

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
5th Sunday of Easter Year C ALLELUIA
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THE DEEP END

Love one another

'Love one another' is the basic principle of Christianity, to love as Jesus loved. It is simple, yet we can make it so complicated. Jesus' love was controversial for some people, because it was love without exclusion. To love as Jesus loved is to love those it is hard to love. This love ultimately led to Jesus' death. Jesus loved sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes, people of other religions, the poor, the unwanted, the sick, the beggar, the leper. This love is too much for some Christians today also. It is hard to love the sinner or to love family members or friends who have hurt us. Yet this is the love that we are called to. Once we begin to accept that we are infinitely loved by God, it is like a domino effect where that love is poured outwards in our lives. We are part of this outpouring of God's creative love and are called to bring this into places where there is none. In this way we are helping to heal, sustain and nourish this world.

Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: 'Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.' Let us dream of, and work towards, a world where this is a reality.

'God has given us the power to create beauty, to make another smile, to be a healing presence in someone's sorrow, to bring justice to the oppressed, to console those in difficulty, to bring peace and joy to others, to help those in need, to laugh and enjoy life, to do good and turn from evil, to forgive those who have hurt us, and, most of all, to love.'

Iris Perez

Weekly Collection: \$1,662.30



IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 21st May 7.00 pm Saint Vincent de Paul meeting Heretaunga
Thursday 23rd May 7.30 pm Parish Liturgy Meeting

CWL Bus Trip

Would you like to join us on an outing to the Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Wednesday 5th June leaving from the Pettit Centre at 11.30am returning at 3.30pm. We have a limited number of seats to fill at a cost of \$10 for the bus trip plus \$12 for lunch. Ring Chris Wasson on 5287847 to book your seat.



OVERFLOW



Calling all teens and young adults to a fellowship evening hosted by OVERFLOW (Our Lady of the Valleys Youth Group) 18th May 7pm@ Pettit Centre. If you would like to be a part of OVERFLOW then come along and meet others also going through the same faith journey. Let us have fun while journeying closer to Christ together. There's a saying that the youth are the church of tomorrow but the youth are the church of today and the church and its brothers and sisters need you today more than ever - Let's go!!!!

(Please bring a plate to share - optional)

I AM HERE - OLOV Worship Night

OVERFLOW (OLOV Youth Group) would love to invite you, your family and friends to another Worship Night on Friday 24th May 7:30pm@ St Francis Xavier Church. This worship night will be focused on the power and love of our God and the importance of his presence in our lives. Let us remember the love he has for us and worship together as one and grow in faith. The night will be concluded with light refreshments and fellowship - ALL WELCOME!

Synod Review Update:

Thank you to all those who filled out the Synod Review document either in the paper format or on line. There were sixty-one responses over all. The ratings have been collated and the comments have been read. The cumulative numerical data as well as the written comments are currently being analysed and collated into a report. As you may appreciate just as the Synod Review timeline was closing, we received the Letter from the Cardinal about presbyteries and churches. Work has commenced in gathering information to base our recommendations to the Cardinal on regarding OLOV presbyteries and churches. This process has delayed the analysis of the review information. We can, however, report that one major trend in the Synod Review responses immediately apparent is around building community. To commence this the Parish Council have decided to implement name tags at masses. So, when we come into mass, please take a moment to write your name on a sticky name tag. Being able to greet each other by name is a great way to get to know each other and build a stronger community. We have new families to our parish whom we all welcome and look forward to getting to know. Please be aware that there is a café after 10.30 mass and 8.30 mass which gives an opportunity for us to mix and mingle and get to know each other. Further updates on the Synod Review and the Cardinals letter will be available to parishioners when there is progress to report. Both will be available for comment.

Say No to the Euthanasia Bill – Care Alliance Petition

The Second Reading & vote on the Bill may well happen as soon as this **Wednesday, 22 May**. Even if you have already signed the petition, please also consider urgently emailing your local MP, or phone their office, or send a message via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - asking them to vote against the Second Reading. Background information on the End of Life Choice Bill and MPs' contact details can be found at: <https://www.defendnz.co.nz/tell-your-mp>



Go you are sent to support marriage and families (11) Have a dedicated liaison person between the parish and school to welcome and support families.

Suzanne Aubert News The latest copy is available in the foyer. Of particular interest is the article on the front page headed “Diocesan Inquiry Convened”. This concerns the cure of a person through the alleged intercession of the Venerable Suzanne. Details have been sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. If accepted as a miracle, then only one more is needed to complete her journey to sainthood. The newsletter is also available on the website www.suzanneaubert.co.nz

Ecology, Justice and Peace

There are many small and great actions which obey the Lord’s commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you”. Small everyday actions, actions of closeness to an elderly person, to a child, to a sick person, to a lonely person, those in difficulty, without a home, without work, an immigrant, a refugee. Each one of us can make ourselves the brother or sister of those whom we encounter.

Pope Francis: [Regina Caeli](#), May 2015



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

St Bernard’s College Open Day

St Bernard’s College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 25 May 2019 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard’s College and what it can provide. St Bernard’s College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys’ college. For further information please see our website: www.sbc.school.nz



Pa Maria Winter Film Series: The Life Which Beats in Things: - A Spirituality for Living in Today’s World. Mondays 10, 17, 24 June & 1, 8 July OR Thursdays 15, 22, 29 August & 5, 12 September. 7.00pm - 9.30pm each evening. For further information and/or to register contact Brian Cummings SM ([021 703 580](tel:021703580); email bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)



NZ Catholic The May 19 – June 1 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Vatican Observatory director delights NZ audiences. NZ help for Aust church governance review. Chch churches gift \$150K+ to Muslim communities. Jean Vanier opened lives to meaning and joy. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on June 2.

Visiting the sick

Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs a ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office.



“Humanity Of The Unborn”

A Coalition of NZSA, a Strategic Alliance of Pro-Life and Inter-Church representatives Including Catholic, will be Presenting to all Members of Parliament a LETTER calling for inclusion of the Unborn Child in pending consideration of a Bill to decriminalise abortion. The Presentation To Pro-Life Members of Parliament will take place on the grounds of Parliament at 12.30 p.m. Tuesday 28th May. Presence of supporters welcome.”

Vacancy: Compassion Soup Kitchen Manager role. We are looking for a hands on practical manager, with good people and communication skills, a compassionate mind, good judgment, good computer skills and a willingness to work flexibly. Applications close: 22 May 2019. Full job ad:<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/38956701?searchrequesttoken=ccd4c605-37a3-477e-86c2-825e360836a7&type=standard>



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, Kevin Burke, Fr. John Pearce (Parish Priest Marlborough), Lindsay Lewer, Arthur Newell, Phyllis Riley, 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 9:00 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

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	
19th May 5th Sunday of Easter		26th May 6th Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 14: 21-27	First Reading	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29
Second Reading	Apocalypse 21, 1-5	Second Reading	Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
Gospel	John 13:31-35	Gospel	John 14:23-29