

**Our Lady of the Valleys Parish**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**26<sup>th</sup> January 2020**



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**THE DEEP END**

**Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee**

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town.

To 'repent' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life.

Its hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'Yes!'

These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

W.L. Wallace

**Weekly Collection: \$ 1,736.90**



**PARISH PICNIC**

On the 16th February at midday at the Presbytery grounds of Our Lady of Grace Church the Parish will be holding its **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**. Last year a fun time was had by all let's make this year even better. This is a good way to meet up with new and old parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere.

IN THE PARISH		
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	School Mass at OLOG
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12:30 pm	Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre



**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

We received two envelopes both of which the numbers are no longer in use. Could the person who has given these envelopes please contact the Parish Office on 04 972 4282.

**The first envelope is from January 2012 No 077.**

**The second is from July 2015 No. 274**



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Ladies of the Parish are invited to the CWL Garden Party at the Pettit Centre on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2020. Theme "Wearable Arts Show" you may wish to come at 12.30pm for lunch bring a small plate, or at 1.30pm for the Wearable Arts Parade.

You may wish to wear something you have created out of recyclables.

**MEMBERS** just a reminder subs are now due.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>

and the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Louise Peirce the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.

**ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Parishioners are invited to bring their Palms from last year's Palm Sunday service to leave in the basket in the foyer of the Church ready for this coming Ash Wednesday. These will be burnt to provide the Ashes used to mark the beginning of Lent on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

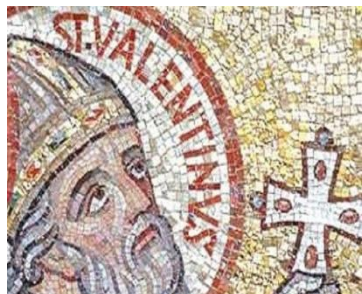


**NZ CATHOLIC**

The Jan. 26 – Feb. 8 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Pope appoints Auxiliary Bishop for Auckland. New Year Mass on Gisborne beach. Our Lady shrine for Canterbury. Two jubilees for Cardinal Williams. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on February 9.

## OPENING SCHOOL MASS

St Brendan's School will be holding its Opening Mass on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February in Our Lady of Grace Church. All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration, that ask for God's help for staff and students as they spend time this year learning about God – Father, Son and Spirit, and the wonderful world that he has given us. **NOTE this Mass will begin at 9:30 am.**



## ST VALENTINE'S DAY

We are excited to once again invite all couples to the Annual St Valentine's Day Mass with Cardinal John Dew. The Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7pm. This is always a wonderful occasion to celebrate the Sacrament of married love. We invite you and your parishioners to join with us on this wonderful day.

**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, Lenny Naidoo, Yvonne Avery, Fr. Patrick Grealley, Michal George Petrus and Sister Mary Patricia Kraus. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



## ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll.

We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email [office@olov.org.nz](mailto:office@olov.org.nz)

## HOSPITALITY AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Did you know that on Sundays after 8:30am Mass in front of the Church **OVERFLOW** (our Parish Youth Group) provide morning tea for all parishioners. Tea, coffee and a light snack are offered to encourage people to stay and chat



## RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.

**Visiting the sick**

Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs an ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office on 972 4282.



**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	
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		2 <sup>nd</sup> February Presentation of the Lord	
First Reading	Isaiah 8: 23-9:3	First Reading	Malachi 3; 1-4
Second Reading	Corinthians 1:10-13, 17	Second Reading	Hebrews 2: 14-18
Gospel	Matthew 4: 12-23	Gospel	Luke 2: 22-40

