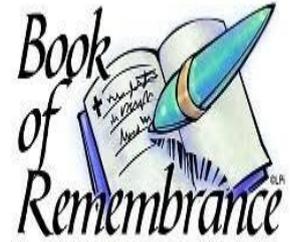


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
17th November 2019



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THE DEEP END

'Endurance'

We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited, having seen how magnificent the Temple is, but the time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings.' These things do not last. At some point, we have all seen and heard someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing.

Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crisis that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is asking people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

'Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements. Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: it is by endurance that we win our lives.' Michel de Verteuil

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Weekly Collection: \$ 1,386.70

Thank You!

WELCOME SEMINARIAN MATHEW WHITE TO OUR PARISH

Matthew will be with us for a few weeks while he's back from the Seminary at the end of his first year as a seminarian.



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.

ANOINTING MASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 20th 11:00 am Pettit Centre Heretaunga
Thursday 21st 1:30 pm at Stokeswood Rest Home Stokes Valley



IN THE PARISH		
Sun 17 th Nov	10:30 am	Family Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church
Wed 20 th Nov	11:00 am	Mass with Anointing at the Pettit Centre
Thurs 21 st Nov	1:30 pm	Mass with Anointing at Stokeswood Rest Home
Thurs 21 st Nov	7:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting



Please note there will be **NO 9:00 am Mass** on 20th November at OLOG and **NO 9:30 am Mass** on 21st November at SFX.

CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY REVIEW

The collation of responses for Cardinal John’s Review has now been completed and a reply to the Cardinal has been prepared. In brief the responses and comments suggested that parishioners supported maintaining two sites as a short-term measure but long-term most responses were for moving to one site. The responses did not give a clear indication of what site the Parish should consolidate onto as we move into the future. This was left by the Steering Committee to future consultation. A written summary of the complete response to the Cardinal is available to parishioners. If anyone would like a copy of the complete response please contact the Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS CARDS - Are now on sale and are available at the Parish Office and at both churches on Sunday. Hurry and get yours today.

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.



SAINT VINCENT de PAUL Christmas Appeal

It's that time again Christmas presents for our needy children. If you care to give we would be pleased to receive gifts for Christmas age range from 6 months to 14 years, boys and girls. If you wrap them please state age and gender on outside of parcel. We desperately need ages from 11--14 year olds. You can leave presents at masses at St Francis Xavier, or Our Lady of Grace. You could leave them at our S.V.D.P. shop Scotts Court Stokes Valley hours 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday by December 12th mid day. If you need them to be picked up please ring Gordon 9382750 or Terry 5286313. Cut off day 8th December.

LITURGY OF THE WORD “A practical walk through in providing the Liturgy of the word with communion will be given by John O’Malley, on Sunday 24th November at 2.00pm at St Francis Xavier Church, and on Monday 25th November at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Grace Church. For persons interested in this ministry, it will cover the requirements for home visits and Liturgy in the Absence of a Priest.”

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

Lunch at Te Marua Golf Course on Wednesday 27th November at 12 noon priced at \$30 pp. All Parishioners welcome. Ring Trisha 528 5161





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.

HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 19 November 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.



ST PATS OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION MIX & MINGLE Calling all 'Town' and 'Stream' Old Boys, please attend our Mix and Mingle. To be held; Friday 22nd November 2019, 6.00PM @ The Kanteen, NZ Post Building 7-11 Waterloo Quay, Wellington. Cash bar, Continuous food, \$40 Entry by ticket only. Go to our facebook page for details. Guest

Speaker: Thomas Waldrom Ex Hurricane & England International. We will also be announcing our 2019 Old Boy of the Year.

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

Jesus firmly tells us not to be afraid of the upheavals in every period of history, not even in the face of the most serious trials and injustices that may befall his disciples... What endures, what has value in life, what riches do not disappear? Surely these two: *the Lord and our neighbour*. These two riches do not disappear! These are the greatest goods; these are to be loved. Everything else – the heavens, the earth, all that is most beautiful, even this Basilica – will pass away; but we must never exclude *God or others* from our lives.

Pope Francis

MARIST ST PATS RFC – 50th Jubilee – You are invited to join with past and current players, coaches, managers and supporters over Queens Birthday Weekend. Friday 29 May to Sunday 1 June 2020. To register, and for more information, check out the webpage www.msprugby.co.nz “

FAMILY REUNIFICATION We are trying to find suitable accommodation for a couple hoping to be reunited with their family, former refugees living in the Hutt Valley. This request is rather urgent as confirmation of accommodation is an immigration requirement. If you have a one bedroom flat, bed sit, tiny house or granny flat in the Hutt Valley that you could make available for rent please contact Catholic Social Services. Phone (04) 385 8642 email reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz





ROSARY FOR LIFE AND FAITH is on Sat. 7th Dec. at 3 pm. This Pro-Life Rosary supports the March for Life in Wellington on the same day. Please try and go on the March. If you can't, please organise or join a Rosary group in your parish. For more info www.coasttocoastro.com or ph Clare 022 1912886

NZ CATHOLIC Nov. 17 - 30 issue is out now. Some headlines are: NZ Bishops meet Pope Francis. Holy Souls help with statue recovery. Deceased clergy remembered. Editor considers future of women in Church. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on December 1. 



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, Graham Carr, Jenny Goodman, Ella McLennan, Mavis Bateup, Joan Kelly, and we also remember Francisco & Florentina and 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	
17th November– 33rd Week in Ordinary Time		24th November– Christ the King	
First Reading	Malachi 3: 19-20	First Reading	2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Second Reading	2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12	Second Reading	Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel	Luke 21:5-19	Gospel	Luke 23: 35-43