

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
7th July 2019

Confirmation Sunday



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THE DEEP END

Synergy

Earlier in Luke's Gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve disciples to heal disease and to teach about God's Kingdom. Here he sends out a much larger group ahead of him, in pairs to every town and place where He himself intended to go. Being sent in pairs reminds us of the value of team work. In order for communities to grow and flourish the gifts of many people are needed. Synergy is needed. This happens when individual talents are harvested and aligned, as in the beauty of a choir singing in perfect harmony, or a sports team at the peak of their performance. Synergy is like a power of the Spirit that rewards collaborative efforts. It is when we can dream and strive for the possibility of things before they happen. Synergy promotes collaboration, not competition or exclusion.

Jesus gathered his followers around him, men and women, who were enthused by his vision. He sends his followers out in pairs so that they can support one another. In all our different roles, we too are sent out ahead of him, as parents, ministers of various kinds, politicians, educators, social workers, nurses In any team – a parish council, a ministry group, a choir, we need a type of synergy. We are all responsible for our Church, not just a select few. We all have different roles to play, we all have responsibilities. When we promote collaborative team work and strive for synergy, we embrace each other's stories and work for the common good. Then, exciting things are possible!

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Weekly Collection: \$1,659.60



WE WELCOME CARDINAL JOHN to the Parish this weekend to confirm 27 of our young parishioners at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday morning. The Parish congratulates Isla-Rose, Gabe, Christopher, Tyler, Zachary, Lilly-Rose, Oliver, Rehan, Anna, Teagan, Reagan, Frederick, Thomas, Finn, Sean, Jacinta, Bailey, Princeton, Leah, Alyssa, Conor, Emily, Aleska, Litron-A'des, Flynn and Madison. May they continue with the Holy Spirit on their journey of faith.





IN THE PARISH

Sunday 7th July 10.30 am Men's Confirmation Mass at OLOG
Tuesday 9th July 7.00 pm Saint Vincent de Paul Stokes Valley
Thursday 11th July 7.30 pm Parish Finance Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 2:00pm on Sunday 4th August in the Pettit Centre in Heretaunga. Published this weekend is the Parish Annual Report. The full report has been emailed to Parishioners on our Parish distribution list (along with the Parish bulletin). Copies of the Report are also available in the foyer of each church for parishioners to read before the meeting. If you have any questions about the Annual Report please contact the Parish Office.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMME

As most parishioners are aware the parish experienced a number of burglary events in 2017 and 2018. One of the offenders of these incidents has been convicted and is currently in prison. After a period of discernment and organising members of the Parish Council met with the offender under the Restorative Justice Programme. The meeting that was facilitated for us was positive on all sides and we were able to perhaps see the matter from the other party's point of view. The offender has expressed extreme regret for his actions and the damage that has been caused to our community both in terms of financial cost but also the unrest caused to individuals and the whole Parish. The Parish and the offender now are looking forward to learning from the whole experience and moving to new and more positive ways of being.

Parish Survey - Trends: Growing Our Community was ranked as the top priority in the Synod Self Review survey that the Parish Council held March/ April 2019.

Some of the Trends identified from Parishioners comments included:



- Getting together for more events and social activities
- Regularly promoting the social groups that already exist. Give personal invitations to attend.
- Supporting people who have had bereavements.
- Advertise the Living Waters Café as a community event. Lonely people would love to come and have a coffee. Church attendance will happen when they are ready.
- Take the Parish to the community. Advertise/ display the various groups at school galas or other relevant events outside the church.

We have a vision of our Parish being a strong and vibrant community, bringing us together. The parish Council will be consulting leaders and members of various parish groups to determine next steps towards implementing your ideas. They will also be available at the Living Waters Cafe and after 8.30 mass at Stokes Valley.

All comments are available on the Parish website www.olv.org.nz



Go you are sent to communicate effectively (13) Get rid of "Silo" approach and go for "collective" outlook- bigger difference in outreach will be created through this momentum.



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.

Passionist Family Group

Parish Lunch 14 July The Family Groups are hosting our annual Parish lunch at the Stokes Valley RSA, Hawthorn Cres, at noon on Sunday 14th July. All parishioners are warmly invited. Cost is \$18 pp cash to be paid to group coordinators or the Parish office in a named envelope, by Sunday 7th July (this weekend)



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.

So, 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

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.



A Caring Space

A Caring Space is an invitation to those who care for a loved one to step away for a few hours; to reflect on your role as carer, to explore with God your thoughts and feelings in this role. At St Andrew's Church, Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton, on Thursday 25th July 11am to 2.30pm. Please contact Veronica Parton 021 238 6675 or email vjpdap@gmail.com for details and to register.

Ecology, Justice and Peace

We are called to be co-workers. That is our mission, the purpose of our being sent. Our responsibility is global as well as local. Being Catholic is not just about going to Mass and saying some prayers; it is about applying the Gospel to the transformation of society. That, in turn, means helping one another to be formed and sent to build a better world. It means supporting one another as we take a fresh look at the call to serve and where it might take us, "lace up our shoes" and joyfully respond to the commission, Go, you are sent!

Cardinal John Dew: *Pastoral letter "Go you are sent"*, 7 May 2017

Vigil for the Unborn

Saturday 20th July. 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



Need a, break' Good news "Parish to Parish for B & B" has been providing Catholic hospitality for 16 years, with catholic hosts opening their homes to fellow Catholics for \$35 for one person, or \$30 each for 2 or more, per night and includes continental breakfast.

To obtain a directory throughout New Zealand and Australia contact Marie Anderson, email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 3595 541 Christchurch. The book including postage is \$15

Quiet Days with Suzanne Aubert

An invitation to spend time resting and reflecting on an aspect of the life and vision of Suzanne Aubert. Led by Sr Sue Cosgrove. Join us on 11th July, 10am - 2pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Simple lunch included. Registration is required. Email: spirituality@compassion.org or Ph. 04 383 7769.



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, and Sandra Merrill Johnston, 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)

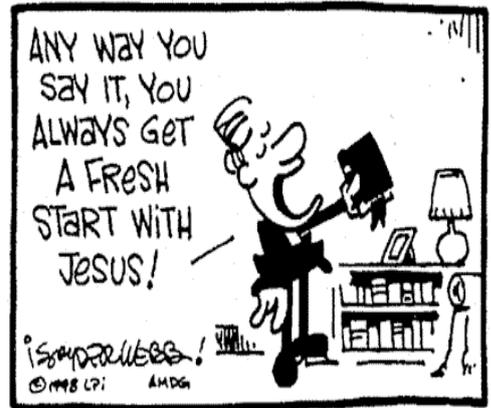
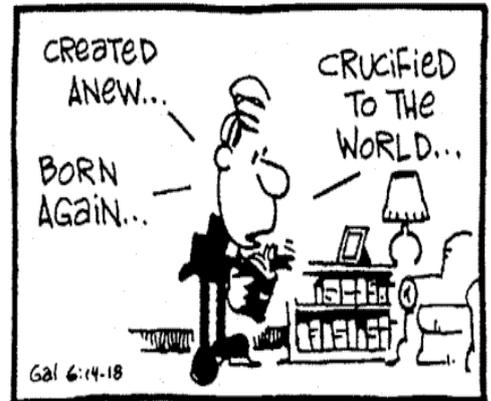
Samoan Community Mass 4th Sunday – 11:30 am
Weekdays– Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, Sat 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

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	
7th July - 14 th week in Ordinary Time		14th July - 15 th week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Isaiah 66:10-14	First Reading	Deut 30:10-14
Second Reading	Galatians 6: 14-18	Second Reading	Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel	Luke 10: -12, 17-20	Gospel	Luke 10:25-37