

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
**11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



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**THE DEEP END – The Widow's Mite**

In today's Gospel, Jesus is courageously speaking out against the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of his time. He is encouraging all his followers to engage in a reality check. The hypocrisy of the scribes is in total contrast to the humility and generosity of the widow in the second part of the Gospel. She gives not of what she has to spare, but everything she has. She is freer than the others. We can be quick to make judgements about another person's commitment based on what we see happening on the outside. Those leaders who acquire the best seats and show up in all the frills may not actually be all they appear to be. Jesus is urging us to look into the person's heart for what is there is far more important than all the trappings on the outside. The widow gives everything and this does not have to be about money. We might recall those today who give us their time, their support, who pray from the heart and give of themselves expecting nothing in return. We might thank them, pray for them. We can also look into our own hearts today and challenge our motivations for what we do. Can we give more of ourselves to God or to someone we love? A listening ear, 'wasting time' with people, looking at how we spend our money. Jesus calls us to search our hearts and the hearts of others in today's gospel. The widow models Jesus' way of discipleship in contrast to the those in positions of leadership and power.

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Weekly Collection: **\$1,288.50**



**IN THE PARISH**

Tuesday 13th Nov St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley – 7.00 pm  
Thursday 15th Nov Parish Finance Committee - 7.30 pm

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2019** – In **Limited** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office or foyer of both churches for \$12 each.





**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 manage your assets wisely 4 (b) The review and decisions are the result of a prayerful discernment process based on the following principles; 1) people are the Church's primary asset.



The Fund Raising Committee is holding a **Car Boot Sale** on the 24 November at St Francis Xavier Stokes Valley from 09:30am to 1pm raising money to pay off the loan. Come along and sell your preloved goods. To book yourself a space contact Mike on 0211233211. Car \$10.00, trailer or van \$15.00. We are also looking for

volunteers to help out on the day with parking and BBQ so if you can help please give me a call.



**Finances** As you are aware, we are currently running a deficit budget and are relying on our reserves to pay our expenses. We need to increase our income urgently. For every \$1 that is received 50c goes to the Diocese/Clergy Trust Fund. A cup of coffee - \$5.00 increase in your plan giving would be greatly received.

If you are not currently supporting the parish financially, would you please consider doing so. Thank you.

**Men's Group Christmas Function** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Presbytery



A meal \$15.00 per head will be available, bring your own drinks. For catering purposes please place your name and phone number on the clip board in the foyer.

**MEN'S GROUP**



**Catholic Women's League** Christmas Lunch on Tuesday November 27 at 12 pm at Te Marua Golf Course. \$ 30 per head to be paid on that day. All parishioners are welcome. Transport available – please contact Trish Leahy on 528 5161



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The Nov. 4 – 17 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Bishops not backing off abuse inquiry position. Youth synod report. Abortion both a health and a justice issue. Vatican star man returning to NZ. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on November 18.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON - POSITION OPEN** Young Church Ministry coordinator 20-30 hours per week (negotiable). We are looking to employ a dedicated person to join a passionate, creative and qualified pastoral ministry team working to support and grow ministry with young people in the Archdiocese of Wellington. For more information about the role and to apply head to [seek.co.nz](http://seek.co.nz) and search for 'Young Church' or contact [i.mccafferty@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:i.mccafferty@wn.catholic.org.nz) Applications Close 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



**Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development** The poor evangelize us and help us each day to discover the beauty of the Gospel. Let us not squander this grace-filled opportunity. On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one

another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.

Pope Francis, [Message for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Day of the Poor](#), 2018

**World day of the Poor** out reach St Joseph Parish, Upper Hutt, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The Parish will host Hutt Valley Benefit Education Service trust who will provide benefit and housing advise to Parishioners and the wider community. There will also be an invitation to lunch from 12:30 to 2pm for all; we will supply a sausage sizzle, tea coffee and sandwiches. It is also hoped that we can give people in need who visit us this day a meat pack of around \$20 to \$30. To do this we need volunteers to provide sandwiches, to operate the barbeque and to offer hospitality. We also need money to buy meat packs or you could supply the actual meat pack. If you can help provide food or time or have a financial donation for meat pack please phone Judy 9707169 or Teresa 5279061.

**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, Kelvin Barlowe, Joan Worthington, Dick Ives, Ann Schrader, Maria LaGrutta, and Lyn Burt and whose anniversary occurs around this time. We remember those enrolled in our Book of Life during this month of November. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Sunday Readings</b>		<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thirty Second week Ordinary Time		18 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thirty Third week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Kings 17:10-16	First Reading	Daniel 12: 1-3
Second Reading	Hebrews 9: 24-28	Second Reading	Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Gospel	Mark 12: 38-44	Gospel	Mark 13: 24-32