

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
3rd Sunday of Easter Year C ALLELUIA
5th May 2019



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THE DEEP END

Come and have breakfast

The theme of light and darkness in John's Gospel is strong. In today's reading, we hear that it was 'just after daybreak' when Jesus appeared to the disciples. The disciples had been fishing all night but caught nothing. Then, with the dawn, Jesus appears on the beach and gently suggests that they cast the nets on the other side of the boat. We are invited to reflect on resurrection here, moments where we were given a sense of new life, and with that, an abundance of gifts. Perhaps a friendship had broken down or we were dealing with a crisis. Like the disciples, we may have simply been going through the motions of day to day life, in the dark, without much enthusiasm. And then... daybreak. A gentle voice guided us, a friend or in a moment of prayer. In time, we realised that this was Jesus' voice pointing us in the right direction, and once we allowed ourselves to be guided by Him, the 'catch' was huge.

The end of the passage sees Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter is once again by a charcoal fire so this scene mirrors the three denials of Peter during the trial of Jesus. Peter becomes upset, and one can understand the regrets he must have. Yet here, Jesus is giving Peter the space to undo his denials. There is healing, new life. We can imagine Jesus' question to Peter at the end of the passage being addressed to us: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?. Tend my sheep!' Place yourself in this story throughout the week.

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Weekly Collection: \$1,349.30

Thank You!



IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 7th May 5.30pm Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Thursday 9th May 1.30 pm Parish Finance Committee

Planned Giving – IRD Charitable Donation Receipts

The New Tax Receipts are now available at the foyer of both churches. Kindly ensure that you pick up your receipts and the new envelopes. If your Donation Receipt/Envelopes are not in the foyer of the church please advise the Parish Office who can arrange for it to be relocated for you.





Children's Liturgy at St Francis Xavier at 8:30 am Mass.

There has been no response from parents to assist in running a children's liturgy programme during term time at the 8.30 a.m. mass, therefore we will not be able to commence a programme. We remind parents that there is a children's liturgy programme and the sacramental programme at the 10.30 mass at Our Lady of Grace during term time. All welcome

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT January to March 2019 from the FINANCE COMMITTEE

Operating Income	50,388
Less Expenses	
Pastoral Costs	(16,782)
Property Costs	(12,578)
Administration Costs	<u>(6,968)</u>
Operating Surplus	14,060
Balance Sheet Inflows	3,093
Balance Sheet Outflows	<u>(14,883)</u>
Excess for the Quarter	2,270



"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. There is now an on line version at this link for those who have NOT signed the petition and wish to do so. Here is the link to the online petition: <https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/protect-vulnerable-people-say-no-to-the-euthanasia-bill.html>



Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for our seminarians Alfred, Matthew and Kinh and all those discerning the call to priesthood. Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest? Pray for this person. Invite him to consider priesthood. Affirm his gifts and qualities. Encourage him to be open to the possibility of becoming a priest.

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. Every vocation is a summons to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us."Pope Francis
Fr David Dowling, Vocations Director: frdavidd@gmail.com



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group - The Men's Group meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish. Any enquires please call Roger Wasson on 528 7847



Receiving Communion At Home - Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.

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

Ecology, Justice and Peace

God asks us to view life as he views it, for in each of us he never ceases to see an irrepressible kernel of beauty. In sin, he sees sons and daughters to be restored; in death, brothers and sisters to be reborn; in desolation, hearts to be revived.

Pope Francis: Homily for the Easter Vigil, 20 April 2019



NZ Catholic The May 5 – 18 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Memorial Masses in NZ after Sri Lanka Easter bombings. New first-year seminarians at Holy Cross. Leading teens closer to God. Bishop Patrick Dunn's memories of Notre Dame Cathedral. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on May 19.

Our God is Too Small

The Pope's Astronomer, Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, will be delivering a free public lecture, 7.30pm, on Tuesday 7 May at the Performing Arts Centre, Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt.

A world leading astronomer, researcher, author, TED Talks and American University circuit speaker, he is visiting New Zealand to discuss his vision of God and our universe. He will be speaking on topics as diverse as: how science and religion work together, why he thinks our God is too small, and what his love of astronomy has taught him.

This is a free event, however tickets are required and are available online. See details at <https://skies.catholicdiscovery.nz/>.

Are You New to the Parish?

We warmly welcome you to our Parish; please make yourself known to Father Tony our parish priest. We also invite you to fill in a new parishioner's form which is located on the table in the church foyer. 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



Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt

Welcomes enrolments for Year 9 2020

Students in Catholic Contributing Schools will have an enrolment information pack delivered to them at their school.

Parents/caregivers of students in State Schools are invited to call at the College Office, 65 Laings Rd, Lower Hutt to collect an enrolment information pack from 13 May, or for online enrolments please go to the Sacred Heart College website: www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Enrolments are to be completed online or please return all enrolment forms to the College office, no later than 1 July 2019.



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 including 7 members of the Pautaua family, Lindsay Lewer, Arthur Newell, Phyllis Riley, and Afoa Tualata, and for those whose anniversary occurs around this time especially Maureen Ford - 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)

Samoa Community Mass 4th Sunday – 11:30 am

Weekdays– Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, Sat 9:30 am 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	
5th May 3rd Sunday of Easter		12th May 4th Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 5:27-32,40-41	First Reading	Acts 13:14, 43-52
Second Reading	Apocalypse 5:11-14	Second Reading	Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
Gospel	John 21:1-19	Gospel	John 10:27-30

