

*Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
14th July 2019*



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THE DEEP END

The Good Samaritan

Parables are never what they seem. They have a clever way of enticing us to figure out what is really going on beneath the surface. One of the real questions in this parable is: Who offers correct worship to God? Jesus spoke about a God who was not concerned with the constraints of the Temple, but who was on the streets. Look at what the Samaritan did for the man on the road: he bound his wounds, he poured oil on them, he took him to an inn. These are all action words. The emphasis in this parable is on action and compassion. The Samaritan is considered to be an outcast, yet Jesus makes him the hero of this story, no doubt causing outrage to those who were listening to Him. The priest and Levite were most likely carrying oil and wine on their person; in the case of the priest, these items were needed for making sacrifices in the Temple. Coincidentally these items were also a vital part of a first century first aid kit, needed for cleaning the wounds of the injured man.

The lawyer is concerned with the limits to 'love of neighbour.' But there are no limits, no boundaries, no outsiders in God's Kingdom. Holiness is not separation from the marginalised, but proximity to them.

Since once again Lord, I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I will make the whole Earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labours and sufferings of the world.

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Weekly Collection: \$1,314.40



IN THE PARISH

Sunday 14th July Parish Lunch at noon at Stokes Valley RSA

Wednesday 17th July 11 am Mass with Anointing at the Pettit Centre

Wednesday 17th July 7.30 pm St Vincent de Paul Heretaunga

Thursday 18th July 1.30 pm Mass with Anointing at Stokeswood Rest Home, Stokes Valley

Thursday 18th July 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting



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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 2:00pm on Sunday 4th August in the Pettit Centre in Heretaunga. The full report has been emailed to Parishioners on our Parish distribution list last week (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.



Go you are sent to the peripheries of society (1) Prisoners and prisoner re-integration-parish sponsorship and prayer, commit to practical actions and service (e.g. Arohata quilts, Volunteering for Seasons for Growth in prisons).

Lectio Divina

Worship Night

On Saturday 27th July at 7:30 pm, Overflow would like to welcome you to 'Come and Adore' at St Francis Xavier Church in Stokes Valley. This month's worship night will be a night of praising in adoration of our Blessed Christ. This night will allow us to gather in the presence of our Lord in reverence and stillness. It will be a time of reflection and will also allow us as brothers and sisters in Christ to grow in faith. The night will be concluded with light refreshments and fellowship. Come and Adore.



Circle of Friendship

Saturday afternoon, a group of women gathered to listen to a very enlightening speaker from the IHC. Tracey Blake spoke about her role in the organisation and the many things involved in the smooth running of care for the people involved. Suitable places for them to stay, flatmates that get on well together, caregivers suitable for the care, and qualifications needed for certain roles were some of the topics covered. The Beatitudes was recited at the beginning of the meeting - suitably fitting for the theme of the talk. Discussion followed over a cup of tea.

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.



Volunteers needed

Lynne and Leo Smith have been volunteering for the past many years to organise the cleaners at Our Lady of Grace Church. They would now like to handover this role to someone else. It entails just getting in touch with other volunteers once a year to confirm their readiness to continue, sometimes filling in when there is no one else available to clean. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you would like to step in to this role.



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

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

The good Samaritan is Christ who draws close to the poor, to those who are in need. The good Samaritan is also when, like Christ, you approach those who are next to you, and are able to see the face of Christ in them. It is a path of love and mercy: Jesus finds us, heals us, and He sends us to heal others. It is only permissible to look down upon someone if we are about to bend down and help them get up. We have no right to look down on anyone. Not with our nose upturned, like this, eh? If I look down from above it is in order to bend down and help someone to get up.

Pope Francis: Message to Youth Gathering in Rosario, Argentina, May 2018



Transforming Parishes with the help of ALPHA- Wed July 24th 7.00pm, a live webinar from the comfort of your own home. Please email me and I will send you the link. c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz Any questions please ring Chris Walkerdine 496-1706. This webinar is open to everyone; anyone just curious or wanting to learn about Alpha, those maybe interested in starting Alpha in their parish, or those wanting to be involved in running a series.



NZ Catholic

The July 14-27 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Catholic reaction to euthanasia bill second reading. Southern college ownership change after 90 years. Giving hope to pregnant students. Vatican document on confession secrecy. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on July 28.

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



Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 16 July beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

KPF Life In The Spirit Programme (KLSP2019)

"Come to me all of you who are tired and weary and I will give you rest. (Mat11:28)". This is the promise of Jesus to us who wants to experience His love and peace. Come and experience His life-changing love every Saturday, from 13th July until Sunday 24th November, 1pm, at Saint Bernadette's Church Hall, 194 Naenae Road, Lower Hutt For registration and details: contact Bim Zapanta 0275192841 or Rey Cabauatan 0275712825 or email at kpf.wellington.klsp@gmail.com

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, on marie.ian@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 3595 541 Christchurch. The book including postage is \$15





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 Mario Kljakovic, Stuart Park, and Brenda Ryan, 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

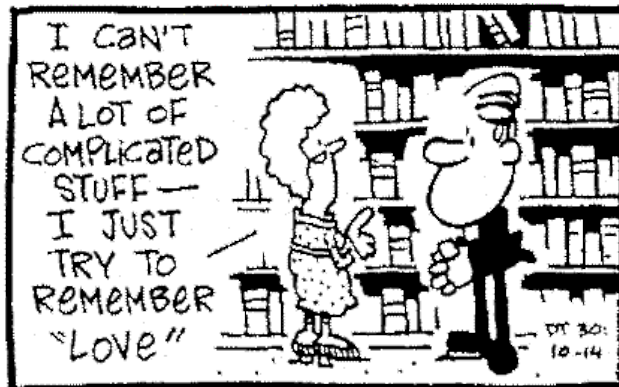
Petone Shop 568 6408

St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley

Gordon 938 2750

Stokes Valley Shop 563 9278

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
14th July - 15 th week in Ordinary Time		21 st July – 16 th week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Deut 30:10-14	First Reading	Genesis 18: 1-10
Second Reading	Colossians 1:15-20	Second Reading	Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37	Gospel	Luke 10: 38-42



Churches and Presbyteries Review

As part of the review of churches and presbyteries the Finance Committee have researched relevant details of OLOV property. As we commence the second aspect of the Cardinals Directive, it is now important that we prayerfully engage in knowledgeable, discussion as we discern and assess what we have, what we need, think about others and look forward in service considering our present and future needs as we cater for the pastoral care of OLOV.

Summary of Building Report Heretaunga

The land at Heretaunga consists of two properties 5,076 m² and containing:

A - Our Lady of Grace church building

B – Pettit Centre, meeting and social rooms

C – Presbytery and Parish offices.

Earthquake strengthening: The Church building is at 80% of the New Building Standard (NBS).

Stokes Valley

The land at Stokes Valley comprises three separate sections

1. 152 Stokes Valley, being Pt Lot 1 of 6998 m² containing:

A. St Francis Xavier church building

B. the Presbytery and

C. the St Vincent De Pauls storage shed.

Earthquake strengthening: The church building is currently rated approximately at 39%.(NBS)

2. The area of land at 1/142 Stokes Valley Road, Being Lot 2 of 1987 m² containing eight flats. The property has a lease from the Lower Hutt City Council for a term of 40 years commencing from 1.1.84

3. 146 Stokes Valley Road, being Lot 1 & 3 2061 m² contains:

E the Hall leased from OLOV Parish,

F Marae, and

G Ancillary buildings

A lease was initiated in November 1996 and terminates in 2085 for the land occupied by the Marae and the Hall.