

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
Pentecost Sunday Year C
9th June 2019



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THE DEEP END

Gifted communicators

Have you ever watched a TED Talk? There are thousands available to view online. The powerful talks are generally less than 18 minutes long and cover a huge range of topics, from science to business to social and global issues. There are talks in more than 110 languages, and they are used in schools, businesses and many other settings, to educate, motivate, and open minds. While the speakers come from a variety of backgrounds, the one thing they have in common is their ability to communicate. For every talk I've listened to, the speaker has the audience in the palm of their hand. They are gifted communicators, with a passion for a particular subject, and the ability to draw their listeners in.

We often hear that in order to be a good communicator, we have to learn how to speak another person's language. On the day of Pentecost, when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, each of the people gathered heard them speaking in his or her own language. The ability to communicate and to be understood was the first gift they received from the Holy Spirit. Today, we need the gift of communication more than ever. There are times when we have the opportunity to share our faith, or to witness to others in the way we live our faith. We might feel that we struggle to share our faith in a way that others can understand. In order to meet people where they are, we first need to 'speak their language' – to know them, listen to them, and recognise God's presence in them. The Spirit that came upon the early believers is the same Spirit that guides us today.

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Weekly Collection: \$2008.10

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**COMING
UP**

IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 11th June 7.00 pm Saint Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley

Thursday 13th June 7.30 pm Parish Finance Committee

URGENT

Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Patricia Watters** who used to live at 65 Field Street? Please contact the Office if you have any contact information for Patricia on 04 972 4282



Nomination of New Parish Councillors



With an eye of the upcoming Annual General Meeting, a number of current Parish Councillors' term of appointment have come to an end. Currently Parish Councillors stand for a two-year term with the right of renewal for two more terms.

We are therefore opening nominations for new Parish Councillors from today. From this weekend nomination forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These should be filled in and returned back to the Parish Office by Friday 28th June. This time frame allows time for the nominated candidates' names to be advised to the Parish before the Annual General Meeting.

Please take the time to prayerfully discern who you think might be a suitable person to serve our Parish on the Parish Council. If you would like more details on the role of Parish Councillors and the function of the Parish Council please feel free to speak to one of the existing Parish Councillors or Father Tony.

Family Mass

On Sunday, 16th June at the 10:30 am Mass. Our Lady of the Valleys is celebrating a Family Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church and afterwards morning tea in the Pettit Centre.



We are planning to celebrate children's/family Masses each term. If your family would like to be involved in Greeting, Reading, Reading Prayers of the Faithful, or presenting the Offertory Gifts please contact Liz McCaul 527 3211 or Father Tony.



Lectio Divina

All are welcome to join us as we reflect on scripture and deepen our understanding on the Lord's word. We have Lectio Divina every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month, 9.50am - 10am start. Any questions, please email us at overflow31032019@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Passionist Family Group

Grace and O'Leary Family Group are joining together for a combined pot luck dinner on Saturday 29th June from 5.30pm to 10pm at the Pettit Centre. The Theme is Mid-Winter Christmas pot luck meal



Altar Society



The Parish are urgently looking for volunteers for both Our Lady of Grace and Saint Francis Xavier's church. This stewardship involves working with a partner to arrange the flowers in the church, dust around the sanctuary and clean the inside church doors. If you love decorating with flowers or would love to learn to do so please contact the Parish office.



The Committee of the **St Vincent De Paul Society** of Stokes Valley would like to thank TONY PACKER for his dedication over the last few years as our treasurer. Tony updated our accounting system making it simpler for those to follow. We welcome Lei Solia as our new treasurer. We wish Tony well and God bless. President, Gordon Holmes.

Altar Servers

You must be year 5 or above and are rostered on monthly or every six weeks. Training is given for this ministry. So all you young ones join up and be an integral part of the Church.



Ecology, Justice and Peace

The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear. He overcomes all resistance. To those content with half measures he inspires whole-hearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed. He impels the comfortable to go out and serve. He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts.

Pope Francis: [Homily on Pentecost Sunday 2018](#)

Stewardship Breakfast with the Cardinal



Come and enjoy fellowship, hospitality and hear inspiring speakers at Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wgtn on Saturday 29th June 2019. at 7.00am-9.00am. Speakers: Cardinal John & ? Cost: \$20.00 Please deposit your money to the following bank account 02-0536-0003306-000 with Reference: Stwdship Code:B-Fast. Any questions please ring Chris (04) 496-1706

Mission NZ are requesting for donations for the victims of the recent tragedies in Sri Lanka. The donations will be forwarded to the Apostolic Nunciature of Sri Lanka. The link to the website is <https://missio.nz/rebuilding-churches-in-sri-lanka-after-easter-bombings/>



Planned Giving



Have you considered going on the Planned Giving system. You can do this by Automatic Payment or the weekly envelope system. Your donations entitle you to a 33% tax rebate and a receipt will be provided to you at the end of the financial year. If you have any enquiries please ring the Parish office on 972 4282

Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday 15th June. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12.00 p.m. For more information contact Family Life International NZ PH: 021 231 7954



Caritas

50th Anniversary Mass at St Joseph's Church, 152 Brougham St, Mount Victoria, Wellington on Thursday 27 June, 7pm, followed by refreshments

Please rsvp by 11am, Thursday 20 June, including any special needs. An NZSL interpreter will be available on request. Email caritas@caritas.org.nz or phone to 0800 22 10 22.



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 Guy Duindam, Pauline Beveridge, Marian Goodwin, Kevin Burke, Fr. John Pearce (Parish Priest Marlborough), 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	
9th June Pentecost Sunday		16th June Trinity Sunday	
First Reading	Acts 2: 1-11	First Reading	Proverbs 8: 22:31
Second Reading	1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13	Second Reading	Romans 5: 1-5
Gospel	John 14:15-16, 23--26	Gospel	John 16: 12-15