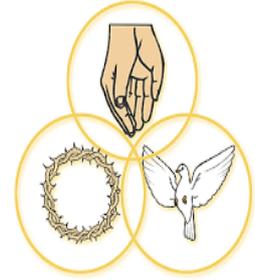


The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
Trinity Sunday Year C
16th June 2019



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THE DEEP END

A mystery to me

'It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma.'

This expression, originally used in 1939 by Winston Churchill, is typically used to describe something that is immensely puzzling or too complex to understand. The word 'mystery' is often used in everyday speech. When we can't wrap our heads around something, we shrug and say: 'It's a mystery to me,' or: 'It's another of life's great mysteries.'

As a child, I used to wonder about the religious meaning of 'mystery.' I remember someone telling me that if something is a mystery, it can never be fully understood, though that does not mean we should stop trying – like Jesus being fully human and fully divine (the incarnation), Jesus' death and resurrection (the Paschal mystery), and three persons in one God (the Trinity). It is this last mystery that we celebrate today.

One of the most poignant attempts to explain the Trinity came from C.S. Lewis, who reasoned that if God is love, then God must contain more than one person: 'God is not a static thing – not even a person – but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.' The idea of the Trinity as a sort of divine dance is a good place to begin reflecting on this great mystery of God as a communion of love. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. He does not reveal everything to his disciples at once, as it 'would be too much for you now.' The full truth will be revealed later, when the Spirit comes. The more we reflect, the more we pray, the more we are open to the Spirit, the more we will understand about the great mystery of God as love.

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Weekly Collection: \$1,189

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**COMING
UP**

IN THE PARISH

Wednesday 19th June 11.00 am Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thursday 20th June 1.30 pm Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home,
Stokes Valley.

Thursday 20th June 7.30 pm Parish Finance Committee

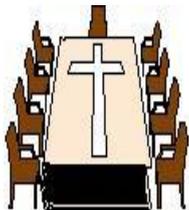
Please note there will be **NO Mass** on 19th June at OLOG and **NO Mass** on 20th June at SFX

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.



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

Parish Lunch 14 July SV RSA The \$18 cash is to be paid to the church office by Sunday 7th July - in a named envelope



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.

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.



Non-Residential Retreat, 15-19 July, 9.30am - 4.00pm daily. Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon. For further information and/or to register please contact Brian Cummings SM at 021 703 580 or [bgcumings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

St Brendans School - Wine Fundraiser

We are fundraising for much needed improvements to our netball and tennis courts and as such, we'd like to open our latest fundraiser to you. Ohau Wines produce some fantastic local wines and they have made available to us, free delivery and a further discount at the checkout for all online purchases using the promo code **BRENDANS**. For every 6 bottles purchased online, St Brendan's receives \$10. Just visit www.ohauwines.co.nz to follow the easy steps and support our school. We are grateful for your support.



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. Speaker: 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

Ecology, Justice and Peace

Let us ask ourselves what steps we are taking to ensure that faith governs the whole of our existence. We are not Christian "part-time", only at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain decisions; no one can be Christian in this way, we are Christian all the time! Totally! May Christ's truth, which the Holy Spirit teaches us and gives to us, always and totally affect our daily life.

Pope Francis

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



Catholic Enquiry Centre Trinity Sunday and Mission Today

Yet nothing reaches out and touches so deeply as personal witness and example. You who read this are now Jesus' disciples here in New Zealand. CEC wants to help you by providing reflections, prayers, and videos to help spread this message. Our older supporters are diminishing. We need your support. So pray for us, tell others about us and donate to keep our work going.

Please open your hearts to our work this Trinity Sunday. Look us up on www.catholicenquiry.nz and on our Catholic Discovery Facebook page. Pray about becoming a sponsor and supporter and keep Christ's work alive.



NZ Catholic June 16 – 29 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Christchurch parish restructure proposed. Refurbished James Liston Hostel re-opens. Cardinal Dew speaks to priests on abuse summit. Catholic reaction to the Budget. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on June 30.



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 Brenda Ryan, Sandra Merrill Johnston, Guy Duindam, Pauline Beveridge, Marian Goodwin, Kevin Burke, 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

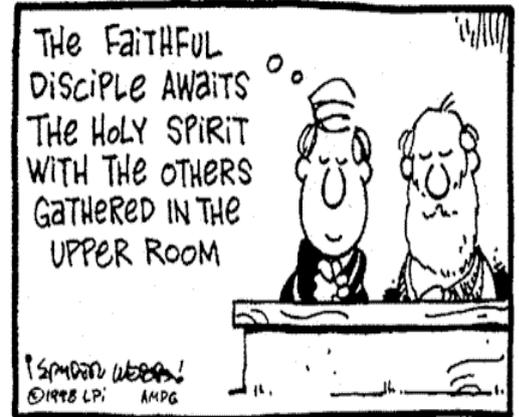
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St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga

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 | |
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| 16th June Trinity Sunday | | 23rd June Body & Blood of Christ | |
| First Reading | Proverbs 8: 22:31 | First Reading | Genesis 14:18-20 |
| Second Reading | Romans 5: 1-5 | Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 |
| Gospel | John 16: 12-15 | Gospel | Luke 9: 11-17 |