

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
Feast of Body and Blood of Christ
7th June 2020



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THE DEEP END – Apart, yet together

At the end of March this year, a host of sports stars came together to urge people to 'unite by staying apart.' 'We're all in this together... Now it's time for us all to unite and rise to the occasion by keeping our distance and by staying at home,' they said in a video message. It seems like such a paradox: how can we be united when we are all so far apart? It is hard, when we are used to living in community, supporting others and being supported, to accept the idea that we can be apart, yet together.

It was a particular challenge for Christians across the globe, as the coronavirus outbreak saw Masses and church services cancelled and the faithful called upon to stay at home. Physically, we were separated from our church community, but thankfully most of us were able to tune in to live-streamed Masses on TV, radio or online, where we could unite with the church in prayer. For me, it brings to mind the experiences of all those who are unable to attend Mass for various reasons, perhaps because they are housebound or in hospital or living in a place where there is no priest available, but who are nonetheless united in communion with the Body of Christ.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are 'apart, yet together.' In the Mass, we are united with the whole church across the world – those in the church building with us, as well as all those who are not. Today, the Feast of Corpus Christi, St Paul tells us: 'Though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all share in this one loaf.' In challenging times, we are united by Jesus, the living bread.

Triona Doherty

Weekly Collection: \$ 392.60



MASS TIMINGS

Please note that from Monday the 15th of June all daily Masses will be held at both OLOG and SFX as per the timings they were held prior to COVID 19.

Please **NOTE** the 5pm Mass at **OLOG** on Sunday's is **CANCELLED** as of 21/06/2020.

The Cardinal has also advised that **most aspects of Sunday Eucharist are back to normal** practice. This includes hymns, collections, Offertory processions, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Aspects that have NOT been restored yet are holy water in fonts, the Sign of Peace, and Holy Communion under both kinds (only in host form on the hand is offered)**

The Dispensation from attendance for those who feel unsafe etc is extended for this weekend.

The Bishops will review these last restrictions as soon as possible.
Cardinal John's message is available in the foyer of both churches.



IN THE PARISH		
Wed 17 th June	11.00 am	Mass with Anointing – Pettit Centre
Thurs 18 th June	1.30 pm	Mass with Anointing - Stokeswood Rest Home
Thurs 18 th June	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting



Please note there will be **NO 9:00 am Mass** on 17th June at OLOG and **NO 9:30 am Mass** on 18th June at SFX.

WELCOME BACK

Over the last two weeks Masses New Zealand has been in Alert Level 2 of COVID-19 and gatherings of up to 100 people were allowed and public Masses were offered for the first time in nine weeks. To ensure compliance with this limit AND to help with Contact Tracing the Parish called on those attending to **PREBOOK** for the service they were going to attend. This limitation has now been removed but **we are encouraged to continue to CONTACT TRACE when we go out.** To this end we would encourage people to continue to register for the service they would like to attend to provide this tracking information.



To this end too, the Parish has applied for a QR CODE that will be displayed at both churches for those who chose that method of CONTACT TRACING. Parishioners can continue to access the system by the website

<https://www.picktime.com/OLOVMassAvailability>

Your co-operation in this aspect of Alert LEVEL 1 is appreciated. The booking system will be maintained in the meantime.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

The Eucharist is not a sacrament “for me”; it is the sacrament of the many, who form one body, God’s holy and faithful people... The Eucharist is the *sacrament of unity*. Whoever receives it cannot fail to be a builder of unity, because building unity has become part of his or her “spiritual DNA”.

Pope Francis



NZ CATHOLIC

Here is a link to the sixth digital edition of NZ Catholic.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/b3afc3f1-9e7a-4f50-bdf9-d5783300bd46>



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell especially Ron Gillies, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently including *Bishop Basil Meeking (Chch), Cezario Pelayo, Edward Carson, and Fr Michael O’Dea*. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
14 th June The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ		21st June 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16	First Reading	Jer 20:10-13
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:16-17	Second Reading	Rom 5: 12-15
Gospel	John 6: 51-58	Gospel	Matt 10: 26-33

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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 (Sat) and 8:30am (Sun)

Samoan Community Mass 4th Sunday – 11:30 am

Weekdays– Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

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St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga

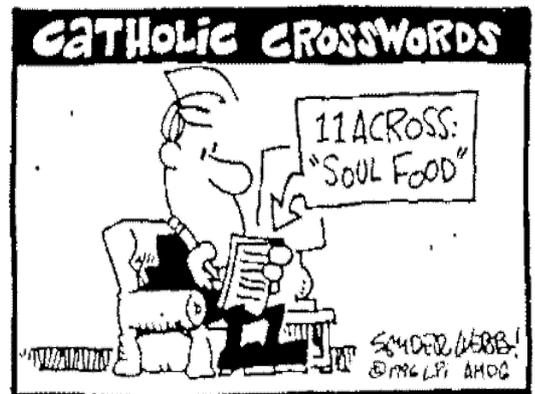
Terry 528 6313

Petone Shop 568 6408

St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley

Gordon 938 2750

Stokes Valley Shop 563 9278



SOMETHING FOR THE OLDER ONES

Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)



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RAM	THICKET	SERVANTS	ALTAR	BURNT
ISAAC	OFFERING	KNIFE	LOVE	SON
HORNS	HAND	WOOD	FEAR	LAMB
SACRIFICE	ABRAHAM	WORSHIP	FIRE	DONKEY

AND FOR THE YOUNGER ONES



“And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.”

GENESIS 22:13