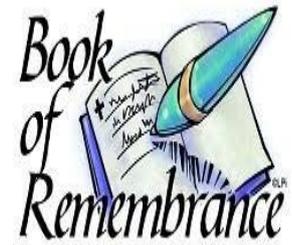


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
3rd November 2019



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THE DEEP END

Zacchaeus

In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus. It is a story that may remind us of our childhood, our first confession, or, as in my case, it might bring a school song to mind that you can't get out of your head! As with all familiar Gospel stories, we are invited to read again with fresh eyes and hear again as if for the first time. For this story is very rich and we risk losing the meaning due to our familiarity with it.

Like many people today, Zacchaeus was a 'seeker.' We read that he was anxious to see what Jesus was like. Clearly, he was drawn to Jesus in some way, was searching for something or someone. Zacchaeus was an outcast, a tax collector, considered a sinner by the community. Yet Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship. In return, Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. But notice that Jesus reaches out in love before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes.

The encounter with Jesus has led Zacchaeus to be a witness to restoration and solidarity. He wants to restore justice where he has acted unjustly. Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table. Jesus is waiting to be invited to his home today. Complaints and negativity continue in the background, but none of that matters. This man is a 'son of Abraham'. It was the affection of Christ, not the condemnation of the town, that reversed the situation.

Who do you need to reach out to today in a similar way?

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Weekly Collection: \$ 1,151.60

Thank You!



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2020 – In **Limited** numbers are out now and available at both churches and 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 both churches on Sunday. Hurry and get yours today.



IN THE PARISH

COMING
UP

2 nd Nov	10:00 am	Remembrance Mass at OLOG
Tue 5 th Nov	5:30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 6 th Nov	1:30 pm	Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre



CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY REVIEW

The collation of responses continues and we are getting close to providing a response to both the Cardinal John and the Parish

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

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.



NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

In 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 during November. The collected names will be enrolled in the Book of Life that is placed before the altar in both churches and Masses celebrated during November are offered for their intention.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE –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.



Congratulations to the Winners of Lotto Bonus held on 26th October Gabriel Worthington No 18 \$20, Gill Birkett No. 17 \$10, and Chris Turner No 19 \$10.



FAMILY MASS On Sunday, 17th November at 10:30 am Mass, Our Lady of the Valleys is celebrating a Family Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church and afterwards morning tea in the Petit Centre.

If your family would like to be involved in the Family Masses please contact Liz McCaul 527 3211 or Father Tony.

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL - Night Market

We are fundraising for much needed improvements to our outdoor spaces by hosting a Night Market in the school hall on from 7.00pm-9.30pm Thursday 14th November. We have an assortment of stalls including homewares, shoes, clothing, fragrances and lots more. Entry is \$5 which includes a free drink. We are very grateful for your support and would love to see you there.



NZ CATHOLIC

Nov. 3 - 16 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Bishops hopeful for Aubert cause. New South Auckland Catholic secondary school proposed. Priesthood and celibacy. Music director honoured in Christchurch. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on November 17.

Sacramental Preparation Programme 2020 - Enrolments for the 2020 Sacramental Preparation Program are now open for those candidates who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of both churches and the School. Though enrolments close on 7th February 2020 please endeavour to enrol before the 18th December as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on February 23rd and the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Louise Peirce the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

Sometimes we try to correct or convert a sinner by scolding him, by pointing out his mistakes and wrongful behaviour. Jesus' attitude toward Zacchaeus shows us another way: that of showing those who err their value, the value that God continues to see in spite of everything, despite all their mistakes.

Pope Francis: Angelus 30 October 2016



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).

GATHERING AT PARLIAMENT TO OPPOSE THE EUTHANASIA BILL

Submissions on David Seymour's euthanasia bill have been written. People from all walks of life have spoken up in record numbers and said NO. Still, a majority of MPs have been voting it through.

Wednesday 13 November is when Seymour's bill is due for its third and final reading. At **12pm**, we will be gathering peacefully on the Parliament lawns to show MPs how many New Zealanders say **NO** to this bill.

It is important we turn out in numbers – Please support this gathering with your presence. Save the date, book leave & organise transport. Share this message with people you know!

Parliament Lawn, Wellington Wednesday 13 November, 12pm



VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN: Saturday 16th November. St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12.00 p.m. Come and Pray for unborn children, the abortion vulnerable and abortion workers. For more information contact Family Life International NZ PH: 021 231 7954

The **Christian Brothers Past Pupils' Association**, Wellington, is holding its Annual Christmas Buffet Dinner on Friday, 15 November, at the Quality Angus Inn, Waterloo Rd, Lower Hutt, commencing from 6.30pm. Our guest speaker is Michael Potts and the title of his address is "From Sutherland Shire to Wellington the Long Way Round." Those interested in attending please contact Kevin McCormack on 478-6792 or kevinmac@actrix.co.nz.



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, Ella McLennan, Mavis Bateup, Joan Kelly, and we also remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time and those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance. 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	
3rd November– 31st Week in Ordinary Time		10th November– 32nd Week in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Wisdom 11:22-12:2	First Reading	2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14
Second Reading	2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2:2	Second Reading	2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3:5
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10	Gospel	Luke 17:1-6