

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
30th September 2018



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THE DEEP END – Be tolerant

In the second reading from St James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on to the gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down 'the little ones'. It is a lesson in tolerance. As we approach the end of this annual celebration of the Season of Creation let today's gospel be a call to care for the weak and vulnerable. Through our exploitation of the earth's goods it is the poorest of the world who suffer. Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be stewards of creation, to connect more deeply with the wonderful world around us, to take action against all that threatens our natural environment.

In a few days we celebrate the Feast of St Francis (4 October), patron saint of ecology. Perhaps by hosting a blessing for animals, a local clean up, trying to go plastic free, we can mark this special time in some way and embrace our role as stewards of creation.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.'

Laudato Si', 245

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Weekly Collection: **\$1,776**



IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 2nd Oct. – Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club – 5.30 pm
Wednesday 3rd Oct – Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre – 1.30 pm
Saturday 6th Oct – Circle of Friendship – Pettit Centre – 2 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 build community- 12(d)
Continuing to strengthen the relationship and practical cooperation between parish and schools is a priority.

St Vincent de Paul Heretaunga now have Christmas cards for sale which will be available at the 10.30 mass on Sundays and priced at \$3 per packet of five. They will also be available at the Parish Office.



Passionist Family group We welcome National Directors Mary Ellen and John Leer to the Parish and for joining us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary.

**PASSIONIST
FAMILY GROUP
MOVEMENT**



PARISH LOGO

Over the past few months a period of consultation with the Parish was undertaken on a new logo for the Parish that would reflect the movement of the Parish as *One Parish - Two Churches* since our establishment as a new parish in 2015. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who provided comments and thoughts on the new logo. At the August meeting of the Council the Parish Council recommended the attached new logo, asking for comments etc., with the intention to make a decision at the September meeting. At the Parish Council last week, taking all the responses in to consideration the Parish Council formally adopted the new logo for use in the Parish. Over the weeks/months ahead the new logo will be implemented. Once again thanks to all those who contributed to the new design.

Circle of Friendship Ladies Gathering All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 6 October for fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2 – 4 pm. Our guest speaker this month will be Trish Hanaray, who has just celebrated 60 years as a Brigidine sister. She will talk about her religious life, and becoming a teacher and school principal. Everyone is welcome. If you need transport, please ring Melinda on 234 1271. A gold coin donation towards our charities would be appreciated.



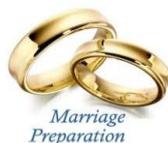
GRIEF SUPPORT A Grief Support Group meeting is scheduled for the **first Thursday of October (4th October) at 7:30pm** in the Meeting Room in Our Lady of Grace Church in Heretaunga. All interested parties are welcome to attend to see how we can support those in the parish who may be experiencing a season of grieving. Any enquiries please contact the Presbytery.

ROSARY AOTEAROA Parishes and Groups are being encouraged to gather together around the country on 7th October at 3pm, to pray the rosary for ourselves, our Church and our Nation. So if you can, let's gather together in Our Lady Of Grace Church on Sunday 7th October at 3 pm and have this time of Prayer.



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

Anointing of the Sick is not exclusively for those at the point of death; it is available to all who are ill, undergoing surgery or other medical treatment and it can be received more than once. Please inform Fr Tony or the Parish office if you know of anyone sick and would like to receive the Sacrament or just a visit.



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 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. We are grateful for all the help around the gala.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR THANKS

190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity for them to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering. In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life. Thank you to you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.



National Assembly
of Diocesan Priests 2018



LIFEFEST 2018: A one day event providing young people, 13 years +, with important tools to build a new culture of life into the future! 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 info or to book email: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz txt: 021 2317954

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.



Stewardship Retreat Gift yourself a time of reflection and join Cardinal John and the Stewardship team at the annual Stewardship Retreat, to be held at Sacred Heart Church Petone, Britannia St from 9.30am-3.45pm on Saturday 27 October, 2018. Register by emailing a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 496 5182.

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>.



Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon: Non-Residential Retreat, 12-16 November, 9.30am - 4.00pm daily; *Reflection Day*, Saturday 24 November, 9.30am - 4.00pm. Contact Fr Brian Cummings SM [bgcumings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz) or 021 703 580.

Engaged Encounter About to get Married? Could you successfully run a marathon without preparing for it? Of course not!

So too marriage. The next opportunity to prepare for your lifetime of marriage on an Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation course is 3rd & 4th November. For more information phone Kate and Simon on 801 6192 or visit our website www.cee-wellington.co.nz



Marriage Encounter Weekend offers couples an experience of loving communication they can use for the rest of their lives. It's a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is 9-11 November at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Phone 0800362686 or go to the website <http://www.marriageencounter.org.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. 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@jcurran.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, Jim Judge, Matthew So'Otaga, Vernon O'Sullivan, and Joan Patton. We pray also for those whose anniversary occurs around this time Michelle Fairfield (3rd Oct) – 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	
30 th Sept Twenty Sixth week Ordinary Time		7 th Oct Twenty Seventh week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Numbers 11:25-29	First Reading	Genesis 2:18-24
Second Reading	James 5:1-6	Second Reading	Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	Gospel	Mark 10:2-16