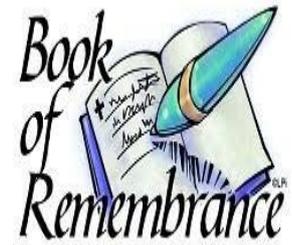


**Our Lady of the Valleys Parish  
Christ the King Year C  
24th November 2019**



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**THE DEEP END**

**Christ the King**

This is the final Sunday of Year C and as we draw to a close our reading of Luke's Gospel we hear the account of Jesus' crucifixion. It is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. Jesus' kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few 'kings' can measure up to this: responding to violence with forgiveness, giving those with no hope a reason to hope, putting the crisis of the world before financial gain or power. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship, making daily sacrifices in endless service to those around them? We hear much about the climate crisis in our world today, the loss of bio-diversity, the breakdown of our ecosystems and the lack of political will to embrace the solutions that are available. This is due to greed and the powerful influence of so called leaders. Once again many will gather in Chile next month for the 25th UN Conference on Climate Change. We must pray for them that they will be courageous and put the future of our environment above financial gain and lead for the best interests of our world and for the generations to come. Today's Gospel gives a powerful image of Jesus as servant King, shining like a beacon of light for society in today's world.

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**Weekly Collection: \$ 1,402.40**



**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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

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



IN THE PARISH		
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Grace Family Group at Whitby Retirement Village
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00 am	Coffee morning at Silverstream Bakery All welcome
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.15 pm	St Vincent de Paul meeting Heretaunga
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7:30 pm	Parish Liturgy meeting



### CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY REVIEW

The collation of responses for Cardinal John’s Review has now been completed and the Review Document has been delivered to Cardinal John. The next phase begins as Cardinal John, and his various advisory bodies, over the next few months embark on the task of evaluating not only our document but all review documents submitted from all the Parishes of the Archdiocese. This as you can imagine is a huge task and could take some time. More information about the next part of the process will be set out in the December issue of Wel-com. A broad stroke hit of the process ahead has been advised by Cardinal John as follows:

*‘When I consider the proposals, I will NOT be making a decision to “approve” them. My response to a proposal will be expressed as “no objection”, “further work needed” or “opposed”. It is the Parish’s decision to actually proceed with a proposal if I have no objection. Once the Parish decides to proceed, it’s decisions are subject to the Archdiocesan norms and approval processes.’*

The written summary of the complete response to the Cardinal is available to parishioners in the foyer of both churches. If anyone would like a copy of the complete response please contact the Parish Office.



**MEN’S GROUP CHRISTMAS FUNCTION** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Presbytery. **A meal \$15.00 per head will be available, bring your own drinks.** For catering purposes please place your name and phone number on the clip board in the foyer. **NOTE THERE IS NO GATHERING ON 3rd December.**



### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Grace Family Group are meeting on Sunday 24 November at Whitby Lakes Retirement Village for Afternoon Tea - please bring a small plate of something to share.

Holmes Family Group Christmas Dinner on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. The venue is Traditional Thai, Upper Hutt. An evening of fun and good cheer.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD TRAINING

“A practical walk through in providing the Liturgy of the Word with Communion presented by John O’Malley, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2.00pm at St Francis Xavier, and on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.00pm at Our Lady Grace. It will cover the requirements for home visits and Liturgy in the Absence of a Priest.”



## SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

It's that time again Christmas presents for our needy children. We would be pleased to receive gifts for Christmas age range from 6 months to 14 years, boys and girls. Please state age and gender on outside of parcel. You can leave presents at masses at both Churches or S.V.D.P. shop Scotts Court Stokes Valley hours 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday by December 12th mid day or ring Gordon 9382750 or Terry 5286313. Cut off day 8th December.



### CARDINAL JOHN ADVISES OF CHANGE IN 2020

As you are aware Cardinal John has been appointed as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Palmerston North until they appoint a new bishop and also taken responsibility as the bishop on the Catholic response to the Royal Commission on Sexual Abuse in State and Faith Based Care. This latter task is already a heavy task and the gathering pace will make this workload increase.

This has promoted Cardinal John, along with the increasing workload of his Wellington Archdiocese based calendar to look at changes to his calendar and workload.

After discussions with the Council of Priests Cardinal John decided, for 2020, to give Parish Priests, the faculty to confer Confirmation. This is given to all Parish Priests of all Parishes in Wellington and the Palmerston North.

Please pray for Cardinal John as he continues to lead our Archdiocese and pastor and chief shepherd



**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. 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.

**MASS FOR LIFE** You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 6 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit [fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents) or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** You're invited to love them both by attending the third annual National March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 7 December. Join Kiwis from all over NZ in a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 12pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: [marchforlife.nz](http://marchforlife.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.

**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](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.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, Andre Gaudal, Beverly Lal, Graham Carr, Jenny Goodman, Ella McLennan, Mavis Bateup, we also remember 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)**

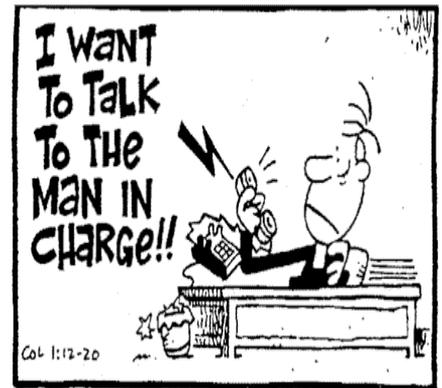
**Samoan Community Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 11:30 am**  
**Weekdays**– Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, Sat 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

**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	
24th November– Christ the King		1 <sup>st</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent	
First Reading	2 Samuel 5: 1-3	First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading	Colossians 1:12-20	Second Reading	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Luke 23: 35-43	Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44