

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th August 2020



Father Tony Kearns
Parish Office and Presbytery (04) 972 4282
Residence: 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga
Parish Administrator: Jovena Fernandez
Office hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am -1:00 pm
Email: office@olov.org.nz Email: pp@olov.org.nz
Website: www.olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School - Veronica Sawers (04) 939 1909



NZ COVID TRACER QR CODE

We continue to encourage parishioners to co-operate in Contact Tracing by using the booking in system for Sunday masses. Parishioners can use **QR CODE** displayed in all Parish buildings the registration system (via the Parish website or <https://www.picktime.com/OLOVMassAvailability>).



THE DEEP END – That sinking feeling

Have you ever used the expression 'My heart sank'? It is usually used to describe an experience of extreme disappointment or anxiety; a moment when our courage or hope fails and we feel that things are about to turn out very badly indeed. We might be going along just fine, confidently navigating life's twists and turns, when something knocks us off balance. It could be an illness, a financial blow, falling out with a family member or friend, worry about a son or daughter. Especially when we lose someone close to us, grief can make us feel as though we are sinking.

What strikes me about today's gospel is that Peter doesn't hesitate about taking that first step out of the boat. Once he sees who is calling him, out he gets and begins to walk towards Jesus. But then, as soon as he feels the force of the wind, as soon as he realises that the conditions around him are challenging and frightening, he loses courage and starts to sink.

Wind and storm are metaphors for situations we face. Sometimes it is a single thing that knocks us back. Sometimes it is a build-up. A few months ago, at the early stages of 'lockdown,' we thought it wouldn't be so bad to take a break and stay at home for a few weeks. But as the weeks turned into months, many people were overwhelmed by increasing feelings of loneliness, fears for health and anxiety about the future. It can feel like sinking.

The good news of today's gospel centres around the line, 'Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.' As soon as Peter starts to falter and sink, Jesus reaches out to steady him and pull him to himself. When we are in trouble, sometimes all we can do is trust in God. When our faith and hope are shaken, and we are sinking, he will reach out and hold us close.

Triona Doherty

Weekly Collection: \$ 1,185.80



WELCOME CARDINAL JOHN DEW

We welcome Cardinal John to our Parish this Sunday at 9:30 am



IN THE PARISH		
Sun 9 th Aug	9:30 am	Cardinal John at Mass at Heretaunga (note change of Mass time, NO 8:30 or 10:30 am Masses)
	10:30 am	Shared Morning Tea at St Brendan's Hall
Tue 11 th August	7:00 pm	Saint Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley
Wed 12 th August	7:15 pm	Saint Vincent de Paul - Heretaunga
Thur 13 th August	7:30 pm	Parish Finance Committee
Sun 30 th August	2:00 pm	AGM at Pettit Centre Heretaunga



ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

The Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 2:00pm on Sunday 30th August in the Pettit Centre in Heretaunga. The full report has been emailed to Parishioners on our Parish distribution list this week (along with the Parish bulletin). Copies of the Report are also available in the foyer of each church for parishioners to read before the meeting. If you have any questions about the Annual Report please contact the Parish Office.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2021

In **Limited** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



UNACCOUNTED COLLECTION FUNDS

Last week we received an envelope with the No. 274 (from the year 2015) on it could be the person whose envelope it is please ring the office as we cannot account for it.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

It was great to be back gathering together last Saturday sharing ideas of 'exploring our own backyard' environment and all the wonderful scenery and walks we are blessed with here in this beautiful green valley we live in.



At our next gathering on September 5th the speaker will be the talented Claire Derby, well known to many for her piano and organ playing and patron of Expressions.



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

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.





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.

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.

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

This is an effective image of the Church: a boat which must brave the storms and sometimes seems on the point of capsizing. What saves her is not the skill and courage of her crew members, but faith which allows her to walk, even in the dark, amid hardships. Faith gives us the certainty of Jesus' presence always beside us, of his hand which grasps us to pull us back from danger.

Pope Francis: [Angelus 10 August 2014](#)

GREENSTONE DOORS

AGM Thursday, August 13th 2020 at 6pm light refreshments with a start of 6.30pm at 15 Dudley Street, Lower Hutt.



NZ CATHOLIC The August 9 – 22 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Priests shouldn't promote political parties. Auckland's Mercy Spirituality Centre closes. Vatican instruction gives guidance on parish reforms. St Paul a model for ecumenical dialogue. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on August 23.

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
9th August 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		16th August 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	1 Kg 19:9, 11-13	First Reading	Is 56:1, 6-7
Second Reading	Rom 9: 1-5	Second Reading	Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32
Gospel	Matt 14: 22-33	Gospel	Matt 15: 21-28



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 *Nora O'Sullivan, Bill Taylor, Deirdre McEvoy, Joan Davis, and Teve Asovale*. Please pray for Annie Cornie for a special Intention. We also pray for Lazarus David, Sheila McDiarmid and 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

