

**Our Lady of the Valleys Parish**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**19<sup>th</sup> July 2020**



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**THE DEEP END –**

In today's Gospel, we hear many parables about the 'Kingdom of heaven' and what it is like. This might move us to think about the afterlife, but Jesus was describing God's kingdom in the here and now, 'on earth as in heaven.' Jesus, through parables, is trying to describe what is difficult to comprehend. Parables allow our minds and hearts to ponder, to imagine, to move beyond the constraints of language. Jesus is describing what God's vision for this world is like, in the here and now!

Taking one of these parables, the mustard seed, we can explore a little more. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub would take over. It can go wild, out of control, and attract unwanted birds. Author Shane Claiborn compares it to *kudzu*, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas and even crack cement buildings. I like the idea of something so small causing so mischief, holy mischief! The Kingdom of Heaven is like this? Yes, growing even where it is not wanted.

People in authority during Jesus' time might have had images of the 'lofty cedars of Lebanon' representing the 'reign of God.' Theirs was a grand vision. As with most of Jesus' parables, he turns things on their head. It is through the smallest of seeds that God's grace affects the world, silently making its way through the cracks.

'Might I,' quavered Mary, 'might I have a bit of earth?' 'Earth!' he repeated. 'What do you mean?' 'To plant seeds in – to make things grow – to see them come alive.'

*FRANCES H. BURNETT, The Secret Garden*

*Jane Mellett*

**Weekly Collection: \$ 870.90**

*thankyou*

**NZ COVID TRACER QR CODE**

The incidents this week in Auckland around people leaving imposed isolation and moving in the community has highlighted to us all the importance of CONTACT TRACING that keeps us all safe in LEVEL 1 of COVID-19.

We would encourage parishioners 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.



**PARISH LUNCH**

Our annual Parish Lunch hosted by the Family Groups is on **THIS SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> July at noon** at the Stokes Valley RSA. **ALL** in the parish is invited - we would love to see all ages there. Cost is **\$18 per person**

IN THE PARISH		
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	7.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> August	10:30 am	CHRISM MASS at Our Lady of Kapiti Church
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Cardinal John joining us at Mass OLOG
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> August	2:00 pm	AGM at Pettit Centre Heretaunga



### PARISH ROLL UPDATE

During the lockdown period the Parish Council organised a Telephone tree to keep in touch with parishioners. The compilation work highlighted that the Parish Roll maintained on a database may have become out of date as some listed parishioners could not be contacted. Parishioners are encouraged to contact Jovena in the Office to check that we have up to date contact information, address, email, and land and cell phone numbers. Your assistance would be appreciated.



### COVID-19 LEVEL 1 RESPONSE AT MASS

Cardinal John has this week has updated the restrictions around the celebration of Mass. The restrictions around Holy Communion from the chalice for presiders only and the withdrawal of water stoops and fonts continues. **However**, the Sign of Peace is returned and parishioners are invited to offer this in the way they feel comfortable. **Also** Holy Communion on the tongue is now permitted. The full text of Cardinal John’s letter is available in the foyer.

### CHRISM MASS for 2020

The Chrism Mass is usually held in Holy Week just before Easter. This year because of the LEVEL 4 lockdown that was in place the ceremony was deferred until later in the year. Cardinal John has now advised that it will be celebrated at **10:30 am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August at Our Lady of Kapiti Church in Paraparaumu**. All parishioners are invited. In order that Father Tony may attend there will be **NO Mass at 9:30 am** at Our Lady of Grace Church that day. The Blessed Oils will be formally received at all Sunday Masses held that weekend.



### AGM - NOMINATION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

With an eye of the upcoming Annual General Meeting, a number of current Parish Councillors’ term of appointment have come to an end. Currently Parish Councillors stand for a two-year term with the right of renewal for two more terms. Nominations are open for new Parish Councillors and nomination forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These should be filled in and returned back to the Parish Office by Friday 31st July. This time frame allows time for the nominated candidates’ names to be advised to the Parish before the AGM. Please take the time to prayerfully discern who you think might be a suitable person to serve our Parish on the Parish Council. If you would like more details on the role of Parish Councillors and the function of the Parish Council please feel free to speak to one of the existing Parish Councillors or Father Tony. **Also don’t forget to mark your calendars for the AGM itself 2:00pm at the Pettit Centre Heretaunga on Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**MARIST ST PATS RFC** – Past Players and Supporters Complimentary luncheon and launch of the Clubs 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Book “C’mon Red” Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 11.15am at the Hataitai Clubrooms.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE**

CWL are collecting new pyjamas to donate to the Wellington Children’s Hospital. By request of the Children’s Hospital the PJ’s age for children is 1-15 years. Please only new PJ’s due to health reasons and that the PJ’s are up to the NZ Product Safety Standard and carry the Fire Safety Certification (Please check the label). The PJ’s can be left at the parish office (9am-1pm). Any questions please contact either Chris 528 7848 or Marilyn 528 4869

**MARIST MESSENGER**

Fr Kevin Head SM will be visiting the Parish on the weekend of 22 & 23 August to sell subscriptions to the Marist Messenger. It costs \$50 per year for 11 issues. Great value for money! No need to pay immediately. An account will be sent when any new subscriptions are processed.

**PA MARIA MARIST Spirituality Centre Revised Programme for 2020**, with dates for the Winter Film Series, Spiritual Theology Course and Non-Residential Retreat. For an emailed copy contact Brian Cummings SM [bqcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bqcummings@xtra.co.nz)

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT April to June 2020**

Operating Income	49,086*
Less Expenses	
Pastoral Costs	(18,410)
Property Costs	(5,622)
Administration Costs	<u>(8,235)</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>(32,267)</b>
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>16,819</b>
Balance Sheet Inflows	4,897
Balance Sheet Outflows	<u>(4,642)</u>
<b>Excess for the Quarter</b>	<b>17,073*</b>



**Note Income and Excess is high because Parish received Subsidy COVID-19 of \$10,000. Some of this will be repaid in July**

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME**

Catholic Social Services are looking for a suitable person to fill a volunteer role in the Upper Hutt area. In this role you will be offering support to a family that is isolated and needs support. Police checking is required to be a CSS volunteer. Full training and support is offered to all CSS volunteers. If you are interested please contact Karen Holland on 043858642 or email [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and unwell especially Ron Gillies who is improving, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently including *Tele Asovale, Ron Stroud, John Leitner, Adrienne Lacey, Mike Voce, Alice Ayers, Judith Anderson*. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time including George Moen and Elia Doile. May they rest in peace.

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
19th July 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		26th July 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Wis 12:13 16-19	First Reading	1 Kg 3:5, 7-12
Second Reading	Rom 8: 26-27	Second Reading	Rom 8: 28-30
Gospel	Matt 13: 24-43	Gospel	Matt 13: 44-52

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Stokes Valley**

Terry 528 6313 Gordon 938 2750

Petone Shop 568 6408 SV Shop 563 9278



**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

**A Mustard Seed Faith**

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Q	T	S	N	O	Y	G	W	Z	I	C	F	B	J	A	D	P	U	M	H	R	K	E	X	L	V

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- 19-18-25-13-23-21-21-6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-23-23-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-4-11-21-23-15-3-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-19-15-25-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-13-23-6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-15-10-2-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-23-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-18-3-2-15-21-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-21-23-23 \_\_\_\_\_

OBEY	INCREASE	SMALL	SEED	TREE
MUSTARD	FAITH	MULBERRY	PLANTED	SEA