

*Our Lady of the Valleys Parish  
Body and Blood of Christ Year C  
23rd June 2019*



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## THE DEEP END

### Feast of Love

Pope Benedict XVI once described today's feast as 'a day on which heaven and earth work together.' He said: 'Corpus Christi is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love. Love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives.'

This is a wonderful way to approach Communion. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we keep this gift for ourselves, and do not give in return, that is not love. The disciples in today's Gospel have a small amount of food, five loaves and two fish – maybe enough to feed themselves, at a stretch. But Jesus had a very different idea. Notice that Jesus hands this gift over to them to distribute among the hungry crowd. It is the disciples' responsibility to feed the hungry, to give to those in need, and to love the very crowds that they had earlier suggested sending away.

The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our need to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the banquet, especially the poor and the hungry, and it is up to us to help those in need. Having received this gift of love, we are expected to pass it on. There is more than enough bread for everyone.

'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world... We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be.' **Pedro Arrupe SJ**

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**Weekly Collection: \$1,589.60**

*Thanks!*



### IN THE PARISH

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am Coffee morning at Silverstream Bakery

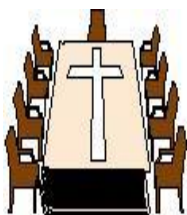
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Saint Vincent de Paul

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm Parish Liturgy meeting

**Family Mass** We thank the children, parents and grandparents, who contributed to make the Family Mass such a special celebration, as we commemorated our parish families.



### 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.

### PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

**Yes** you have read that right and **NO** the Liturgy Committee is **NOT** collecting these now. In preparation for Palm Sunday in April of this year the Liturgy Committee realised that supplier of the large **PHOENIX palms** that are used to decorate both churches was no longer able to assist us.



Sooooo, they are enquiring now before it becomes **URGENT** if there is/are parishioner(s) who have a mature phoenix palm on their property which the Parish could call on in 2020 for the supply of palms for decorating the Church. If you can help out please contact the Parish Office 972 4282

### Lectio Divina

**ATTENTION ALL!!!**



Overflow would like to invite you, your friends and family to another Worship Night held on Sat 29th June @ 7.30pm, St Francis Xavier Church in Stokes Valley. This worship night will be a night based on the **'Power of Prayer'**. There will be a lot of praising, worship and fellowship with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. **Psalms 107: 28-30:**

**"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them for their distress. He made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and brought them to their desired heaven".** Hope to see you there!

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](mailto:overflow31032019@gmail.com).

### Passionist Family Group

Grace and O'Leary Family Group are joining together for a combined pot luck dinner on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Servers - URGENT

You must be year 5 or above and are rostered on monthly or every six weeks. If you know anyone from the current Sacramental Programme who would be interested in serving please contact the office. 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 [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

## 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.

## St Brendan's 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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

In the Eucharist Jesus, as he did with the disciples at Emmaus, draws alongside us, pilgrims in history, to nourish the faith, hope and charity within us; to comfort us in trials; to sustain us in the commitment to justice and peace... In the Eucharist he offers himself as spiritual strength so as to help us put into practice his commandment — to love one another as he loved us — building communities that are welcoming and open to the needs of all, especially the most frail, poor and needy people.

Pope Francis

## Teaching and Healing Night

Join us for a teaching night and healing prayers by international speaker Johnson Sequeira. Johnson is a lay Catholic preacher. He was an entrepreneur who encountered Jesus in the midst of his depression. After that encounter he trained at the seminary and today travels the world preaching about the healing power of God's word. He is speaking at St Anne's Church Hall on 26th June at 7.30 pm.



### Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 June beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, times of silence, a short homily, singing and conclude with Benediction followed by supper. All are very welcome.

### 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](mailto: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 Stuart Park, Brenda Ryan, Sandra Merrill Johnston, and Guy Duindan 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

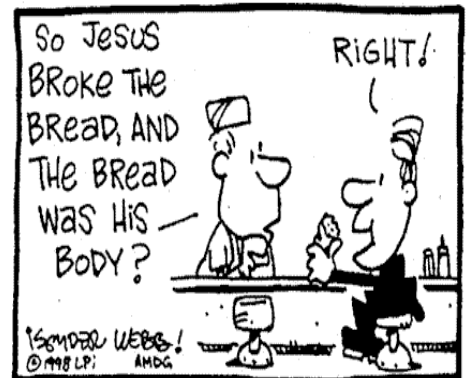
Terry 528 6313

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### **St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley**

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Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
23rd June Body & Blood of Christ		30th June Thirteenth week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Genesis 14:18-20	First Reading	1 Kings 19:16, 19-21
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	Second Reading	Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel	Luke 9: 11-17	Gospel	Luke 9: 51-62