

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th June 2020



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THE DEEP END – The face of Christ

There is great goodness in our country and in our world. This became clear when our communities were thrown into turmoil in recent months. Long before the official initiatives sprang into action to support those in need during the nationwide 'lockdown,' stories began to emerge of the ways in which communities were mobilising to make sure their most vulnerable members were looked after. Local supermarkets delivered goods, postmen and women checked in on the elderly, neighbours made phone calls and arranged to pick up groceries and prescriptions. Through it all, we began to realise how much we depend on each other. As the noise of everyday life fell silent, we began to ponder: what is it that makes us a community?

Parishes were grappling with the same question. In the temporary absence of access to Mass and the sacraments, what makes us a community of disciples of Jesus? Every effort was made to reach out to parishioners, through online Masses, prayer initiatives and practical help and support. In every parish in the country, volunteers became the face of Christ to others.

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays down the markers of the Christian community. His key points are welcome and compassion. When we reach out in a spirit of welcome and neighbourliness, when we give as little as a drink of water to another person, we are on the right path.

In his Easter message, Archbishop Eamon Martin said: 'In our present situation we have seen the light of the risen Christ shine out... in the kindness shown by neighbour to neighbour and in gentle and simple acts of compassion carried out by countless "Good Samaritans." Despite the uncertainty, suffering and grief caused by the pandemic, the Lord is near.'

Triona Doherty

Weekly Collection: \$ 2,248.80



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		
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Wed 1 st July	1.30 pm	Catholic Women's League
Fri 3 rd July	9.30 am	St. Brendan's School attending Mass
Sat 4th July	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre



St. Brendan's School will be attending Mass on Friday 3rd July at OLOG. All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration. **NOTE this Mass will begin at 9:30 am.**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We invite all women of the Parish to join us at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 1st of July at the Pettit Centre for afternoon tea and a catch up after weeks of hibernation!!! We are collecting non-perishable food and toiletries for St.

Vinnies so would welcome any contributions. Hope to see you there.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

We are back up and running after the enforced lockdown. We will celebrate this with our first Circle of Friendship gathering for a while.

Saturday 4 July, 2-4pm at the Petit Centre.

The theme will be sharing Lockdown stories, followed by a cuppa and chat. We will also pay tribute to Dame Vera Lynn, and Josephine will bring the words to the song We'll Meet Again and hopefully we will be able to have a bit of an impromptu singsong. As usual a gold coin (donations will be given to Wellington Free Ambulance) or toiletry donation (for women in need) would be much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing everybody again.



ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

By loving humbly, serving freely and joyfully, we will offer to the world the true image of God.

Pope Francis: [Homily for Pentecost 2020](#)

NZ CATHOLIC Some headlines are: Bishop Basil Meeking laid to rest. Principal joins coalition against legalising cannabis. Theological college considers new Auckland home. This planet, our home, after Covid-19. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on July 12.



COAST TO COAST ROSARY for Life and Faith team, are organising a Rosary for Saturday 15th August, at 3 pm for the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption. For more information, please go to www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

HEALING SERVICE

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





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/>

SILENT MEDITATION/CONTEMPLATION

Our Christian Meditation Group has 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.



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	
28th June 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		5th July 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	2 Kg 4:811, 14-16	First Reading	Zech 9:9-10
Second Reading	Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11	Second Reading	Rom 8:9, 11-13
Gospel	Matt 10: 37-42	Gospel	Matt 11: 25-30

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

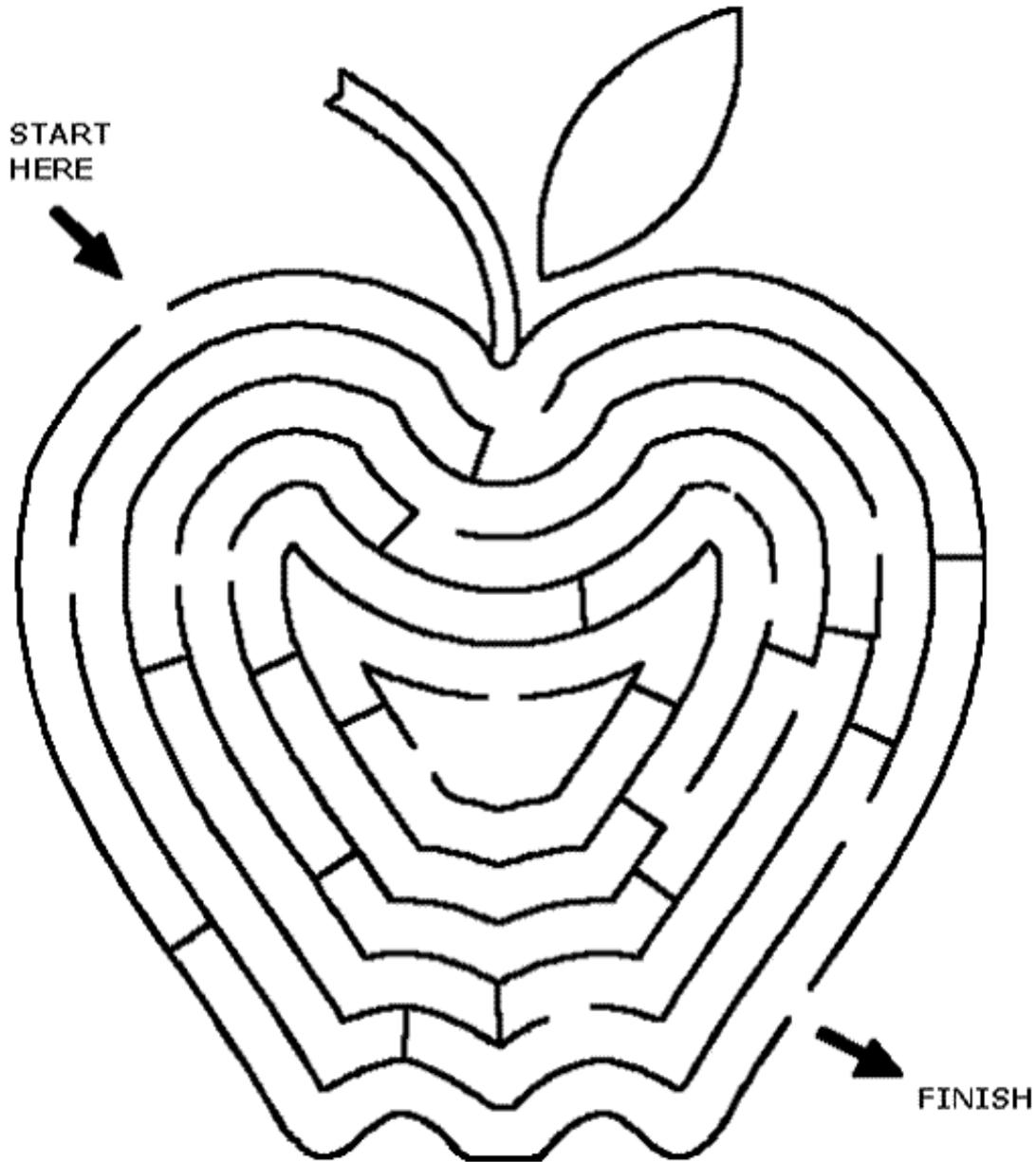
Stokes Valley Shop 563 9278



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Apple Maze

You can't judge apples (or people) by outward appearance.



"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."
Mark 7:6b (NIV)