

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
28th July 2019



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THE DEEP END

When asked how we should pray, Jesus teaches the Our Father 'Lord teach us to pray.' If someone asked this today of a faith leader, we might get a long list of possibilities based on different tastes, cultures and trends. Millions of books have been written on prayer, how to pray, what method, where, when, how to sit, what to wear, what attitude one should have, and so on. Yet here, Jesus gives his disciples a very direct response, actual words in a formula that they should recite.

In Jesus' time there were many rabbis who would have certain prayers for their followers to say, almost as a way of identifying their group. The Lord's Prayer is the prayer of Jesus' disciples, so it is our prayer too. It is among the first prayers we learn as children. It is a prayer of identity for Christians. When we are in a moment of crisis, when all other words fail us, it is often the 'go-to' prayer.

After teaching the Lord's Prayer, Jesus tells a story about a man whose friend goes to him at midnight looking for bread for another friend. It might appear to be a confusing story, but the emphasis is on the power of praying for another's need. In the early church and today, this is seen as the work of the people of God, the baptised: to pray for the world and the needs of others. Then we go beyond ourselves and our own interests, reaching out and opening up, rather than being closed in on ourselves.

Ask, and it will be given you search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

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Weekly Collection: \$3,530.40



IN THE PARISH

Wednesday 31st July Coffee Morning at Silverstream Bakery at 10 am
Saturday 3rd August Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre at 2 pm



Circle of Friendship Ladies Gathering

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 3 August for fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2 – 4 pm. We will be having a Show and Tell afternoon, so if you have something of interest that you would like to talk about, please bring it along. As usual we will be continuing our book swap table if you have books to spare that someone else can get some enjoyment from. If you need transport, please ring Melinda on 234 1271. A gold coin donation towards our charities would be appreciated.

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 – URGENT

We do **need** more servers for the St Francis Xavier roster; the newly Confirmed would be most welcome. So please let Conor Healy or the Parish Office know of anyone who might be interested

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

Synod Go you are sent to find leaders (3) Define the needs and identify leadership roles needed within the parish



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.

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.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz or ring Chris Walkerdine (04) 496-1706.



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

Seasons for Growth is an education programme which explores the effects of change, loss and grief. Using the imagery of the four seasons, the programme is a safe and proven way to help people process and adjust to changing experiences. A programme for adults will be offered: six weekly sessions, starting on Sunday 18 August, 2.00 – 4.30pm, in the Emmaus Centre, St Christopher's Anglican Church, 167 main Road, Tawa. Cost \$25 for the workbook. For more information, or to register, please contact Bridgett on 934 1811 or email: honitonfantail@gmail.com.

NZ Catholic The July 28–August 10 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Reaction to proposed Christchurch Parish changes. Bishop Dunn looks back – and to the future. What is needed to renew the NZ Church. NZ youth workers meet Pope Francis. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on August 11.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

"Every person shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God." Deut 16:17

There is a deep desire among our people to do more to bring the Good News to others, and to provide the services that our Archdiocesan ministries can offer. Cardinal John invites you to join him in providing financial support to these important Catholic ministries, to consider volunteering your time and to commit to pray for the work of the Archdiocese. For more information and ways to donate, pick up a Catholic Ministries Appeal envelope today.



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 Fr. Robert Lee SM, Malin Kljakovic, Stuart Park, and especially Jack O’Kane 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

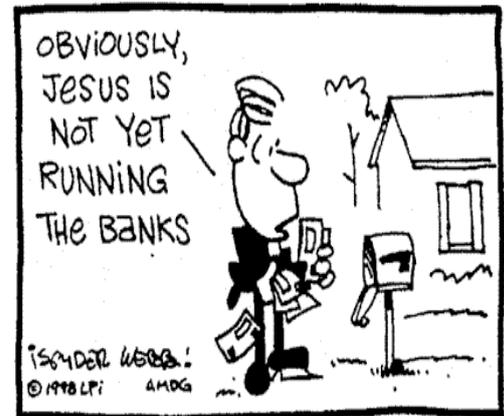
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St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga

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	
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