

**Our Lady of the Valleys Parish**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**22nd September 2019**



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## THE DEEP END

### Kingdom Economics

If you think that all the parables Jesus told were nice stories about people of integrity then today's Gospel might make you think again. The manager has been put on notice by his CEO and he decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He is happy to let debt go and redistribute the finances. The only value the money really has is in the way it is disposed of. Yes, he is a bit of a scoundrel, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use.

During this past year we have seen young people rise up and challenge the governments of the world to take immediate action on climate change. In March 2019, the Global Protest for Climate involved over 1.2 million young people worldwide. Initiated by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, the climate protests shine as a beacon of hope in dark times. Greta stands up to world leaders and calls them to account. She is a modern prophet inspiring millions of young people into political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. During this Season of Creation, what can your community do to support these young people? As church, what do we have to say to this powerful movement? The manager in today's parable invites us to 'holy mischief.'

'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generation's debris, desolation and filth.' (*Laudato Si'*, 160-161).

Suggestion for the week: Explore how you might join with the eco-groups in your community to rejoice in the gift of creation, to share eco-stories and hear other good news of what is already happening.

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**Weekly Collection: \$1006.60**



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parish congratulates the 27 candidates who receive First Holy Communion last 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.



## IN THE PARISH

21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	7:30 pm	Worship Night at St Francis Xavier Church
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	1:30 pm	CWL Fundraiser 'Downton Abbey' Miro Cinema
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7:30 pm	Liturgy Committee

COMING  
UP

## NZ CATHOLIC

The Sept. 22 – Oct 5 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: St Bede's College opens \$3.5m chapel. School community unites against corrections facility. Cardinal Dew says church still a place of hope. NZ Catholic praised at press awards.



The latest issue in your church Sunday Sept. 22

## 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 (\$10 per person and tables of up to 8 people) 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 23<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> 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

## NEW SIGNAGE

Visitors to the Stokes Valley site will notice the new signage in front of St Francis Church there, displaying the Parish's name, logo and updating the Mass times and contact details. Thanks to Judy, Terry and TC Signs for the work done to design, create and install the new livery. A matching sign is intended to be installed at Heretaunga when settled weather allows painting over of the existing sign.



## SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

If you missed out on the initial workshops held to show us how we can make our churches and Parish a safer place for vulnerable people, additional catch up sessions are available at the Catholic Centre, 22 Hill Street, Thorndon. Dates and times are:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 12:00 noon

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 7:00 pm

You are required to attend safeguarding workshops if you work within the Parish with children or young people, or adults who are vulnerable. **For bookings to attend one of these sessions, or to access via Zoom conference please contact the Parish Office 972 4282**



## HOLY HOUR



You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 September beginning at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.

## FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at **8:30am Mass at ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH** we will be celebrating mass in commemoration of St Vincent de Paul. Members, associates, past members and supporters of our society are all welcomed. Please join us for a cup of tea after mass.



**ALSO Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7:00 pm** 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.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz)



## ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

6.00pm-7.30pm Wednesday 2nd October at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. John Howell will present a comparison of two approaches to the moral basis for the climate change challenge, using the work of:

- “Economics for the Common Good” by Jean Tirole (Winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics) Princeton 2017
- “The Righteous Mind – why good people are divided by politics and religion” by Jonathan Haidt. Allen Lane 2012

This will be followed by a discussion of climate change as a wicked problem. All welcome.



**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



**CWL FUNDRAISER**



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

Venue: Miro Cinema

Date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 Time: 1.30 pm

Cost: \$20.00 20 tickets available.

To book: Please email or text Caryl. [carylrobinson50@gmail.com](mailto: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, Pio Ioanne, Anthony Southall, Fautino Manase, Yvonne Cox, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time including, Margaret Coley. 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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
22nd September – 25 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time		29th September – 26 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Amos 8: 4-7	First Reading	Amos 6: 1, 4-7
Second Reading	1Timothy 2: 1-8	Second Reading	1Timothy 6: 11-16
Gospel	Luke 16: 1-13	Gospel	Luke 16: 19-31