

**Our Lady of the Valleys Parish**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**



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### THE DEEP END



#### **Three against two and two against three**

Sadly, many people are no strangers to family feuds. In past generations, things like land and inheritance were major causes of family disagreements, causing parents to fall out with sons or daughters, or siblings to stop speaking for years. We may have heard other stories from our own families – secrets that were not talked about, relatives who were shunned for 'shaming' the family. These attitudes are dying away, and that is good. We are less concerned with keeping up appearances, and more focused on ensuring children feel loved and supported.

Yet, there will always be conflicts in family life. Differences of opinion can arise over beliefs or choices, sometimes causing immense hurt on both sides. Often these disagreements are between generations. Parents who have raised their children in the faith can feel hurt when a son or daughter drifts away, or decides not to pass on the faith to their own children. Grandparents often carry this burden too.

Some conflict is unavoidable as we navigate these situations, but we have a choice – do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions with loved ones, or do we listen with respect and try to understand and find common ground? Perhaps these inevitable conflicts are what Jesus refers to in today's Gospel – father divided against son, mother against daughter. It's a surprising statement given his usual focus on peace. But then, following Jesus is not a smooth path. Peace can be hard-won, particularly in families where there are so many different personalities and opinions. Let us pray for wisdom and patience to navigate the tougher times.

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**Weekly Collection: \$1,305.10**



#### **IN THE PARISH**



Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Aug      7:30 pm Stokes Valley Meeting Church/ Presbytery Review  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Aug      2:00pm Heretaunga Meeting Church/ Presbytery Review  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 7.30 pm Proclaimers and Leaders Training at SFX  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 11 am Mass with Anointing Pettit Centre  
Please note there will be **NO** 9 am Mass at OLOG on that date.  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 7.30 pm Parish Liturgy Meeting

## MAORI PASTORAL CARE COLLECTION

This collection is scheduled for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August and provides support for the initiatives in providing pastoral care for our Maori parishioners in the Archdiocese, and the country. For those on Planned Giving an envelope for this appeal is included in the pack of giving envelopes provided to you. For those not on Planned Giving, Special envelopes for this Appeal are available in the foyer of both churches for you to support this appeal.



## 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13FfKFc0m1N7gw2uEnDg-c1g6_QY2gesvAMLuQOefmDQ/edit?usp=sharing)

Meetings are scheduled as follows in the weeks ahead

Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	St Francis Xavier Church Stokes Valley 7:30 pm
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Pettit Centre Heretaunga 2:00 pm

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 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 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 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30 at St Francis Xavier Stokes Valley and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



PASSIONIST  
FAMILY GROUP  
MOVEMENT



## Grace Family Group

Sunday 25 August from 12.30 pm at Boulcott Farm Eatery & Cafe. RSVP Marilyn & Paul 5284 869 ([marilyn06@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn06@gmail.com)) or Christine & Nigel [cpask13@gmail.com](mailto:cpask13@gmail.com) BY Thursday 22 August. Tables reserved under 'Marilyn'

## Time and Talents Survey

Thank you for your response last week.

Extra copies of the Survey sheets will be available in the foyer for the next few weeks.





## WORSHIP NIGHT AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

OVERFLOW invites you, your friends and family to another Worship Night on Sat 17th August, 7.30pm @St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley. In this worship night, we are called to ask the question - **Who r U?** As King David asks in 1 Chronicles 17:16: Then King David went in and sat before the Lord; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that you have brought me this far? A night filled with prayer, praise, worship and fellowship with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! Save the date and see you there!!!!

### QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT April to June 2019 from the FINANCE COMMITTEE

Operating Income	40,742
Less Expenses	
Pastoral Costs	(18,890)
Property Costs	(10,223)
Administration Costs	( 8,679)
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b><u>(37,793)</u></b>
<b>Net Operating Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>2,949</b>
Balance Sheet Inflows	5,461
Balance Sheet Outflows	<u>(11,955)</u>
<b>Excess Deficit for the Quarter</b>	<b>(3,545)</b>



**Exploring the true meaning of loveableness - a talk by Fr Kevin Connors** In his recently completed thesis called "A phenomenology of the Eucharist", Fr Kevin seeks to unveil the kindness of God's face in the Eucharist and in each other, and explores the true meaning of 'loveableness'. Come and listen to Fr Kevin on Tuesday 20th August, at 7pm at St Anne's Church, Newtown. All are welcome



### 2017 Synod GO YOU ARE SENT...

As mentioned in previous newsletters the Parish Council has spent time over the past few months looking for ways to make the recommendations of the Synod part of the life of the Parish, especially around the area of **Building Community**. While this is still important because of the workload on the Council as it focuses on the Presbytery /Church Review, it has decided to defer new initiatives on the area of Building Community area until the completion of the building review which is to be submitted to Cardinal John by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

### Ecology, Justice and Peace

God has a real face, he has a name: God is mercy, God is faithfulness, He is life which is given to us all. For this reason Jesus says "I came to bring division". It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up. On the contrary Jesus is our peace, He is our reconciliation! But this peace is not the peace of the tomb, it is not neutrality, Jesus does not bring neutrality, this peace is not a compromise at all costs. Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests.

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#) 18 August 2013

## "Humanity Of The Unborn"

You will be aware that the current Labour-led Government has proposed an alternative abortion law to our parliament. That Bill, being promoted by the Justice Minister, Andrew Little, passed its first reading last week and has now been referred to a Special Select Committee for further consideration and to give the public of New Zealand a chance to comment through the parliamentary submission process. You can find the Bill here: <http://legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2019/0164/latest/whole.html#LMS237550> All Catholics are encouraged to have their say. The Submission process closes on 19<sup>th</sup> September [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL\\_SCF\\_BILL\\_89814/abortion-legislation-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill)

## Suffrage in Stitches: Exhibition -SVDP

A new exhibition is open at Wellington Museum, at 3 Jervois Quay through to the 31 August 2019. The exhibition, called Suffrage in Stitches is a 300 metre textile work which has been created during the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of women's suffrage.



**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 Joanne Beckers, Oka Vili, Ray Hurle, Felice Benvenuti, Fr. Maurice O'Connor SSC, Fr. Robert Lee SM, and especially Lucy and Gery Blom, John Byrne, Catherine O'Connor and Margaret Corkery and Anton van Derristein 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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	
18th August – 20 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time		25th August – 21 <sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10	First Reading	Isaiah 66: 18-21
Second Reading	Hebrews 12: 1-4	Second Reading	Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Gospel	Luke 12: 49-53	Gospel	Luke 13: 22-30