

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
20th October 2019
MISSION SUNDAY



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THE DEEP END

Crying out

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with

God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas.

On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice.

At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion?

'May God bless you with discomfort

At easy answers, half-truths,

And superficial relationships...

And may God bless you

With enough foolishness

To believe that you can

Make a difference in the world,

So that you can do

What others claim cannot be done

To bring justice and kindness

To all our children and the poor.

Franciscan Blessing

Weekly Collection: \$2,129.10

Thank You!



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

Thurs 31st Oct
Fri 1st Nov

7:30 pm
9:30 am

Parish Liturgy Meeting
St Brendan's School Mass – All Saints Day



WELCOME

We warmly welcome the **Wellington Deaf Catholic** community who will be joining us for the 10.30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church on the 20th of October.

NEW SIGNAGE – Check it out

Following on from the new signage at St Francis Church there, matching signage has now been installed at the Heretaunga site as well. This displays 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.



PARISH QUIZ EVENING – THANKS

GRAB A
TEAM
ITS
QUIZ
NIGHT

A BIG THANK YOU to all who made the Quiz Night on Friday a great success. A lot of FUN was raised on the evening and the FUN(D)RAISING part managed to provide \$2,400 Towards the Parish Loan.

Congratulation to the evening all the teams there from the leading team of the Quiz *TEAM I Dunno Whatever* to that tail end Charlie team *Cool Running* as we raised a lot of FUN along with the financial support. Congratulations to the winner of the weekend away in Martinborough – Kirsty Krippner.

Thank you to Mike and the team for another wonderful event. If you missed out we are looking to do it again next year so start reading up those trivial facts and figures ready for October 2020.



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 interested please contact Fr Tony at the Presbytery 04 972 4282. Applications close 31st October.



WORSHIP NIGHT AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 19TH OCTOBER

This is an invitation to everyone of all ages in need of a prayerful and spirit filled night. On Saturday 19th October at 7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Church in Stokes Valley, the Overflow youth group lead a night of praise and worship in celebration of 'How Great is Our God'. This will also be our last worship night for the year. We'd like to thank everyone who has helped us on this spiritual journey. We hope to see you there to praise and worship our God in thanksgiving one last time with the Overflow youth group. The night will be concluded with light refreshments and fellowship.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – Congratulations to the CWL Lotto Bonus held on 12th October 2019. Winners are Frank O'Leary No 37 \$20, Rosaleen Carson No. 36 \$10, and Pauline Lockyer No 38 \$10.

CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY REVIEW

Thanks to all who provided feedback to the review. The feedback stage is completed and the 92 sets of options and comments are now with the Steering Committee to compile the responses to what the major trends and comments are. As you can appreciate this will take some time and the Committee will be spending the next few days looking over summarising the feedback. They hope to meet together later this week to bring their collations together.

A meeting has been held between representatives of the Lower Hutt Steering Group and a matching one is in the process of being organised with Upper Hutt. Consultation with neighbouring parishes was one of the Cardinal's requirements in this process.

We ask for your patience as the collation and talks with neighbouring parishes is undertaken. We will strive to keep you informed of significant developments as they occur



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**



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) 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 October 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.

NZ CATHOLIC The Oct. 20 – Nov. 2 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Pope accepts Bishop Drennan resignation. Kiwi Carmelite makes solemn final vows. Extraordinary Month of Mission in October. New Vicar for Maori in Auckland. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on November 3.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

All ladies of the parish are invited on Saturday 2 Nov for fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2 – 4 pm. Our November gathering will have a speaker - Rita Forrest - speaking about her trip to Lithuania, which included a family reunion. As usual we will be continuing our book swap table if you have books to spare that someone else can get some enjoyment from. If you need transport, please ring Melinda on 234 1271.

Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship. Tertiary students in the Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who are entering into their third year or more of study are invited to apply for a Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship. Each student selected receives \$3,000 towards their third year of tertiary study. For more details contact Kevin Crighton at sisteam@compassion.org.nz.



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, Joan Kelly, Graham Ander, Beverley Hopwood, Joanne Brown, and also remember 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	
20th October – 29 th Week in Ordinary Time		27th October – 30 th Week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Exodus 17:8-13	First Reading	Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19
Second Reading	2 Timothy 3:14-4:2	Second Reading	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Gospel	Luke 18:1-8	Gospel	Luke 18: 9-14