

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
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THE DEEP END – ‘Joseph’s son’

A Prophet is never welcome in his home town. This familiar saying paraphrases the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'.

We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus on this front: that feeling that no matter what we have done in our adult life, in our homeplace we are still identified with the child we were or the family we came from. Sadly there are some who seem to delight in taking others down a peg or two and ensuring they don't get ideas 'above their station'.

Perhaps we ourselves have this tendency sometimes. We can be guilty of pigeonholing people, or silencing their voices because their message comes in the wrong package. We don't always recognise the prophets among us. Do we listen to young people's opinions? Do we dismiss the experience and wisdom of elderly people? Are we biased against certain groups of people, or do we shoot people down before they even speak, just because we have disagreed with something they said in the past?

Jesus, the carpenter's son, faces this attitude in today's Gospel. Returning home to Nazareth he impresses his former neighbours at first with his preaching. But as soon as he challenges them, they turn on him. They refuse to listen to his message of hope and inclusion. They hustle him out of town and attempt to throw him from a cliff. 'Joseph's son' should not be speaking to them in this manner. Joseph's son should know his place

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Weekly Collection: \$1,535.70



IN THE PARISH

Monday 4th Feb Meditation Group at Marian Court, 1.30 to 2.30 pm
Tuesday 5th Feb Men's Group – Silverstream Bowling Club – 5.30pm
Wednesday 6th February CWL – Pettit Centre at 1.30 pm



Sacramental Preparation Programme 2019 - Enrolments for the 2019 Sacramental Preparation Program are 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.

Enrolments close on 8th February 2019 to allow preparation work to be undertaken. 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.

Catholic Women's League

Wednesday 6th February 1.30 pm at the Pettit Centre. Subs \$20 now due. Weather permitting we will have a Garden Party meeting so please bring a sunhat (decorated if you wish). Members and all women of the Parish welcome.



SYNOD 2017 – PARISH SELF REVIEW

As mentioned last week members of the Parish Council have been working over the last few months to prepare a Parish Review format as a result of the 2017 Synod – Go you are sent.... Of the 13 topics covered in the Synod the Parish Council has narrowed its focus down to 5 and would like you in the Parish to indicate which ones you would like the Council, and indeed the whole Parish community to focus on over the next 12-18 months.

The Review can be done on line, or by a paper version which will be available from Sunday 10th February until Sunday 10th March. Details of the site of the online survey will be announced on the same day.

This review will only be a success with the engagement of as many parishioners as possible providing their views and perceptions of how the Parish is currently fulfilling its pastoral mission in the community and how we can work better and wider to address the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Parish and beyond.

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.



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.



ALTAR STONES AT OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

When tidying up the Presbytery last year Father Tony uncovered two altar stones which we believe were removed from the old High Altar at Our lady of Grace Church. The marble of one of the stones matches the marbling on the altars beneath the tabernacle and Our Lady's statue. The altar stones with the relics still inside have been re-installed in the main altar of our Lady of Grace. The other stone has been installed in the altar in the St Joseph's Prayer room at the back of Our Lady of Grace Church. A small plaque will be placed on the two altars to mark the installation. Thanks to Paul and Tom who did the actual installation work over the summer break.

Waitangi Day Mass: The annual Waitangi Day Mass will be held at St Mary of the Angels church, Boulcott St, Wellington, 9am on February 6th. The Mass features the involvement of the SMOA choir, members of Te Ngākau Tapu parish for Māori and the Māori community as well as representatives of other ethnic groupings. Hymns and prayers will be in Māori, English and Latin. Main celebrant – Cardinal John Dew accompanied by local priests including Mons. Gerard Burns, PP, Te Ngākau Tapu.



Meditation Group

This will resume meeting every Monday afternoon 1.30 – 2.30 On Monday February 4th at Marian Court, 1 Perry Street, Heretaunga. We Listen to a talk by a well - known Teacher of Christian Meditation followed by 30 minutes of Silent Meditation. If you are interested to learn or join the group contact: Sr. Annette 04 527 1216 any afternoon.

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 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. 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. ♥



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.

Michael Mangan Workshop:

This We Believe: Music for Sacraments of Initiation with Children. Songs for the preparation & celebration of Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion and Reconciliation for children. Tuesday 26th February 7.00pm-9.00pm Ss Peter & Pauls Church L. Hutt. Please register before Mon 26th February with Ann Williams a.williams@wn.catholic.org.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, Stephanie Castelle, 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)

Samoan Community Mass 4th Sunday – 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	
3rd February Fourth Week of Ordinary Time		10th February Fifth Week of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19	First Reading	Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Reading	1Corinthians 12:31-13:13	Second Reading	1Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel	Luke 4:21-30	Gospel	Mark 6:53-56