

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
23rd September 2018



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THE DEEP END – How to welcome the child

In today's gospel Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si', 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come? Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 25

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Weekly Collection: **\$1312.40**



in the Parish

Tuesday 25th Sept. – Saint Vincent de Paul, Heretaunga – 7pm at OLOG
Thursday 27th Sept – Parish Liturgy 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.



Synod Outcome Go you are sent to support marriage and families 11 (d)
The Archdiocese provides a point of contact for those in a troubled marriage who are seeking professional help
Contact; Fleur D'Souza (MNZC) 04 385 8642



Wednesday Coffee morning at Silverstream Bakery – due to the popularity of our 5th Wednesday “get-togethers” at Silverstream Bakery it has been decided to meet every last Wednesday of the month. Come and join us at 10am on Wednesday 26th September at Silverstream Bakery. All welcome – men and women!



Passionist Family Group 25th Anniversary Mass on Sunday 30th September at 10.30 am at OLOG and then a shared lunch. Please bring a plate along if you can.



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 24th October at 7:30 in the Meeting Room of Our Lady of Grace Church, 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

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.



Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development

To see children looking us in the eye is an experience we have all had. It touches our hearts and requires us to examine our consciences. Let us work together, then, so that we will always have the right, the courage and the joy to be able to look into the eyes of the children of our world.

Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 September from 7.30 pm in Viard House, Cathedral presbytery, 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.



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 grow 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.



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.

Healing Service Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae this Thursday 27 September beginning at 7.30 pm. Bring all those who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome.



Vigil Mass for canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980): Archbishop Romero will be canonized on 14 October in Rome. He was noted for his defence of the poor, and human rights during times of great social conflict in El Salvador. He was assassinated while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980. To mark the canonization, a thanksgiving Mass with Mons. Gerard Burns at the Home of Compassion chapel Island Bay, 5pm, Saturday 13 October.

The Sept. 23 – Oct. 6 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Headlines are: NZ bishops write letter of support to Pope. Changing pew dwellers into missionary disciples. Candles set Auckland church statue on fire. St Peter’s College wins national 1st XV title.

Teaching Night @ St Anne’s Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown by Catholic Charismatic Renewal on Wednesday 26th September, at 7:30pm. Speaker: Fr John Rea Theme: The gift of healing. Evening includes Praise & Worship, group discussion and fellowship.



Bishop Viard College 50th Jubilee Present and past students and staff are preparing to celebrate this important college milestone on 19-21 October. The college extends a warm welcome to all past students, staff, board of trustees, parents and friends of Bishop Viard to join us for all or part of the weekend. Details of our programme are on the college website along with the registration form <https://www.viard.school.nz>.

Ecclesia Dei (Latin Mass) Society of NZ Retreat on Friday 5 October to Sunday 7 October 2018 at The Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington
Bishop Basil Meeking, Emeritus Bishop of Christchurch, will lead the retreat and he will give three inspiring talks: It is the Mass that Matters: (1) Calvary Continued; (2) God Feeds us; (3) One Church, One Eucharist. The Latin Mass will be offered each day with Rosary, devotions, Adoration, Reconciliation and time for meditation.
Full retreat with all meals \$250.00; Day attendance (no meals or accommodation) \$40.00 - other options also available. Contact: Neil Coup 04 589 6924, Jan Curran 07 838 2646, Email janetcurran@jtcurren.co.nz

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, and Joan Patton. We pray for Gerry Blom and 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	
23 rd Sept Twenty Fifth week Ordinary Time		30th Sept Twenty Sixth week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20	First Reading	Numbers 11:25-29
Second Reading	James 3:16-4:3	Second Reading	James 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37	Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48