

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
16th September 2018**



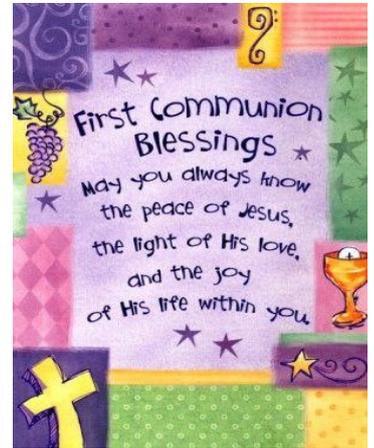
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*Welcome to our First Holy Communion.
Congratulations to the following who will be receiving
Holy Communion today for their first time.*

William Bassett, Ryland Blackwell, Jacob Chard, Ruby Coffey-Duffin, James Coulon, Cooper de Greve, Amelie Denston, Joshua Flannery, Benjamin Foster, Payden Fox, Declan Gotlieb, Benjamin Grout, Isabella Hartzuiker, Matthew Heeran, Grace Hills, Noah Hohua, Joshua Lamb, Riley McKenzie, Ruby McKenzie, Austen Maraku, Preston Maraku, Millie Noyes, Mason Parr, Addison Potter, Keltia Robinson-Reidy, Huntar Sammons, , Lachlan Saul, Thomas Stowers, Maximu s Tararo, John-Pallid Tufue, Hayden Walker, Scarlett Walker, Amy Watterson, Jack Watterson, Olivia Whiteman, Leith Wonnacott



Thanks to Father, the Leaders, Parents and Caregivers for bringing the children this far on their faith journey. We pray that as you help to continue your child's faith journey that you are also filled with the joy of the Lord.



Weekly Collection: **\$1362**



in the Parish

Wednesday 19th Sept – Mass with Anointing at 11am in the Pettit Centre.
There will be no 9 am Mass at OLOG on that day

Thursday 20th Sept – Mass with Anointing at 1.30 pm at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV

Thursday 20th Sept – Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm

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.





THE DEEP END - 'I, by my works, will show you my faith'

'What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?' These are the words of St James in the second reading today, and in the gospel Jesus speaks quite sternly to Peter: 'The way you think is not God's way but man's...'

This is a reminder for us all to check what path we are walking. Jesus' path was radically different to what people of his time expected of a Messiah. It was a path that would lead to much sacrifice. Being a Christian today means being counter-cultural and making sacrifices for a greater good.

As we walk together through this Season of Creation can we as a parish lead by example and show our commitment to caring for the earth? The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. We can be proud that in July Ireland became the first country in the world to divest from fossil fuels. This is a good news story. As parishes can we join with the eco-groups in our community to rejoice in the good gift of creation, to share eco-stories and hear other good news of what is already happening. Perhaps you can explore becoming an 'eco-parish'? (<http://eccongregationireland.com>) This is an issue that the Church can link with the wider community and offer a space to dialogue and pray. The gospel today urges us to walk God's ways not man's.

'I wish to address every person living on this planet ... to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home ... The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life.'

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 3,23

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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 24st October or phone: Fr Tony 972 4282 or Liz McCaul 527 3211



Altar Serving training for both SV and OLOG is to be held on Sunday 23rd of September after the 10.30am mass at Our Lady of Grace church.

To register interest or for any questions, please contact Conor Healy via email conorhealy26@gmail.com or Ph 528 7395

Passionist Family Group 25th Anniversary Mass on Sunday 30th September at 10.30 am at OLOG and then a shared lunch.



St Vincent de Paul (both Heretaunga and Stokes Valley conferences) will be celebrating the Saint's Feast day at 10.30 Mass on Sunday, 23rd September.

As usual, members will be fully participating in the Mass and will receive a special blessing from Fr Tony. There will be a retiring collection in the foyer. Tax receipts will be sent out for donations in plain envelopes marked with a planned giving number.

St Brendan's School Gala is fast approaching and on the lookout for a couple of extra helpers to set up (afternoon, November 3rd) and on the day, November 4th. If you can spare a few hours, please contact the school office to register your interest. We're also looking for families or businesses who might be in a position to sponsor a hamper or meat pack for our rapid raffles. Your sponsorship would help purchase the hampers which would then be raffled on the day. If this sounds like something you could assist with, please don't hesitate to get in touch on ptf@stbrendans.school.nz and we'll get back in touch with you. We are grateful for all the help around the gala and are really looking forward to making it the best one yet!!



Catholic Marriage Preparation course 'Love is a Decision'

Bookings are open now for the final two marriage preparation courses for 2018. The ADW Marriage Preparation Course 'Love is a Decision' will be run in Wellington on October 7 & 14 and November 18 & 25. Courses for 2019 start again in March. Please contact Felicity Giltrap at the Family and Young Church Office (04) 496 1719 or marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz for more information or to book for a course.

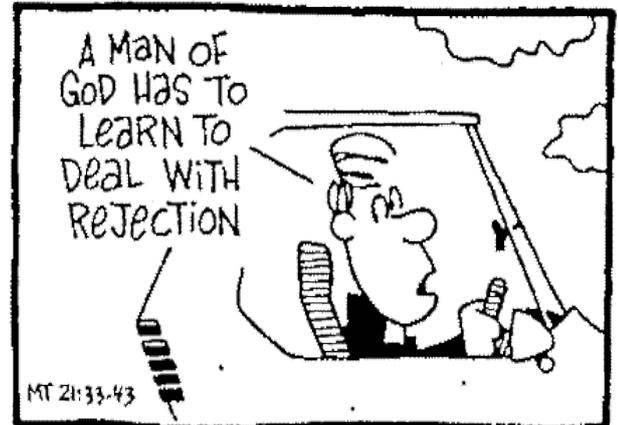
St Patrick's College Art Exhibition, Kilbirnie, 6.30pm-9.30pm 21 September 2018 Tickets are on sale now on Eventfinda or from the College for this much anticipated event (contact sppca1885@outlook.com or phone 939 9070). Tickets are \$25 and include light refreshments. This is a great night out to view or purchase high-quality art by more than 30 established and upcoming artists.



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.





Synod Outcome Go you are sent to accompany one another 10(b) Involving young people in service to others is a priority, underpinned by formation in a “spirituality of service”.

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 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.

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



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, Anni 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 | |
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| 16 th Sept Twenty Fourth week Ordinary Time | | 23 rd Sept Twenty Fifth week Ordinary Time | |
| First Reading | Isaiah 50: 5-9 | First Reading | Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 |
| Second Reading | James 2: 14-18 | Second Reading | James 3:16-4:3 |
| Gospel | Mark 8:27-35 | Gospel | Mark 9:30-37 |