

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
Easter Sunday Year C ALLELUIA
21st April 2019**



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Father Tony and those working in the Parish extend their prayerful good wishes that the light of the Risen Christ may overcome any darkness in our hearts and minds, bring the joy of Easter to the families of all attending these ceremonies, and find a place in every home in the Parish.

For Joy

THE DEEP END – For all eternity



'It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark...'
So begins today's Gospel reading, the Gospel we listen to every Easter Sunday. This opening line sets the scene for the events of that first Easter, when first Mary of Magdala, and then Simon Peter and the other disciple, discover the empty tomb and come to the realisation that Jesus has risen from the dead. It is only at this moment that they understand what Jesus had been trying to teach them. Their eyes are opened. They see and they believe.

And what about us, this Easter? What do we believe? Easter is about more than simply recalling or commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. By raising Jesus from the dead, God also opened up for us the way to eternal life. This feast is the reason for our faith and the reason for our hope. Our celebration today raises us up and renews us in faith, hope and love.

Let us love one another and pray,
Let us love one another and be faithful,
Let us love one another and be humble,
Let us love one another and be filled with the charity of God.
Let us love one another with God, in God, and for God,
And we shall thus be one with God for all eternity.

*Cornelia Connelly, Foundress,
Society of the Holy Child Jesus*

Weekly Collection: \$1,433.60

Thank You!



IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 23rd April Saint Vincent de Paul meeting Heretaunga
7:00 pm

Wednesday 24th April Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 25th April **ANZAC** Day Mass at SFX at 9:30 am

The Little White Book is meant to help you enjoy six minutes of prayer each day during the 50 days of the Easter season. Reflections will be based on the Acts of the Apostles and the early Church. This Little Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. There are a few copies available in the Church foyer at \$6 per book



PASSIONIST
FAMILY GROUP
MOVEMENT



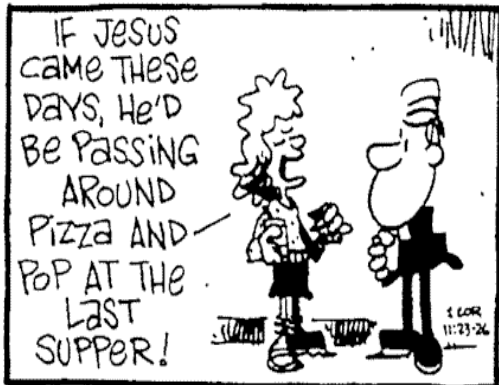
Passionist Holmes family group will be meeting at 12 Zeala Grove on the 24th of April at 7:00 pm

Regional Connections day Sat 4th May 3:30 pm at Uniting Church Johnsonville \$5pp. All family group members are invited from the Wellington region for a pizza, salads and dessert tea after a short programme with Fr Brian Traynor. Contact O'Brien's if you would like to attend on 528 6976

Ecology, Justice and Peace "How often does Love have to tell us: Why do you look for the living among the dead? Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness... and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive! Let the risen Jesus

enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.

Pope Francis Easter Vigil Homily 2013



Children's Liturgy at St Francis Xavier at 8:30 am. Mass. We are seeking parents to assist in running a children's liturgy programme during term time. Resources will be supplied to assist you. Please contact the parish office office@olov.org.nz or Prue von



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"Humanity Of The Unborn"

Overseas experience indicates that will be the forerunner to debate on even worse atrocities for the unborn child, including "partial-birth" abortions, "after-birth" abortions, and infanticide. If you wish to add your name to an Inter-Denominational "Open Letter to all members of Parliament" email donbrebs@kinect.co.nz you will receive a copy of the Letter by return.

Say No to the Euthanasia Bill – Care Alliance Petition

The Care Alliance has started a nation-wide petition to all MP's urging them to vote 'NO' to the End of Life Choice Euthanasia Bill. Some of you have already taken the opportunity to sign this petition. If you have not yet done so, and you will be eligible to vote in next years election, you can still sign online: This petition has the full backing of the NZ Bishops.

Go to www.carealliance.org.nz and simply click on the "Sign the Petition" button.



St Brendan's fundraiser for Senior Camp 2020 we are collecting excellent quality second hand clothing for our clothing extravaganza. All clothing including shoes are welcome. Drop off at the school office or call Lisa 0211503297 or Kathryn 027 859 9601.

St. Brendan's are now on the journey of being an enviro school. A school enviro group will meet every Friday from 1:00- 2:00 to work on mini projects around the school. We are requiring adult support to complete these projects. On Monday 29th April at 3:30pm in Room 7 a meeting will be held to share what this would involve. We welcome as many mum's dads, and grandparents to support this group. If you would like to support the group please email Chris Pullan c.pullan@stbrendans.school.nz or Heather Campbell h.campbell@stbrendans.school

Divine Mercy Sunday celebration

The Feast of the Divine Mercy is on Sunday 28th April will be celebrated at St Teresa's Church Karori from 2:00 – 4:15 pm. Please see the poster on the notice board. All are warmly invited.

Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 April beginning at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

Planned Giving – IRD Charitable Donation Receipts The New Tax year began on Monday the 1st of April. Over the next couple of weeks the Parish Office will be preparing and checking the tax Inland Revenue charitable donation receipts for 2018-19. These will be available by end of April or early May.





Go you are sent to care for creation (8) Have bit sized chunks and reflections on care for creation after communion and in newsletters

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 Arthur Newell, Phyllis Riley, Afoa Tualata, Vince Russell, and Sr. Sarto, and for those whose anniversary occurs around this time especially Val Gibbons-Dillon (21/4) - May they rest in peace.

Our Lady of Grace Church 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga

Mass Times Sunday-10:30am

Weekdays Wed, Sat 9:00 am 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 – 11:30 am

Weekdays– Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, Sat 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

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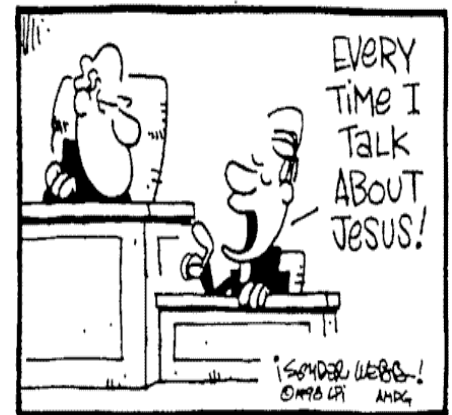
Terry 528 6313

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Gordon 938 2750

Stokes Valley Shop 563 9278



Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
21 st April Easter Sunday – ALLELUIA		28th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 10:34,37-43	First Reading	Acts 5:12-16
Second Reading	Col 3:1-4	Second Reading	Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel	Luke 24:1-12	Gospel	John 20:19-31

