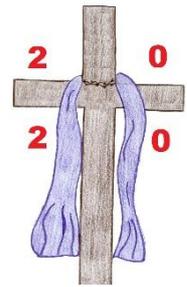


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
Second Sunday of Easter ALLELUIA!!!
19th April 2020



Father Tony Kearns
Parish Office and Presbytery (04) 972 4282
Residence: 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga
Parish Administrator: Jovena Fernandez
Office hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am -1:00 pm
Email: office@olov.org.nz Email: pp@olov.org.nz
Website: www.olov.org.nz
St Brendan's School - Veronica Sawers (04) 939 1909



THE DEEP END

People of the Light

Watching the news or reading the newspapers can be hugely upsetting in these days of COVID-19. Each day, every bulletin or edition seems to tell us of the continuing spread of the infection, the rising number of those infected and the increasing mortality rate that in NZ currently sits at 9.

People are suffering all over the world, not just from the pandemic but also due to unjust economic systems, cruel political regimes greed, environmental degradation ... and the list goes on.

In our own country thousands are homeless and below the poverty line and despite much discussion of the problems, the situation (even before COVID-19) did not seem to be improving. Hateful rhetoric is becoming more widespread, and the lines dividing people more pronounced.

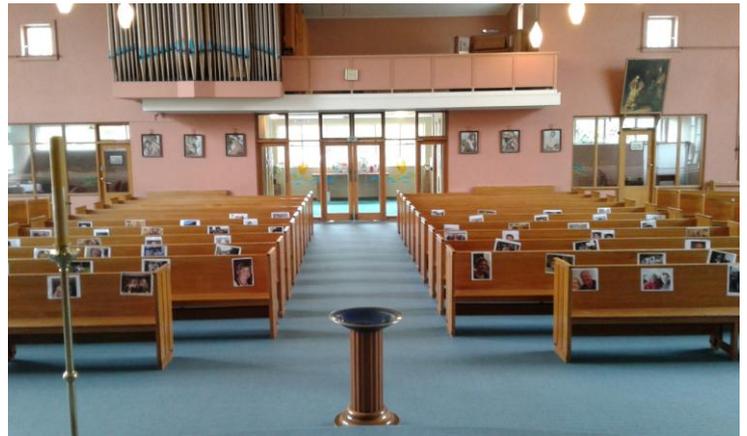
Of course it can be easy to lose hope, and numbers of the vulnerable increase, and for our faith to go through shaky patches. With so much suffering in the world it is no wonder that we sometimes ask the question 'Where is God in all this?'

In the Gospel today we hear of a 'doubter', Thomas. As one of Jesus' disciples he has been through the mill. Their great friend and teacher, Jesus, the one who promised them the world has been brutally killed his awful suffering in their minds. They too are in danger, so they lay low (self-isolating from the Jews). It is a time of despair, so it is little wonder Thomas does not dare to believe the fantastic stories of the other ten Apostles that they have seen the Lord **ALIVE**. When death and despair are all around us, as it seems at this time, we too can be like Thomas, afraid of what the future will bring.

Jesus greets his disciples with four words 'Peace be with you.' In our fear and despair Jesus comes among us with the same four words. May we hear them today and all the days ahead **Peace be with you**

VIRTUAL CONGREGATION

This is a picture of the church from my perspective as I celebrated the Easter Liturgies last weekend. Though no physical attendance was possible, the church was full with our *virtual congregation*. Thanks to those who joined me last weekend. This congregation will be maintained until the virtual becomes a reality and we return to a real congregation when our isolation period ends.



You can still forward to the Parish Office a photo of you and your family to add to our 'virtual congregation' at Our Lady of Grace Church. Family photos supplied will be printed out and placed in the pews of the church where the Easter weekend services are to be celebrated and where Mass will be celebrated each Sunday of the isolation period when parishioners are not able to come to the building. Keep them coming!!!

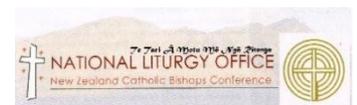
PARISH NEWSLETTER



During this time of self-isolation the weekly newsletter is only sent to those who have requested it to be emailed to them or off the web-page. There may be fellow parishioners around you who are not on the internet. Without breaking the 2metre separation have you thought about asking them if they would like a copy, then printing one out for them and dropping it into their letterbox.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

See the Parish website for the latest update and directives from Cardinal John with regard to Parish activities during this Covid-19 incident



RESOURCES FOR AN UNUSUAL TIME

The Archdiocesan website (www.wn.catholic.org.nz) has on its home page a link to prayer and spiritual resources that many have already found helpful at this time. You might want to check out **A TIME FOR PRAYER AND CARE** which lists access to spiritual and prayer resources including Masses on line and via ShineTV.



NEED HELP – OFFER HELP’ –

A COVID-19 Response: Contact details for groups within the Archdiocese of Wellington who are meeting needs and offering social services to support wellbeing during the lockdown is available on the Archdiocese of Wellington website page "Need help, offer help":

www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/need-help-offer-help/

This webpage also includes details of how people can contribute, which is primarily through financial donations at this time, when goods are unable to be offered. Catholic social services (04-385-8642) social workers can also assist in connecting people to appropriate services. The page is regularly updated - please email l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz with any updates.



QUARTERLY FINANCE STATEMENT Jan- Mar 2020

Operating Income	48,479
Less Expenditure	
Pastoral	(21,236)
Property	(6,911)
Administration	(6,528)
Total Operating Expenditure	(34,675)
Net Operating Excess(Deficit)	13,803
Balance Sheet Inflows	3,734
Extraordinary	
Balance Sheet Outflows	(8,044)
Excess (Deficit) for Quarter	9,493



THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK is meant to help you enjoy six minutes of prayer



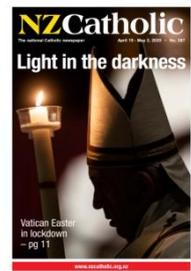
each day during the 50 days of the Easter season. Reflections will be based on the Acts of the Apostles and the early Church. This Little Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. There are still about 10 copies which can be mailed to you if you like.

Please send an email or call 04 972 4282.

Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins (not from our bulletin I hope)



- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Coming up—Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.
- All singles are invited to join us Friday at 7 p.m. for the annual Christmas Sing-alone."
- Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.



Here is a link to the second digital-only edition of NZ Catholic.
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3851daa8-230c-49d1-aefd-6afc771ce753>

Please share and forward as widely as you can.

PLANNED GIVING



If you normally support the Parish financial with weekly donations at Sunday Mass and would still like to continue to donate, you can either place your donation into the letter-slot beside the front door of the presbytery, or do an internet banking deposit directly into the Parish bank account.

If you would like to arrange to move to the automatic payment method please contact the Parish Office who will make arrangements for this.

Our Bank Account Details are

BNZ 02 0772 0070279 00 Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

Please include your **Surname** on the deposit and if you usually donate using Planned Giving Envelopes please include **three digit number** printed on your envelopes in the **REFERENCE** portion so your donation can be recorded for Tax Donation purposes

If you wish to provide a donation for the Holy Places or Easter Dues special collections please indicate this under the Code portion (HP/ED).



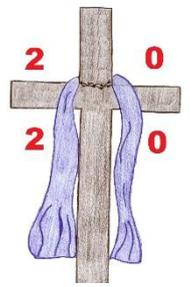
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell especially Mary Duncan, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently including Ana Taulaniao Nasalio, Eti (John) Sili, Br Brian Wanden FMS, John Leitner, Eamon Thompson and Alfred Moss. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace



Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
19th April Second Sunday of Easter		26th April Third Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 2: 42-47	First Reading	Acts 2: 14, 22-28
Second Reading	Peter 1: 3-9	Second Reading	Peter 1: 17-21
Gospel	John 20: 19-31	Gospel	Luke 24: 13-35



**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
SECOND SUNDAY IN
OCTAVE OF EASTER
19th APRIL 2020**



1. Let each of us pray that the theme of mercy, insistently proclaimed by Pope Francis may truly shape the Church's and our mission and action. We pray to the Lord.
2. Let each of us pray that we and all believers may recognize that the righteous demands of our faith are, in themselves, a manifestation for the mercy of God. We pray to the Lord.
3. Let each of us pray that the Lord will bless our country as we continue in our self-isolation for COVID-19 that our efforts, with the assistance of the grace of the Holy Spirit working through medical and other support workers will bring an end to the spread of this pandemic in our nation and in our world . We pray to the Lord.
4. Let each of us pray that households may through this restricted time be brought closer together in love and understanding, rather than stressed apart. We pray to the Lord
5. Let each of us pray that the family be preserved and treasured at all times as the cornerstone of our society. We pray to the Lord
6. Let each of us pray that God may look kindly on the needs of his children, especially the vulnerable young, and the vulnerable elderly. We pray to the Lord
7. Let each of us pray for those who are unwell, especially victims of COVID-19 infections, for those who are infirmed and in care facilities around the country and in our own families. We pray to the Lord.
8. Let each of us as we celebrate our Saviour's victory over death, for our deceased loved that they may encounter a kindly judge in Jesus Christ and come to share in his resurrection We remember especially Ana Taulania Nasalio, Eti (John) Sili, Br Brian Wanden FMS, John Leitner, Eamon Thompson and Alfred Moss who have died recently. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace. We pray to the Lord.

SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNGER ONES

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



Believe It or Not!

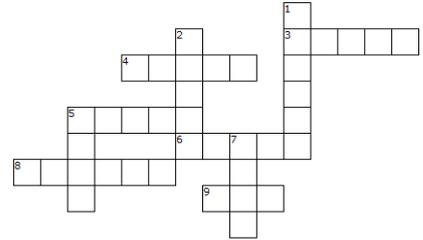
But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



Y J M N P S M B J D J Y D J S
 C X I T A T F M L H O Y W A X
 W X R K N Y G X P O F O M E D
 X M A D V Y G E A X C O R E H
 R X C C J V D R L X H K V S A
 T L L U V E D A E T N E E D M
 T K E S H E H I R C I N S D S
 O X S C W B A S S L O C Y N T
 G R U O L K N Z E C L R G D N
 E O H D Q Z D B H J I I D E P
 T S I U J J S A S R S P F E Z
 H N T F E K D P I A M I L B D
 E T W U S N K D D U L G E E E
 R S R N U K P S E S L V H N S
 R P T V S V D O U B T I N G B

JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED



ACROSS

- To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
- Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
- To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
- The body parts at the end of the arms
- Not open
- To break God's law

DOWN

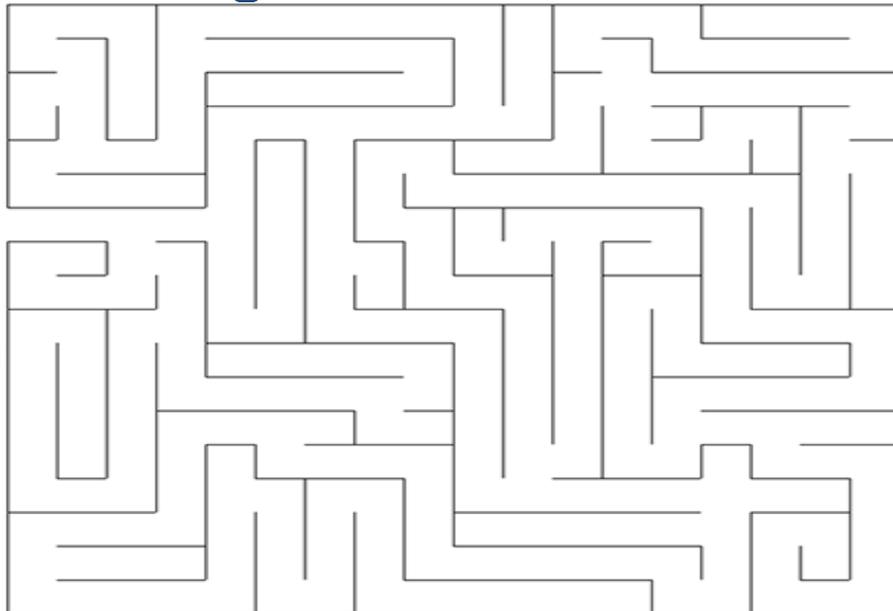
- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- To believe in something for which there is no proof
- An entrance into a building or room
- A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

Copyright © Sermons 4 Kids, Inc. • All Rights Reserved • www.sermons4kids.com

Copyright © Sermons 4 Kids, Inc. • All rights reserved • www.sermons4kids.com

Stop doubting and believe



AND FOR THE OLDER ONES

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

Answers can be found in John 20:19-31 (NIV)



- ___ 1. The body parts at the end of the arms
A. feet B. hands C. toes D. legs
- ___ 2. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
A. doubt B. see C. faith D. touch
- ___ 3. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
A. angry B. peace C. fight D. doubting
- ___ 4. To break God's law
A. believe B. life C. sin D. peace
- ___ 5. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
A. doubting B. believing C. forgiving D. happy
- ___ 6. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
A. Peter B. Thomas C. Andrew D. John
- ___ 7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer
A. cross B. nail C. door D. lock
- ___ 8. Not open
A. room B. door C. closed D. nail
- ___ 9. To believe in something for which there is no proof
A. door B. faith C. closed D. doubt
- ___ 10. An entrance into a building or room
A. side B. nail C. door D. lock