

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st June 2020



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THE DEEP END – Noli temere

The last words of Seamus Heaney, in a text to his wife Marie, were the Latin words *Noli temere* – ‘Don’t be afraid’. According to his son Mick, the words became ‘a shorthand for hope’ in the weeks that followed. He had done what poets and writers do best – express our fears and anxieties in a way that made sense.

Fear took on new forms earlier this year when we were all thrown into that strange period of lockdown due to the coronavirus threat. We were fearful for ourselves and our health. We were worried about our families, particularly our elderly or vulnerable loved ones. Many people were anxious about the future – they had lost their job or business and were full of uncertainty as to when, or even if, things would improve.

We also became conditioned, in a way, to be fearful of each other. While we understood it was necessary, it was upsetting to have to stay away from other people – to refrain from hugging or shaking hands, to move away or even cross the street when we saw another person approaching.

And of course there are deeper fears that come from being isolated and feeling alone with our thoughts. It is natural to question God in these circumstances, whether we turn to him in prayer seeking comfort, or struggle to pray because we cannot understand why all this is happening.

Our communities are still reeling from this new state of fear. We have lost so much, and the future is uncertain. Jesus has comforting words in today’s Gospel: ‘Do not be afraid... everything now hidden will be made clear.’ Life does not always make sense, but God has it all in hand, and armed with this knowledge we can face the future with hope. He is with us through the mess and the fear: ‘Why, every hair on your head has been counted.’

Triona Doherty

Weekly Collection: \$ 2,079.80



NZ COVID TRACER QR CODE

The government continues to encourage Contact Tracing on social gatherings to provide appropriate information that could be required if the COVID-19 virus becomes active in our country. To this end the Parish will continue to maintain the **booking in system** and Contact Tracing Forms for all gatherings in Church buildings. Parishioners are asked to co-operate in this matter by using the booking in system for Sunday masses. Parishioners can continue to access the system by the parish website <https://www.picktime.com/OLOVMassAvailability>

QR Code is now available in all meeting rooms and in both Churches to assist in this tracking. If you have the government App on your smart phone you can use it for CONTACT TRACING.

Your co-operation in this aspect of Alert LEVEL 1 is appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

IN THE PARISH		
Wed 24th June	10.00 am	Coffee morning at Silverstream Bakery after 9.30am Mass. All welcome
Thurs 26 th June	7.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting



MASS TIMINGS

Please **NOTE** the 5pm Mass at **OLOG** on Sunday's is **CANCELLED** as of this Sunday. 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)**



ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

In today's world, messages multiply but the practice of listening is being lost. Yet it is only through humble and attentive listening that we can truly be reconciled. In 2020, silence has reigned for weeks in our streets. A dramatic and troubling silence, but one that has given us the opportunity to listen to the plea of the vulnerable, the displaced and our seriously ill planet.

Pope Francis



ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Remaining weekends for 2020 are 18 & 19 July and 14 & 15 November. Venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. Registrations close 2 weeks before.

For more details go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson. 04 801 6192 or email simonolsen@gmail.com

SILENT MEDITATION/CONTEMPLATION

Our Christian Meditation Group have resumed Meeting every Monday afternoon from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. at Marian Court (on the corner of 1 Perry St. next to the Home of Compassion. We welcome anyone interested to join us. Contact Sr Annette at Marian Court Ph 5271216 and leave a message.



HEALING SERVICE

Fr John Rea SM will conduct a Healing Service at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae on Wednesday 8 July beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. Enquiries Ph 8198323.

FR. MICHAEL O'DEA RIP

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for Father Michael O'Dea in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 7 July at 5.30pm with a time of remembering after in the foyer of the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this Mass.



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 *Georgina Frances O’Kane, Judith Anderson, 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	
21st June 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		28th June 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Jer 20:10-13	First Reading	2 Kg 4:811, 14-16
Second Reading	Rom 5: 12-15	Second Reading	Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11
Gospel	Matt 10: 26-33	Gospel	Matt 10: 37-42

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

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



SOMETHING FOR THE OLDER ONES



Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
 Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
 apart from the will of your Father.
 Matthew 10:29 (NLT)

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AND FOR THE YOUNGER ONES

He Cares for You!



Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.
- Matthew 10:29-31