

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd August 2020



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THE DEEP END – Not Enough

Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? We all have times when we feel as though we do not have 'enough' to offer, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless – whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough.

But where we see 'not enough,' God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish,' say the disciples to Jesus – a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty.

We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large out all day and are hungry, not to crowd that followed him. They have been mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough.' What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined. We too are limited in what we have to offer. But whatever we can give – to our families and friends, to those in need – God sees and blesses and multiplies.

'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'

St Gregory Of Nazianzus

Triona Doherty

Weekly Collection: \$ 790.40

thankyou

EUTHANASIA BILL

If you need to learn more about this Bill leaflets are available at both Church foyers

“KnowMeans No Tour – As part of a nationwide tour, the president of Family First, Bob McCoskrie, will be speaking at a public meeting about the forthcoming referenda concerning euthanasia and cannabis. The meeting will be held this next Wednesday, 5th August, starting at 7.30pm at the Riverstones Church (Assembly of God), 713 Fergusson Dr. All are encouraged to attend.”

IN THE PARISH		
Tue 4 th August	5.30 PM	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 5 th August	12.30 pm	Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre
Sun 9th August	9:30 am	Cardinal John joining us at Mass OLOG
Sun 30 th August	2:00 pm	AGM at Pettit Centre Heretaunga



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Come and join us at the Pettit Centre at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 5th August for our winter fundraiser for the missions. We will be serving soup and rolls for \$5 per person.



Any leftovers could be purchased to take home for your freezer. All parishioners welcome.



PARISH MASS On Sunday 9th August, Cardinal John will be celebrating a Parish Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 9:30 am.

All parishioners are invited to attend this special celebration. There will be no 8:30am Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church in Stokes Valley or the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church in Heretaunga on this particular Sunday.

After Mass you are invited to join the Cardinal at a special morning tea in St. Brendan's school hall. You are asked to bring a plate.



WANTED on the 9th of August at 9.30am volunteers for the morning tea after Mass by Cardinal John. We need assistance in serving tea and coffee and tidying up afterwards. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate, please note that the parish will provide hot savouries so no food that requires heating please. If you can assist please contact Jovena at the Parish Office.



FLOWER REQUEST

We would appreciate any white/cream/gold/orange flowers (eg lillies, crysanths, Autumn foliage etc) for the decoration of OLOG church the weekend 8th/9th August.

Contributions will be gratefully received, and can be left in the working sacristy on Friday 7th August.

NZ COVID TRACER QR CODE

We would encourage parishioners to co-operate in Contact Tracing 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.



2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME RESTART – SEASON OF CONFIRMATION

After a term's delay because of COVID-19 restrictions the 2020 Sacramental Programme is scheduled to restart THIS WEEKEND.

The 25 candidates completed their preparation for and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the last weeks of Term 2 and we congratulate them on this milestone. Preparation now begins for the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION. The first event is a **PARENTS' MEETING on 2nd August at 7:00pm in the Pettit Centre.** At least one parent of each candidate is expected to attend to be advised of details and to receive the workbook for the term.



BNZ BANKING

We have been advised by the bank that they will not be accepting cheques from July 2021. Those who are still using cheques may want to switch to Automatic Payment or will have to shift to cash. Please contact the office if you wish to change over.

28th August 2020 – Stop supplying chequebooks

July 2021 – Stop cheque acceptance, cheque issuing and deposit paper

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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thank you to everyone who donated PJ's for this appeal. The appeal is now closed but there is still time to drop the PJ's into the office. We will let you know in the next week or so how many PJ's were donated. Thanks once again.

Human Love in the Divine Plan (Theology of the Body)- *First intake in Wellington!* Courses for Young Adults (ages 18-35 years) on September 5 & 6, and for Adults on September 19 & 20. Venue: Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville, Wellington. Early Registration: \$40.00 (closes: 29 August). General Registration: \$50.00. Contact 0220289737 or email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz. For information, visit: www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

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 30th.



COAST TO COAST ROSARY

On the 15 August the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven, our patronal feast, there is to be a Coast to Coast Rosary throughout New Zealand. The main intention is to pray for the honouring of the gift of life. So many lives are lost in abortion and euthanasia. We will pray in reparation and

intercession for a culture of life to prevail in our society. We will host an event on Saturday, the 15th August in the Blessed Sacrament chapel in the Cathedral at 3 pm followed by afternoon tea. Everyone is invited.

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

The pandemic has reminded us how we are all in the same boat. Realizing that we have the same concerns and fears has shown us once more that no one can be saved alone. To grow truly, we must grow together, sharing what we have, like the boy who offered Jesus five barley loaves and two fish, yet they proved enough for five thousand people.

Pope Francis: [Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020](#)

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
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First Reading	Is 55: 1-3	First Reading	1 Kg 19:9, 11-13
Second Reading	Rom 8: 35, 37-39	Second Reading	Rom 9: 1-5
Gospel	Matt 14: 13-21	Gospel	Matt 14: 22-33



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 *Deirdre McEvoy, Joan Davis, and Teve Asovale*. We also pray for Matthew Trustham and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

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 Stokes Valley

Terry 528 6313 Gordon 938 2750

Petone Shop 568 6408 SV Shop 563 9278

