

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
21st July 2019



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THE DEEP END

Martha and Mary

Jesus visits the home of Martha. For such a short Gospel passage, this text has created much discussion among biblical scholars. It seems everyone in this story is breaking the rules: Jesus rebukes his host, Mary does not help her sister, and Martha is not sitting at Jesus' feet like a good disciple. Luke's gospel is all about 'reversal': what you expect to happen does not happen, often the opposite happens! Confused? Mary is positioned here as a disciple learning from her Teacher. Martha as one who is trying to serve through 'many tasks.' Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and names the women who follow Him. Luke is perhaps reminding us in this text that being a follower of Jesus requires an upset of the norms and a reversal of roles.

This story occurs in Luke immediately after the Good Samaritan, where the importance of service and action are clearly emphasised. It seems unfair that Martha is being told off for serving those who come to her. If Jesus arrived with a hungry entourage, what host would not be stressed out! Jesus frees Martha from these duties, not because they are not important, but so that she too can be nourished by him. Frantic activity is never good or sustainable for us.

Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we are bogged down in the craziness around us, we can sit and listen to Him. Then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face, whether they be in our homes or our wider communities.

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Weekly Collection: \$1,175.90



IN THE PARISH

Thursday 25th July Parish Liturgy Meeting at 7.30 pm

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. 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.



PRESBYTERY AND CHURCH REVIEW

As announced last week the Parish is holding a number of discernment meetings on issues relating to the Cardinal Directive to look at what resources we will need in the future to fulfill our mission to bring the Good News to this part of the Archdiocese. The current focus is on what NEEDS the Parish will have around the provision of churches and presbyteries, as compared with what we currently own.

An on-line survey has been placed on the Parish website along with information around the issue. (<https://olov.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019-07-16-Church-and-Presbytery-Discernment-Update.pdf>).

A direct link to the Survey is also available by clicking on https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13FfKFc0m1N7gw2uEnDg-c1g6_QY2gesvAMLuQOEfmDQ/edit?usp=sharing

Meetings are scheduled as follows in the weeks ahead

Sunday 21 st July	Pettit Centre Heretaunga 2:00pm
Saturday 10 th August	St Francis Xavier Church Stokes Valley 12:45pm
Friday 16 th August	St Francis Xavier Church Stokes Valley 7:30 pm
Sunday 18 th August	Pettit Centre Heretaunga 2:00pm

Please take the time to prepare for and attend one of these gatherings and to complete the Parish survey to get your opinions, thoughts, concerns and ideas expressed and collated to be presented to Cardinal John by 31st October 2019.

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 months' 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.



Altar Servers –

A big welcome to three new servers onto the roster for Our Lady of Grace: Payden Fox, John-Pallid Tufue & Litron-A'des Tufue

We do **need** more servers for the St Francis Xavier roster, so please let Conor Healy or the Parish Office know of anyone who might be interested

Go you are sent to develop a spirituality of service (2) Develop many and varied spiritual practices outside of Mass e.g. adoration, variety of prayer modes.

Volunteers needed

Lynne and Leo Smith have been volunteering for the past many years to organise the cleaners list 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.



Ecology, Justice and Peace

Today we are so taken, by excitement, by countless problems — some of which are not important — that we lack the capacity to listen. We are constantly busy and thus we have no time to listen. I would like to ask you, to pose a question to you, each one answer in your own heart: do you, husband, take time to listen to your wife? And do you, woman, take time to listen to your husband? Do you, parents, take time, time to “waste”, to listen to your children? or your grandparents, the elderly?

Pope Francis: [Angelus](#), July 2016



Transforming Parishes with the help of ALPHA-

You are invited to a workshop on Transforming Parishes with the help of ALPHA- Wed July 24th 7.00pm at the Catholic Centre, Hill St, Wgtn **Or** join us via your computer by clicking on the link I can send you. Please register by Monday 22nd July at c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz or ring Chris Walkerdine (04) 496-1706.

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

Join the St Vincent de Paul Society Wellington team.

Job vacancy: Altar Bread Manufacturing Supervisor / Full-time / Based in Newtown, Wellington

We are looking for a full-time Manufacturing Supervisor to join our team based at the Vinnies Welfare & Services office in Newtown, Wellington. You will be leading a team of people with intellectual disability to cook, cut, sort, package and distribute altar bread to our customers throughout New Zealand. You must be confident within your leadership, empathetic to your team's needs and knowledgeable of the manufacturing and food safety standards to efficiently run the kitchen.

Applications close: Wed 31 July Contact: Millie at marketing@vinnieswgtn.org.nz





Summer in the Forest

A movie about Jean Vanier and his work

Jean Vanier is one of the "saints next door". See this film and be inspired! Roxy Theatres, Miramar 6.30pm Wednesday 24 July. to book go to www.summerintheforest.co.nz.

Pilgrimage

Join us on an unforgettable pilgrimage to Naju, South Korea to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the Our Lady's first weeping Tears of Blood with an opportunity to meet the visionary, Julia Kim in person from 17- 22 October 2019. For more information contact Chrissy on 021 233 6883 or chrissy.teo@yahoo.com



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 Malin Kljakovic, Stuart Park, and especially Jack O'Kane, George Moen and Elia Doile 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	
21 st July – 16 th week in Ordinary Time		28 th July – 17 th week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Genesis 18: 1-10	First Reading	Genesis 18: 20-32
Second Reading	Colossians 1:24-28	Second Reading	Colossians 2: 12-14
Gospel	Luke 10: 38-42	Gospel	Luke 11: 1-13