

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
21st October 2018



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THE DEEP END – Your mission ...

Tom Cruise is no stranger to performing outrageous stunts. He has scaled buildings, clung to sheer rock faces, and dangled out of helicopters, all in the name of entertainment, and his movies are all the better and more realistic for it. Time and time again, the daredevil actor has pushed himself to his limits, and his methods succeed in shaking audiences out of their ennui and transporting them to a world where anything is possible. In the latest Mission Impossible film, he broke his ankle while filming a rooftop leap, but true to form he simply kept on running.

What has a movie star got to do with Mission Sunday? This day is set aside every October to encourage us all to reflect on the mission we have been given to spread the gospel. For some brave men and women, this involves leaving their home and travelling abroad, building up the Church in challenging and sometimes dangerous circumstances. For all of us, it involves an attempt to live out the teachings of Jesus and spread the good news, whatever our situation in life. It takes courage, and sometimes we need to push ourselves to our limits, beyond our comfort zones. Though we stumble and things can get difficult – we have doubts perhaps, or are ridiculed for our faith or lifestyle – we do our best to keep on going.

The Mission Impossible movies each include the instruction: 'Your mission, should you choose to accept it...' This Mission Sunday, we are called to make a choice. Will we choose to play our part in the Church's missionary work?

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Weekly Collection: **\$1,311.90**



IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 23rd Oct. – St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga – 7 pm
Thursday 25th Oct. – 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.



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(h) in responding to needs at the peripheries priority is given to: formation in the Social Teaching of the Church



FR PAUL FINLAYSON SSC – COMING TO THE PARISH Recently Cardinal John Dew asked me if I would provide accommodation in the Heretaunga Presbytery for Father Paul Finlayson SSC. Fr Paul is a Columban Missionary Society priest associated with the community in Lower Hutt who has recently returned from working in the Philippines for the past 20 or so years. He will be moving into the presbytery in the next week or so after attending to some meetings with his Columban fraternity. Fr Paul's time with the Parish will be chance to take a breather from full time ministry. He will have some duties outside of the Parish, including filling in for priests on leave, or courses etc, in the South Island part of the Archdiocese and possibly around the Wellington area. There may also be the opportunity in the time he is with us to provide some pastoral ministry in Our Lady of the Valleys Parish. Please make Fr Paul feel welcome when he arrives. Fr Tony

Can you help? Do you have an aptitude for accounting and can spare approximately 2 hours per month? Our Lady of the Valleys Finance Committee are looking for you and your skill set to be part of their team in the role of Treasurer. The role involves oversight of the Financial position of the Parish and providing assistance with forecasting income and spending as well as assisting in the preparation of reports to the monthly meeting, the annual budget etc. The committee meet on the second Thursday of each month, at the Parish Meeting room. The position does not necessarily require qualifications in accounting practices but a flair for financial forecasting would be a great help to the committee. If you are interested, please contact Fr Tony at the OLOV Parish office.



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.



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

St Vincent de Paul, Stokes Valley requires volunteers to help in their shop either mornings 10 to 1 or afternoons 1 to 4 pm. Could you spare a morning or afternoon to help us out. A friendly team to work with who all give their time generously to ehlp others in the community. If you are able to help us please phone Jan 027 916 5609, Win 528 5926, or Gordon on 938 2750.



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:-)

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 BRENDAN'S SCHOOL Gala extra helpers needed to set up (afternoon, November 3rd) and on the day, November 4th. 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. 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.

"With the Youth we proclaim the Gospel" This weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Pontifical Mission Societies (MISSIO-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.



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.

Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development I would like to launch a question to everyone... to ask themselves: do I bend down over someone in difficulty or am I afraid of getting my hands dirty? Am I closed in on myself, on my possessions, or am I aware of those in need of help? Do I only serve myself or am I able to serve others, like Christ who came to serve even to the point of giving up his life? Pope Francis, 2013



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.

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



Mass on Armistice Day at St Joseph's, Mt Victoria. Presiders: Fr. J Wagg & Fr. F Whitaker. 11am Sun 11th November. To remember all those who lost their lives in WW1. Descendants of veterans are warmly invited and encouraged to bring any memorabilia they may have and a hand bell if you can. A cup of tea and sharing to follow.

Marriage Encounter 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 time to share feelings, hopes and dreams with each other. The weekend provides an environment to spend time together. A chance to focus on each other. 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. For more information phone 0800 362 686 or go to the contact: Alicia Reeves info@billingslife.org.nz or phone: 0800 693 378



Holy Hour You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 October beginning at 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. All are welcome.

Suzanne Aubert News - copies are available in the church foyers



The Oct. 21 – Nov. 3 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishop's voice heard at youth synod. Pope sign stolen from NZ church. Visiting US cardinal speaks of farm upbringing. Former PM argues against euthanasia bill.

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, Ann Schrader, Maria La Grutta, Lyn Burt, Jim Judge, Matthew So'Otaga, Vernon O'Sullivan, and Joan Patton. 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	
21 st Oct Twenty Ninth week Ordinary Time		28 th Oct Thirtieth week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Isaiah 53:10-11	First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-9
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16	Second Reading	Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45	Gospel	Mark 10: 46-52