

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
14th October 2018



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THE DEEP END – Will I miss it?

As I write this, I am in the middle of moving house. As anyone who has ever moved house will know, it can be an exhausting and stressful time. There are boxes to be filled and labelled, furniture to be lifted and transported, and rooms to be cleaned. There are things to throw in the bin or skip, and trips to the recycling centre and charity shop. And there are a bucket load of emotions that go with the whole process, particularly when it comes to those decisions over what is worth holding onto, and what can be let go. Many an item I've regarded in recent weeks, agonising over whether it needs to make the journey with me. My motto has become 'Will I miss it if I get rid of it?' A friend of mine swears by the 'KonMari' method of decluttering, which advises asking yourself whether or not an item 'brings you joy'. Such are the practical considerations we deal with in life, particularly at pivotal times such as moving home, moving in with a partner, when a child flies the nest, or after a loved one passes away. While we may not be people 'of great wealth' like the man in today's gospel, most of us accumulate a great deal of possessions over a lifetime. Some of it is necessary, but much of it is superfluous. If it came down to it, how much could we let go of? What good will our earthly treasures do us, in the long run?

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Weekly Collection: **\$1,447.20**



IN THE PARISH

Wednesday 17th Oct. – Filipino Community at OLOG – 7 pm

Wednesday 17th Oct – Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre – 11 am there will be **NO** 9 am mass in the Church

Thursday 18th Oct – Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, Stokes Valley – 1.30 pm please note there will be **NO** 9.30 am mass at SFX

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.



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.

SYNOD OUTCOME Go you are sent to the peripheries of society 1(f) The people of the Archdiocese collectively deepen their understanding of the "nature of the 'peripheries'" - where, what, who and why.

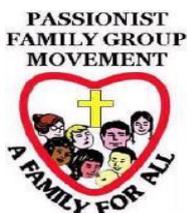


NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

During the month of November, it is our custom to remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated in the Parish during November. A box is also available to collect specific requests for Masses to be said for their intentions. On All Souls Day, November 2nd, a Special Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in St Francis Xavier Church, at 7:30pm for the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months. All are welcome to attend.

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.



Henley Group Movie night - details to be advised

Grace Family Group to visit Melinda & Stan Wishnowsky for afternoon tea at Whitby Lakes Retirement Village, 1 Newhaven Way, Whitby on Sunday afternoon 21 October at 2 pm. If everyone could bring a small plate tea and coffee will be supplied.

RSVPs to Melinda at wishmel@xtra.co.nz

Circle of Friendship Sister Trish Hanaray entertained our group of 32 women last Saturday with her life story as a Benedictine Nun. From her early years as eldest of 6 children, to her recent celebration of 60 years as a Nun. There was much interest in her talk, and questions and chatter followed.

We wish her well in her work in the community, and will forward a donation to her cause. Next month those who wish to participate may 'share' (show and tell?) their hobbies, pastimes or sports interests. All welcome!



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

Stewardship Breakfast and talk by **Cardinal John**. Saturday 10th Nov. 7.15am for 7.30(start) to 9.00am. Venue: Angus Inn 5 Cornwall St. Lower Hutt. Cost \$22.50. Registrations a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz by Tues. 6th Nov. Please specify any dietary requirements.



Walking group Hooray, daylight saving is here and our walking group can resume! From Thursday 18th October at 7pm we meet outside our church for a 45+ min walk. All welcome:-)



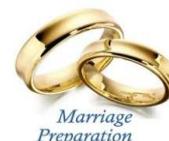
“With the Youth we proclaim the Gospel”

Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Pontifical Mission Societies (MISSION NZ) Appeal. This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis’ call to be a part of mission especially to the many youth of today, and how we can support mission globally. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.



Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development God's reign is already present on our earth in mystery. When the Lord comes, it will be brought to perfection. That is the hope that inspires Christians. We know that every effort to better society, especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us! Archbishop Romero March 24, 1980 in the homily delivered moments before his death

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 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.

St Pats Old Boys Association Mix & Mingle Calling all 'Town' and 'Stream' Old Boys, please attend our Mix and Mingle. Friday 2nd November 2018, 6.00PM The Boatshed, Wellington. Cash bar, Continuous food, \$60 Entry by ticket only. Go to our facebook page for details. Guest Speakers: Jamie Williams & Will Williams of the Wellington Hospitality Group. We will also be announcing our 2018 Old Boy of the Year.



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.

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 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 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>



Billings Ovulation Method Teacher training and upskilling Seminars 2018 Sat 3rd - Sun 4th November, Mercy Conference Centre, Thorndon, Wellington. Please contact: Alicia Reeves info@billingslife.org.nz or phone: 0800 693 378



NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Tap and Go church fundraiser a first. Call for radical reshaping of Church governance. The Vatican's deal with China. Launching the next generation of saints.

A Caring Space Led by Gill Schaap and Veronica Parton at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, on Saturday 3rd November; 11am – 2pm. Cost \$10. Hot drinks provided, bring your own lunch. Any enquires and to register contact Veronica Parton 021 238 6675 or email vjpdap@gmail.com

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**.



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, Maria La Grutta, Lyn Burt, Jim Judge, Matthew So'Otaga, Vernon O'Sullivan, Joan Patton and Anni Morris. 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	
14 th Oct Twenty Eighth week Ordinary Time		21 st Oct Twenty Ninth week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Wisdom 7:7-11	First Reading	Isaiah 53:10-11
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:12-13	Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel	Mark 10:17-30	Gospel	Mark 10:35-45