at the The Lighthouse Cinema in Petone to see "Leave No Trace". To book tickets please contact greenstonedoors15@gmail.com or 0272549222



Greenstone
Doors



Please remember in prayer all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray for those who have died recently, Matthew So'Otago, Ani Morris, 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	
9 th Sept. Twenty Third week Ordinary Time		16 th Sept/ Twenty Fourth week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Isaiah 35: 4-7	First Reading	Isaiah 50: 5-9
Second Reading	James 2: 1-5	Second Reading	James 2: 14-18
Gospel	Mark 7:31-37	Gospel	Mark 8:27-35



**16th September 2018 - 10.30 am
at OLOG – All are invited**