

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
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THE DEEP END

Living the Dream

Some of us may hear today's Gospel reading and think: 'Well, what is so wrong with that?' In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future – building bigger barns to store his crops, ensuring he has enough to live on for the coming years, allowing himself to enjoy the fruits of his labour. He is living the dream! He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn't he 'eat, drink, have a good time'? Yet God brands him a 'fool.' Why? As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can't take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Furthermore, there is no indication that he considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. His focus is 'me, me, me.' He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective.

'If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.'

CS Lewis

Weekly Collection: \$1,224.40



IN THE PARISH



Sun 4 th August	10:30 am	Sacramental Programme Children's Session
	2:00pm	Annual General Meeting Pettit Centre
Tues 6 th August		Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club at 5.30 pm
Wed 7 th August		Catholic Women's League 1.30 pm at the Pettit Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm this 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

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.



Upcoming Training For Proclaimers Of The Word And Leaders

The Liturgy Committee is committed to providing ongoing training for those who provide ministries in our Parish. To this end in August a TRAINING SESSION FOR PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD and LEADERS is being provided and ALL those who undertake this ministry are requested to attend one of the two sessions. The sessions are scheduled for Tuesday 20th August at 7:30 at St Francis Xavier Stokes Valley and Sunday 25th August at 2:30 at Our Lady of Grace Heretaunga. Please put one on these times aside even if you have been undertaking the ministry for a while as it will help you more effectively undertake LEAD and PROCLAIM THE WORD.

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.





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

Solemnity Of The Assumption 15th August

The 15th August marks the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. It is also the Patronal Feast Day of New Zealand, as the country was placed under Mary's. This day is marked as a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. To allow parishioners to celebrate this day there is an additional Mass being celebrated in the Parish. The timetable for the Day

- 9:30 am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church Stokes Valley
- 11:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church with St Brendan's School
- 1:30 pm Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home Stokes Valley (including Anointing of the Sick)
- 7:30 pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church Heretaunga



Time And Talents Survey

Pope Francis speaks often of Missionary Disciples. This theme is aimed at us all that we may find new ways of bringing the Good News to those around us, both in our Parish family and beyond. In this spirit the Parish Council has initiated the annual Time and Talent Survey of the Parish for weekend of 10th – 11th August. Parishioners are asked over the week ahead to prayerfully reflect on how they enliven a spirit of DISCIPLESHIP in themselves and in what ways they can perhaps offer their TIME, TREASURE OR TALENTS to the work of the Parish, the Archdiocese and the world. This idea of reflection on Ministry was part of the Care Ministry Appeal launched by Cardinal John recently. We are called reflect on what NEW ways we might be able to flex our ministerial talents to deepen our faith, and service of the Gospel.

The Survey sheets will be distributed at all Masses next Sunday and then available in the foyer for the next few weeks.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Launched this month of July that will enable Catholics across the Archdiocese to have a direct impact on growing evangelisation and mission. While funds will go to support all ministries of the Archdiocese, our messages this year will initially focus on the following areas of:

- hospital and prison chaplaincy
- support for people in need
- Maori ministries
- Pasifika communities support
- youth & vocation promotion
- refugee support
- developing church leaders
- parental faith formation
- marriage enrichment

The theme of the appeal is: Pray, Give, Volunteer. People are asked to respond in one or more of these ways and the response will come through prayerful discernment. 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.



Vigil for the Unborn: Saturday 17th August, St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12.00 p.m. Come and Pray for lives to be saved and hearts to change. For more information contact Family Life International NZ PH: 021 231 7954



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. Maurice O'Connor SSC, Fr. Robert Lee SM, Milan Kljakovic, Stuart Park, and especially Sheila McDiarmid and Lazarus David 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

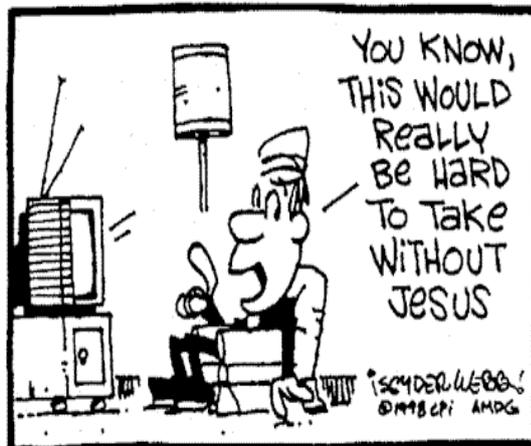
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Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
4th August – 18 th week in Ordinary Time		11th August – 19 th week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23	First Reading	Wisdom 18: 6-9
Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11	Second Reading	Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19
Gospel	Luke 12: 13-21	Gospel	Luke 12: 32-48