

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY
15th September 2019



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THE DEEP END

Called to 'come to our senses'



The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God, and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost, and a huge celebration when the lost is found. In the parable of the Lost Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses.' We might pray today that God show us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to come to our senses.

In this Season of Creation, we lament the destruction of God's creation, we reflect on the loss of bio-diversity and the loss of human life caused by climate change. We pray that we might, like the lost son, 'come to our senses' and take the actions that are necessary to change course. It all seems so huge and perhaps we feel there is nothing significant we can do. That is not the case. As parishes, we can lead by example and show our commitment to care for the earth. The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. As with all significant change, it begins with the grassroots.

Suggestion for the week: Can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home, such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? We start with ourselves.

Weekly Collection: \$1364. 60



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The Parish congratulates the 27 candidates who receive First Holy Communion this weekend. May the Lord bless you all as you take this step of faith, with Jesus and complete the Sacraments of Initiation that began for you with the Sacrament of Baptism and was earlier this year strengthened with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All parishioners are invited to join the candidates at the First Holy Communion Mass at 10:30 this Sunday and to the First Holy Communion breakfast at St Brenda's School Hall straight after. NO

CAFÉ in the Pettit Centre this Sunday.

IN THE PARISH

Sun 15 th Sept	10:30 am	➤ First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Grace Church, followed by First Holy Communion Breakfast at St Brendan's Hall
Wed 18 th Sep	11:00 am	➤ Anointing Mass Pettit Centre (No 9:00am Mass)
Thur 19 th Sept	1:30 pm	➤ Anointing Mass Stokeswood (No 9:30 am Mass)
	7:30 pm	➤ Parish Council monthly Meeting
Sat 21 st Sept	7:30 pm	➤ 7:30 pm Worship Night 7:30pm St Francis Xavier Church

COMING
UP

PARISH QUIZ EVENING TICKET SALES

Due to popular demand we have organised another Parish Quiz evening. The date has been set for the Friday 18 October 2019 at the St. Brendan's School Hall. It's time to start planning and get a team together so book this date into your calendar. Tickets for the **Parish Quiz Evening** are now on sale and available at Mass services or from:

Chris Wasson 528 7847

Trish Leahy 528 5161

Mike Dench 0211233211.

We have three raffles on sale up until the Friday 18 October 2019. The prizes are:

- Two nights' accommodation at the **B&B Martinborough Experience** value around \$300
- 2 X grocery hampers

We are still looking for support from the Parish for items that would be suitable for raffle prizes, such as: scratchies, groceries, jams, or wine. If you can help out and support us, please contact either Chris Wasson or Mike Dench.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with two Introductory/Welcome sessions> These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. **The Introductory Sessions are on Wednesday the 23th October and 30th October at 7:30 pm** in the Meeting Room of Our Lady of Grace Church in Heretaunga. This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program please join us on the 30th August or phone: Fr Tony 972 4282 or Liz McCaul 527 3211



PRESBYTERY AND CHURCH REVIEW

The results of the Parish consultation, concerns, questions and suggestions have been published and are available in the foyer of the churches. If you haven't already read the thoughts of fellow parishioners please do so, as these comments will be formulated by the Steering Committee working on the response for the Cardinal's Directive.



“WORSHIP NIGHT 21st SEPTEMBER– “KNOWN”

The Overflow Youth Group would like to invite you all to another Worship Night on Saturday 21st September, 7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Church in Stokes Valley. This month's worship night's theme is 'Known', to be fully known and loved by God.

This worship night will allow you to open your hearts and fully internalise the love that God will always have for you. 1 John 4:16 says; “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” Let us all join in worship and open our hearts to be fully known and fully loved by our God. The night will be concluded with light refreshments. Hope to see you there.



STEWARDSHIP NETWORK MEETING

Please join us at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Petone. 1:00 -4:00pm on Saturday 21st September. Three dynamic speakers including Cardinal John Dew, Afternoon Tea followed by small group discussion. Please register by September 18th with Ann Williams at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or telephone 04-496 5182.

ANOINTING MASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday at 11:00am - Pettit Centre

Please come and join us in the Pettit Centre next to Our Lady of Grace Church for this Mass, followed by a shared lunch this Wednesday. Extra helping hands are always welcome and transport can be provided please contact Patricia on 972 8043.

There will be no Mass at 9am at Heretaunga on Wednesday as this is replaced by the Anointing Mass at 11am.

Thursday at 1:30 pm – Stokeswood Resthome Glen St S/Valley

All are invited to the Rotary Lounge at Stokeswood to celebrate God's healing presence. Afternoon tea will follow Mass. If anyone needs transport please ring Gordon or Linda Holmes on 9382750. There is no Mass at 9:30am at Stokes Valley.



Greenstone Doors is holding a Brand-New Shoe Sale at St Peter and Paul Church Hall, Knights Rd, Lower Hutt on Sat Sept 21st 10:00am-1:00pm. Branded kids shoes, quality women's shoes and a few men's shoes priced from \$5-\$50. Payment by cash or eftpos.



FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Friday 27th September, 7pm Evening Mass in St Joseph's Church Upper Hutt To mark the feast day Members, Associates and supporters from Upper Hutt, Heretaunga and Stokes Valley are invited to celebrate our feast day at the evening Mass - cup of tea afterwards.



CAREGIVER NEEDED

A kind caring person would be very much appreciated to accompany 71yr old Graham Carr (living at the Home of Compassion) on an outing or walk once or twice a week. Contact Andrea Hart - 0221075640

MASS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY DIVORCE OR SEPARATION

Cardinal John extends a warm welcome to any who are affected by separation and divorce to join him in the celebration of Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt, 7:00pm, Wednesday 25th September 2019, followed by a glass of wine and light refreshments. For more information or if you would like to help in any way with the Mass, please contact Felicity at the Marriage, Family and Young Church Ministries Office (04) 496 1719 or email f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz



CWL FUNDRAISER



The Heretaunga CWL have arranged for "**Downton Abbey**" to be our fundraiser for this year. Venue: Miro Cinema

Date: Monday 23rd September 2019 Time: 1.30 pm
Cost: \$20.00 20 tickets available.

To book: Please email or text Caryl. carylrobinson50@gmail.com

Cell: 021 102 8948

Home: 04 938 0886

Raffle tickets available on the day.

Money collected at theatre



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently including, Anthony Southall, Fautino Manase, Ethel McElwain, Yvonne Cox, Jack Withington, Kevin Montgomery, Murray Gray, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time including. 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

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
15th September – 24 th Week in Ordinary Time		22nd September – 25 th Week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14	First Reading	Amos 8: 4-7
Second Reading	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Second Reading	1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Gospel	Luke 1: 1-32	Gospel	Luke 16: 1-13