

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
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THE DEEP END

The meaning of life

After the Second World War, a Greek man named Alexander Papaderous founded an Institute of Peace and Understanding on the island of Crete, as a response to the atrocities that had taken place there during the war. One day, while taking questions at the end of a lecture, someone asked him 'What is the meaning of life?' In response, Papaderous took a small mirror out his wallet, and said: 'I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world – into the black places in the hearts of men and women – and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I'm about. This is the meaning of my life.'

Papaderous was a person of great humility, aware of how small and seemingly insignificant each one of us is, but full of faith that we can still do great things. Like the tax collector in the parable we hear today, he was aware of his unworthiness, but open to light and hope.

In today's Gospel we are invited to put ourselves in the shoes of the Pharisee, who regarded himself as superior to others, and the tax collector, who throws himself on the mercy of God. Which of them sees the bigger picture?

Weekly Collection: \$4,404.70

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		
Wed 30 th Oct	10 am	Coffee morning at Silverstream Bakery
Thurs 31 st Oct	7:30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting
Fri 1 st Nov	9:30 am	St Brendan's School Mass – All Saints Day



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.



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**

PRESBYTERY CLEANER

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 cleaner/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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) The Introductory Sessions are on Wednesday the 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

PARISH QUIZ EVENING – THANKS and UPDATE

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 \$2,617.40 towards the Parish Loan. Congratulations 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.





CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – Congratulations to the Winners of CWL Lotto Bonus held on 19th October 2019 Bernadette Hague No 8 \$20, Shirley Mahoney No. 7 \$10, and Paddy Byrne No 9 \$10.

The monthly meeting will be held in the Pettit Centre on Wednesday 6th November at 1.30pm. If you have any good used clothing or books that you no longer require we would love to have them for our sales table. Please feel free to join us.

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



SUZANNE AUBERT Copies of the Suzanne Aubert news and the Voice of Compassion are available in the foyer of both churches and in the chapel at the Home of Compassion.

The Suzanne Aubert news contain progress of Suzanne's journey to sainthood particularly in regard to the proposed first miracle attributed to her intercession while the Voice of Compassion includes an article on Compassion housing in Upper Hutt and an obituary for Sr Sarto, a much admired nursing sister who spent her "retired" life at Marion Court, St Joseph's Home of Compassion. Enclosed in the latter, is a gift order form if you are looking for something for yourself or for others (Xmas gifts perhaps).

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.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT BY FR CHRIS SKINNER, SM

An afternoon of songs and music on Saturday 2 November, 2:00pm, Sacred Heart Church Petone. Tickets - \$25 each. Proceeds to support Pacific families to attend the Annual Oceania gathering of the Focolare Movement, 8-12 January 2020.

For tickets contact: David – 04 4787962 or david.krsticevic@gmail.com Door Sales available; \$10 Students under 18.

ROSARY BEADS October is the month of the ROSARY, and if there are any kind parishioners who might have some spare ROSARY BEADS that they would like to kindly donate to the Junior Class at St Michael's School in Taita. If so, please ring Margaret Wallach at St Michael's (04 576 1514)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those souls in purgatory and who have died recently including, Joan Kelly, Graham Ander, Beverley Hopwood, Joanne Brown, and we 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 – 30th Week in Ordinary Time		3rd November– 31st Week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19	First Reading	Wisdom 11:22-12:2
Second Reading	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18	Second Reading	2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2:2
Gospel	Luke 18: 9-14	Gospel	Luke 19:1-10