

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
13th October 2019



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THE DEEP END



I wish you goodness

What a difference an 'attitude of gratitude' can make! Pope Francis has spoken of the importance, in family life, of saying 'thank you'. Of course, it is not the words that are important but the intention and meaning behind them. To say thank you means 'I appreciate you.' The Irish for thank you, *go raibh maith agat*, is much more expressive than the English. It translates, 'May you have goodness,' or 'I wish you goodness'. It serves to soften and deepen a relationship.

Today's Gospel is often described as a story about faith, and it is true that Jesus emphasises the faith of the man who was healed. But it is also very much a story about gratitude. The man who turns back to Jesus has had his life transformed, and he is eager to thank him. I was always puzzled by the meaning of the last words spoken by Jesus: 'Your faith has saved you.' Surely he had already been saved from his illness, as indeed had the other nine who showed no gratitude? They all received the same gift. But by thanking Jesus, the Samaritan man has entered into a relationship with him; he has become his friend and disciple. That is what Jesus means when he says he has been saved.

Gratitude is an important part of faith. What blessings do you have to be grateful for today? Have you let God know?

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Weekly Collection: \$1518.30



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2020 – In **Limited** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Are now on sale and are available at the Parish Office and at OLOG at the 10.30 am mass. Priced at \$3 for a pack of 5. Hurry and get yours today.



IN THE PARISH

COMING
UP

Wed 16 th Oct	11:00am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Wed 16 th Oct	7:30 pm	Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting Heretaunga
Thurs 17 th Oct	1:30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home SV
Thurs 17 th Oct	7:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 18 th Oct	7:00 pm	Quiz Night at St Brendan's School Hall



PRESBYTERY HOUSEKEEPER

After a long time undertaking housekeeper duties in the Heretaunga Presbytery Roz Runciman has decided to retire in November. We thank her for her dedication over this time. The Parish is therefore now looking for someone who will be willing to take over this role.

Currently the housekeeper is employed for works 7 hours per fortnight to undertake light house cleaning duties. If you are interested in assisting Father Tony in this way please contact him at the Presbytery 04 972 4282. Applications close 31st October

CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY REVIEW

The Steering Committee of this review has summarised your responses about **WHAT WE NEED** in terms of **churches and presbyteries to move forward in the mission of Jesus Christ. Thanks to those who have already provided feedback.**

Parishioners are urged to take this document, (also available on our webpage www.olog.org.nz and prayerful consider the options put forward. Once this has been done please forward back to the Parish Office your responses by **Wednesday 16th October** by the various methods suggested in the overview. The results of these responses will be presented back to the Parish before the submission is made to the Cardinal. **PLEASE! PLEASE!** The Parish Council wants to know what you think; what you see as a way forward for us as a Parish serving the future mission of the Gospel and what we will **need** to be effective.



NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

During the month of November, we remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated in the Parish during November. A box is also available to collect specific requests for Masses to be said for their intentions. A Special Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in **Our Lady of Grace Church, at 10:00am on Sat 2nd Nov** for the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months. All are welcome to attend. **NOTE This Remembrance Mass replaces both the 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church and the 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word at St Francis Xavier Church**

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING There will be altar servers training this Sunday 13th October for any young parishioners interested in joining this ministry SFX church after the 8:30am mass (with Paul Stowers) a OLOG after the 10:30am mass (With Conor Healy) Please contact Conor on 528 7395 or email conorhealy26@gmail.com for more information



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – Congratulations to the CWL Lotto Bonus held on 5th October 2019. Winners are Jill Birkett No 17 \$10, Chris Wasson No. 16 \$10, and Gay Worthington No 18 \$10.



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



WORKSHOP FOR MINISTERS OF LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION AND THOSE VISITING THE SICK Father Pat Bridgeman is facilitating a workshop on Thursday, 24th October from 7:00 -9:00 pm at St Peter and Paul's Church in Lower Hutt.

Parishioners from Our Lady of the Valleys Parish, who are involved in these ministries, are urged to attend. Our Parish Liturgy Committee recommends this workshop as part of the parish renewal programme for lay Ministers. The Liturgy Committee will conduct a follow up workshop to reinforce current practise in our parish. If anyone would to join these Ministries you are also asked to attend. For further information please contact Liz McCaul: 527 3211 or Father Tony.

PARISH QUIZ EVENING TICKET SALES

Quiz Night ticket sales are going well, so if you want to come along and have some fun you will need to get in quick.

The date has been set for 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. Just a reminder for those that are coming BYO and please bring a plate to share (finger foods) we will provide Tea and Coffee.

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.

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE How many times do we say "Thank you" to those who help us, to those close to us, to those who accompany us through life? Often we take everything for granted! This also happens with God. It is easy to approach the Lord to ask for something, but to return and give thanks. That is why Jesus so emphasizes the failure of the nine ungrateful lepers: "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" Pope Francis, October 2016





CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP The weather may not have been great, but the atmosphere in our church hall was, as 28 women enjoyed our 'Floral -themed' gathering last Saturday. The tables were decorated with fresh, sweet-smelling Spring flowers; poems and musings on Spring were shared by many, Denise showed her grandchildren's paper flower creations, Josie sang a song she 'created' to that well-known tune: "How many kinds of sweet flowers grow, in a (Kiwi) country garden, etc and Barbara kindly explained her latest innovation of growing small veges: lettuces, herbs, beans etc in ordinary green plastic buckets which she gifts to her neighbours and friends. All in all a very friendly, enjoyable afternoon. Next month (Saturday November 2nd @ 2pm) our guest speaker is from Earth Link and the gold coin entry donation will go to that cause. A plate towards afternoon tea is acceptable (but not essential!) The popular book table swap will continue, and women of the Parish and their friends are most welcome. It's all about Friendship and Fellowship!

HOLY HOUR on Tuesday 15 October 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.



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, Graham Ander, Beverley Hopwood, Joanne Brown, Campbell Deforges, Pio loane, and those whose anniversary occurs at 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

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	
13th October – 28 th Week in Ordinary Time		20th October – 29 th Week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	2 Kings 5:14-17	First Reading	Exodus 17:8-13
Second Reading	2 Timothy 2:8-13	Second Reading	2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel	Luke 17:11-19	Gospel	Luke 18:1-8