

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
Third week of Ordinary Time Year C
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THE DEEP END – ‘So that you may know the truth’

There is something about the opening sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs one's attention. He is the only Gospel writer to give us information about his purpose and sources. He writes for Theophilus, whose name in Greek suggests 'lover of God'. Theophilus may have been a patron of Luke's, but we can also take this name to mean that Luke writes for all lovers of God, i.e. all of us.

Jesus, 'as was his custom,' attends the service at his local synagogue. It is clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even though he is about to have some serious run-ins with the Jewish religious leaders. This moment is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament, as Jesus sets out his manifesto for ministry. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this passage is being fulfilled as they hear it, his ministry would be one focused on freeing people from various types of oppression. This passage is as relevant in our world today as it was for Jesus' time: people still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. This is not a passage read in the past: it is very much alive, a vision for all to have as Christians and to work out of. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

Although they heard you, Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you ... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.'

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Weekly Collection: \$1208.30



Walking group

The walking group will resume usual meeting times on Thursday evenings 7- 8pm .

We meet in front of OLOG church (weather permitting) for a casual walk of 45 - 60 minutes in our beautiful local area, and all comers are most welcome.

Sacramental Preparation Programme 2019 - Enrolments for the 2019 Sacramental Preparation Program are now open for those candidates who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of both churches and the School. Though enrolments close on 8th February 2019 please endeavour to enrol before the 18th December as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on March and the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Louise Peirce the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



Circle of Friendship Ladies Gathering - All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 2 February for our first monthly gathering of the year, of fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2 – 4 pm. This will be a chance to catch up with friends you haven't seen for a while, and if you have an interesting story from the Christmas / summer break, we would be delighted to hear it. We will also be continuing our book swap table if you have books to spare that someone else can get some enjoyment from. If you need transport, please ring Melinda on 234 1271. A gold coin donation towards our charities would be appreciated.



PARISH PICNIC AND FR TONY'S 60th BIRTHDAY

On the 17th February at midday at the Presbytery the Parish will be holding its **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**. In the past this has been held at the park but as Father Tony is also celebrating his **60th BIRTHDAY** he is hosting it at the **PRESBYTERY grounds** at Our Lady of

Grace Church, in Heretaunga.



Last year was a great success but let's make this year even better. This is a good way to meet up with new and old parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll.

We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email office@olov.org.nz



Cash Flow Report for 3 months from October to December 2018



	Cumulative
Operating Income	48,669
Less Expenditure	
Pastoral	(20,916)
Property	(9,380)
Administration	(7,295)
Total Operating Expenditure	(37,591)
Net Operating Excess (Deficit)	11,078
Balance Sheet Inflows	6,309
Extraordinary	
Balance Sheet Outflows	(10,997)
Excess (Deficit) for Quarter	6,390

St Joseph's Parish Upper Hutt – Parish Secretary Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary to work part time – 20 hours per week – Monday to Friday. The role includes administrative and accounting services with some general duties. Previous experience in an admin/accounts role is required with a good level of computer skills – experience with Apple Mac and XERO would be an advantage. Excellent people skills, a compassionate and empathetic nature and a high level of personal integrity are essential. For a job description please email the Parish Office at stjosephsuh@actrix.co.nz Applications should be emailed to the same address with a brief CV and a covering letter by 4pm on Wednesday 20th February.



The Jan. 27 – Feb. 9 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishop to give catechesis at World Youth Day in Panama. Catholics in New Year Honours List. Marists leave Hamilton diocese. Sydney choir sings in South Island churches. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on February 10.

ST VALENTINE'S DAY MASS Thursday 14th February 2019 at 6pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. All welcome to a celebration of love.

Also, we are looking for couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary. If you, or if you know someone celebrating 25, 30, 40 or 50+ years married, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Felicity Giltrap at the Catholic Centre (04) 496 1719

Dear St. Valentine,
help us learn to
love unselfishly
and to find great
joy in giving.
Enable all true lovers
to bring out the best
♥ in each other. ♥



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, Patricia Smith, Siobhan Robson and Johanna Vercoelen. and 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)

Samoa 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	
27th January Third Week of Ordinary Time		3rd February Fourth Week of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10	First Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Second Reading	1Corinthians 12:12-30	Second Reading	1Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Gospel	Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21	Gospel	Luke 4:21-30

