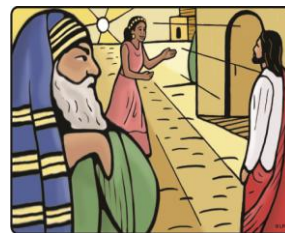


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th September 2020



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**GENTLE REMINDER DAYLIGHT SAVING:
DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS SUNDAY 27th September at
2:00am**



Put clocks forward 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday evening so they will be right when you wake up Sunday morning.

With the move to LEVEL 1 in the Archdiocese of Wellington Cardinal John has removed the suspension of Sunday Masses. **As a result, our regular schedule of Masses for both Sundays and weekdays is now in operation.**

Though in LEVEL 1 we are still encouraged to continue with CONTACT TRACING FOR Masses and other gatherings in the Parish. Details of online pre-registering are below or use QR CODES displayed in all Parish venues, or manually sign in on the CONTACT TRACING Sheets provided. **Your assistance will help to keep us all safe.**

Restrictions retained per Cardinal John's latest directive are

- **Communion under one kind (no Precious Blood)**
- **Sign of Peace returns but no physical contact**
- **Communion in the hand only**

The full text of Cardinal John's latest directive is available in the foyer of both churches.



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>).

Weekly Collection: \$ 257



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.

IN THE PARISH

26 th /27 th Sept		Regular Sunday Masses celebrated
30 th Sept	10.00 am	Coffee morning at The Garage at Trentham. Everybody welcome
3 rd October	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre

COMING
UP



THE DEEP END – Good intentions

During the recent 'lockdown' due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many people found themselves turning to nature. There was a surge of interest in gardening. We tended to flower beds, planted seeds, started herb gardens. Lots of people commented that they noticed the birds singing for the first time in years. In the midst of challenging times, we found ourselves tuning in to the wonder of God's creation all around us.

As life begins to return to 'normal', can we retain this sense of wonder and awe? In this Season of Creation, we are invited to discover the presence of God in creation, to give thanks for the gift of the earth, and to change our ways so that we may live in harmony with creation. This requires us to be constantly conscious of how we are living – to not just have good intentions but to follow through in our actions.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons who are asked to go and work in their father's vineyard. The first son initially refuses, but then thinks better of it and gets to work. While the second son has good intentions, he doesn't follow through. When it comes to caring for the earth, good intentions are not enough. Our actions matter. We may have been careless in the past but a change of heart is happening, right across our society. It all starts with our actions, as individuals and communities. As we emerge from a challenging few months, let us use the Season of Creation to reflect on how we can do better – to reconnect with God's beautiful creation and do all we can to love and preserve it.

*'Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united
with every creature*

as we journey towards your infinite light.'

(Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

Triona Doherty



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

At 2pm on 3rd October at the Pettit centre.

Our speaker is Annette Reid who is an experienced gardener. She will be talking about preparing and planting your garden for summer, advice and help with pot planting and welcomes any questions.

Either a gold coin donation or a small gift of toiletries would be much appreciated.

We will end with our usual cuppa and chat. Hope to see you all there.

The Circle of Friendship September gathering welcomed Clare Derby who is known throughout Upper Hutt and further afield for her contribution to music in our area. Clare presented her talk in a very entertaining and informative way - much laughter prevailed. She has contributed much of her time and effort to promoting music at Expressions through concerts, has raised money to purchase the Steinway piano, played for funerals in most Churches in the Hutt Valley and has a wonderful ministry telephoning anyone whom she thinks may like a chat. Afternoon tea followed with lots of happy sharing and laughter.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The new Parish Council met on Thursday and new officers have been appointed

Chairperson	Conor Healy
Deputy Chairperson	Darrell Mellow
Secretary	Lagi Aukusitino

Congratulation to all and we look for to an interesting and challenging year for the new Parish Council



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' 2020 ELECTION STATEMENT

A copy of the Catholic Bishops' 2020 Election Statement is available on the website. Printed copies are available in both churches foyers. We encourage you to take the time to read this document, reflect on it and make a considered choice of how you will vote in the upcoming General Election.

The Statement online here: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf

A link to it is also on the NZCBC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicNZ/>

And a media statement about it is online here: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/bishops-election-statement-2020/



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with two Introductory/Welcome sessions. These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. **The**

Introductory Sessions are on Wednesday the 14th October and 21st October at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room of Our Lady of Grace Church in Heretaunga. This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program please join us on the 30th August or phone: Fr Tony 972 4282 or Liz McCaul 527 3211

CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY REVIEW 2019

Included in the September 13th newsletter (to those who received it on-line was the Cardinal's response to Our Lady of the Valleys submission on property holding.

In short, the Cardinal accepted the recommendations of the Parish to retain, at this stage the two churches, and facilities used by the Parish at both Stokes Valley and Heretaunga, along with the social housing we currently provide to the community.

Copies of the Cardinal's response is available in the foyer of both churches for the next few weeks.



DVDs WANTED

Please donate DVDs to young people living at Rimutaka Prison, in the Youth Wing. DVDs needed to give to the prison to provide film evenings. If you have any: please send them to Steve O'Connor: Challenge 2000 PO Box 13059 Johnsonville. Or drop them at our

Centre at 1 Wanaka Street Johnsonville. For more information, phone Steve 021 192 7328.

BE INFORMED ABOUT THE END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT REFERENDUM:

- Approximately 10% of our elders are the victims of abuse, mostly from their own families. Elder abuse continues to rise in New Zealand. Our elder abuse laws are not able to protect our elders. It is naive to expect that the End of Life Choice Act can keep people safe. Medical groups have stated that it will be impossible for doctors to detect if people are being pressured or coerced, whether by others or by their own feelings of being a burden.
- The End of Life Choice Act is broader than similar laws passed overseas. Key medical groups, including the New Zealand Medical Association, Hospice New Zealand, Palliative Care Nurses and Palliative Medicine Doctors all oppose the EOLC Act as unsafe.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one’s views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not ‘compassion’ to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

TAWA HEALING SERVICE

On Tuesday 29 September Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa beginning at 7.30 pm. All are invited and especially those who need Jesus` healing. Jesus still heals today.

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
27 th September 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		4 th October 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Ezek 18: 25-28	First Reading	Is 5:1-7
Second Reading	Phil 2: 1-11	Second Reading	Phil 4: 6-9
Gospel	Matt 21: 28-32	Gospel	Matt 21: 33-43



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently including *John Muollo, John Spavin, Diane Trillo*. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time especially Margaret Coley. 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

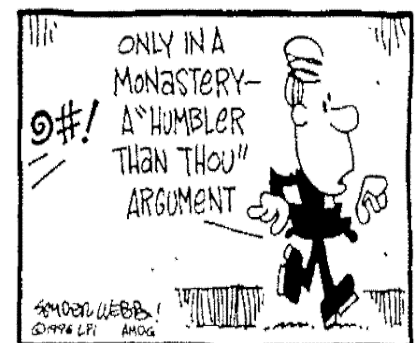
Weekdays– Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

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



SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG ONES

The Parable of the Two Sons

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.



"What do you think? There was a man who had two _____. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and _____ today in the vineyard.'

" 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and _____.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not _____.

"Which of the two did what his _____ wanted?"

"The _____," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the _____ of God ahead of you. For _____ came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not _____ him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not _____ and believe him.

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

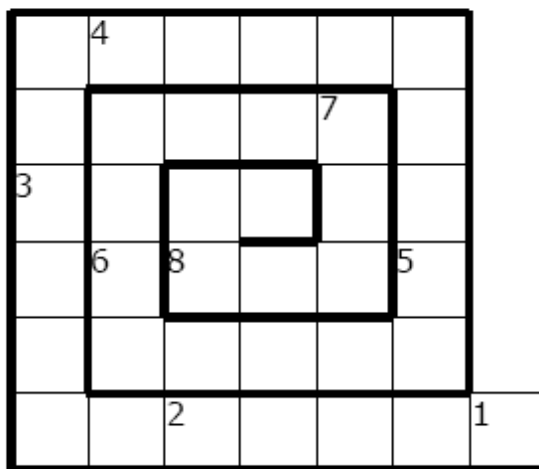
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AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



1. To perform a job or task
2. To have an opinion or idea about something
3. An adult male
4. To think that something is true or correct
5. A male parent
6. A statement proven or accepted as accurate
7. A person's male children
8. The number following one

THINK	MAN	TRUTH	BELIEVE
FATHER	WORK	TWO	SONS