

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
Eighth week of Ordinary Time Year C
3rd March 2019



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THE DEEP END – Day of Prayer for Temperance

‘It is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.’

Today's Gospel is taken from the Sermon on the Plain, where Jesus is warning a 'multitude of people' about the dangers of hypocrisy. We, too, are reminded that we are disciples who must learn from the Teacher, otherwise we will be like the blind leading the blind. This learning and listening is ongoing so that we can be filled again and again with Christ's challenging love. This Gospel calls us to remove the logs from our own eyes so that we can see more clearly. It appeals to the reader to stop and check in with ourselves if we are about to make judgements about others. Whatever the situation may be, perhaps a comment about migrants, homelessness or gossip, we are challenged to ask ourselves first: 'How am I doing in relation to this?' before we rush to condemn others. Jesus urges us to remove the planks from our own eyes first.

The end of this parable speaks to the fruits and treasures which come from people. Trees bear fruit according to what they themselves are. It is almost like saying what you put in is what you get out. If we are feeding ourselves with fake news, intolerance and hatred, then that is what will come out. If we are spending time with the Teacher, where we experience healing, forgiveness, love and inner peace, then our hearts will be filled with those qualities and they will be evident in our lives. Spending time with today's Gospel, perhaps we can examine how we feed our body, mind and spirit to ensure that we are living in a way that is not hypocritical before the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

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Weekly Collection: \$1,809.30



IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 5th March Men's Group – Silverstream Bowling Club 5:30 pm
Wednesday 6th March – CWL Pettit Centre 1:30 pm

Ash Wednesday 14th February 2018
Timetable for Our Lady of the Valleys

6.30am Our Lady of Grace Church
9.30am Our Lady of Grace Church (with School)
7.30pm St Francis Xavier Church





WEDNESDAYS OF LENT - MASS

On each Wednesday in Lent there will be an additional Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 6:30 am for those who might like to choose this as a Lenten Observance.

Fr. Paul Finlayson – Thank You

It is with sadness that we have to report that Fr. Paul has left the Parish to provide supply work to the Parish of Te Awakairangi in Lower Hutt, while some of the Priests in that Parish are away. Fr. Paul takes up his placement on Tuesday 5th of March. Currently Fr. Paul is away visiting family and will head directly to Lower Hutt in the coming days. He thanks the Parish for its welcome and support over the last 5 months.

Fr. Tony and the Parish wish Fr. Paul all the best for his new placement and thank him for the work he has undertaken amongst us.

MARAMING
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Sacramental Preparation Programme 2019 – The 2019 Programme begins this Sunday 3rd March with a Parent Meeting at 7:00pm in the Pettit Centre, Heretaunga. **At least one parent per candidate is expected to attend so that the family can receive their material and understand the commitment they are making on behalf of their child.** Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Louise Peirce the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



The Little Black Book provides the framework to enjoy one of the Church's oldest traditions of prayer called Lectio Divina - sacred reading. We take a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to us through the words, guiding us to reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere.

People are often surprised at how easy it is to pray this way, and how deep such prayer can be. It can change your day or your life. Six minutes a day. That's what you're asked to give during these next 40 days - the 40 days of Lent. There are 15 copies available in the Church foyer at \$6 per book and if more are required please put your name down and we shall order some more.

Catholic Women's League All women of the Parish are invited to our monthly meeting at 1.30pm on Wednesday 6th March. Bring along any unwanted new or good used clothing for our sales table with all proceeds for the Missions.



As we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday we will bring our meeting in the Church with Stations of the Cross.



FAMILY MASS – 17th MARCH

The Parish Council is initiating a family mass at the 10.30 a.m. service at Our Lady of Grace church once a term. This term's family mass will be held on the 17th March followed by a social time on the lawn. We are inviting all our young parishioners to become involved in the following ministries of the mass:

Greeters *Leaders* *Reading* *Prayers of the faithful* *Offertory Procession*

You will be provided the readings and the prayers of the faithful well in advance. Please contact/email Conor Healy to register interest or for further information (conorhealy26@gmail.com or 04 528 7395) Thank you and we look forward to

your support in enabling our young people to become more involved in our liturgies

Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development

If you must correct a tiny flaw there, consider that you have so many that are greater. The Lord says this effectively: first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck from the eye of another. Only in this way will you not be blind and will you see clearly to truly help your brother. Thus humility is important in order to recognize that “I am a greater sinner than him, a greater sinner than her”.

Pope Francis: [Mending holes in the fabric of the Church](#), September 2014

SYNOD 2017 – PARISH SELF REVIEW

Don't forget to complete the Parish Self Review. The process being undertaken will seek to get your input on the area(s) of concern that you would like the Parish to focus on in the upcoming year(s).

A survey has been prepared and is available on line at the Parish website (www.olv.org.nz) on the homepage or <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5Pwlud1w7eGPGSGTEZgNzFN54RiGp3GucZtjf-Gjd0dv30w/viewform>. Printed copies of the survey are also available in the foyer of each church. This part of the Self-Review will run until 10th March so please take the time to reflect and prayerfully consider your responses and comments.

Written submissions can placed in the collection baskets over the next few weeks, dropped into the Presbytery Office, scanned and emailed to the Office (office@olv.org.nz) or placed in box provided in each church foyer. Thanks

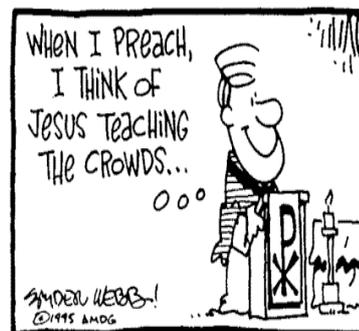


Circle of Friendship Ladies Gathering - All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 2 March for fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2 – 4 pm. Our very own Brenda will be speaking to us on the topic “Bits and pieces in the life of a canine.” As usual we will

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.

The Wellington Eucharistic Convention will be held this Sunday 3rd March, at St Patrick's College, Silverstream, starting at 8:30 am and concluding at 4:30 pm with a Healing Ceremony, and followed by Mass at 5:30 pm. Local and overseas speakers will talk at this celebration of our Catholic faith together with prayer, confession and sales tables. For further information and tickets, contact Ted Jordan at ted.j@xtra.co.nz or phone 04 528 8679.

Lenten Prayer for Life: From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join us in daily prayer, fasting and reparation for the cause of life. Register your prayer fli.org.nz/lenenprayerforlife and receive a free pro-life prayer book. If possible, please also join the prayerful witness to life outside Wellington Hospital on all or any of these



Wednesdays March 6,13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10. To sign up for an hour txt 021 2317954 or email clare.fli@xtra.co.nz

A 'Good Friday' Liturgical Workshop on Thursday 14th March 14th 6.45pm-9.00pm at the Catholic Centre. This will be an interactive workshop, with Fr Patrick Bridgman, Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor. Fr Patrick will help us unpack the symbolism and rituals associated with Good Friday. Please register with Ann Williams before Friday 8th March at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

Family home for rent required A St Brendan's family urgently requires a 3 or 4 bedroom home to rent in Upper or Lower Hutt. They can provide excellent references. No pets or smokers. Anything considered. Please contact the school office on 9391909 for further details.

About to get Married?

Could you successfully run a marathon without preparing for it? Of course not! So too marriage. Engaged Encounter Weekends this year are heavily booked. Weekends are 30 - 31 March 2019 (one vacancy and then waiting list); 3 - 4 August 2019; 9 - 10 November 2019, all at St Teresa's Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington For more information phone Kate/Simon on 801 6192 or visit our website at www.cee-wellington.co.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, Frank Hayes, Dennis McGough, Janice Browne, Margaret O'Neill, Fr. Michael Fitzgerald SM, and Joan Larkin, and for those whose anniversary occurs around this time especially Nora Abancia (Feb. 23rd). 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 March Eighth Week of Ordinary Time		10th March First week of Lent	
First Reading	Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7	First Reading	Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Second Reading	1Corinthians 15:54-58	Second Reading	Romans 10:8-13
Gospel	Luke 6:39-45	Gospel	Luke 4:1-13