

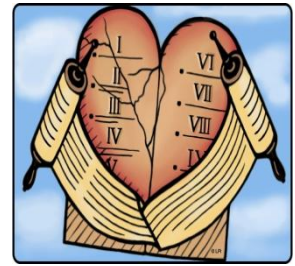
Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 2020



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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 (via the Parish website or <https://www.picktime.com/OLOVMassAvailability> 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.

Weekly Collection: \$1,313.80



IN THE PARISH		
Wed 28 th October	10:00 am	Coffee morning at The Garage at Trentham. Everybody welcome
Wed 28 th October	19.30 pm	RCIA meeting at OLOG



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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Are now on sale and are available at

the Parish Office and at both churches on Sunday. Hurry and get yours today.



NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD



In November, it is our custom to remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated during November. A box is available to collect specific requests for Masses to be said for their intentions.

On All Souls Day, November 2nd, a Special Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley, at 7:30 pm for the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months. All are welcome to attend.



THE DEEP END –

Love

The Pharisees continue their harassment of Jesus in today's Gospel by asking him which commandment is the greatest. What follows is the most famous verses of the New Testament: *'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul ... And ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'* We probably can't hear this enough. Love is the greatest commandment and this is a radical statement. Because this love is *agape* love, i.e. a love of those we don't even know or even like! It is a love that binds all of humanity.

We cannot separate love of God and neighbour; they are like two sides of a coin; they only work together. If we do not treat others with compassion, then how can we say we love God? Jesus often spoke about approaching the altar whilst holding a grudge against someone (Mt 5:24) and continuously challenged those who were hypocrites. Those critical of social justice movements in the church often say we should not be involved in doing 'social work'. But this is exactly what we must do because this is *how* we love God, by loving our neighbour who is suffering, who is oppressed, who is in pain. We can love God and love people, there does not have to be a dichotomy.

There is a beautiful practice in India of using the mystical phrase '*Namaste*' in greetings, which means: 'the Divine in me greets the Divine in you'. Usually this is accompanied by a deep bow towards the person. How wonderful it would be to really see God present in each other and, more importantly, in those that society would rather cast aside. In this way we are being true to the greatest commandment.

'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.'

St Therese of Lisieux

Jane Mellet

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent De Paul, Stokes Valley, would like to thank all the parishioners who have contributed towards our much need work .Both by donations via our poor box, (, located at the back of the church in St Francis), and by supporting our local shop. Particularly over this trying period with so much call on our services. God Bless.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Day of Reflection on Monday, 9th November at Our Lady of Grace Church and Pettit Centre. This will be facilitated by Joy Cowley 9.30am Morning tea, 10am Session 1 "Women in the Gospel", 11.30am Lunch, Session 2 12.30pm "Women in the Church", Session 3 1.30pm "Women in the World", 2.30pm Tea and Coffee together. A koha and something to share for lunch would be much appreciated. This is open to women from all Parishes. An initiative of the Catholic Women's League Wellington Archdiocese. Register your interest to Kathleen Emmerson 527 4543 Cell 027 659 0702 or Susan Lloyd 970 3730 Cell 021 068 3065



BROTHER AND SISTER ALL - (*Fratelli tutti*) a profound Papal call
 Pope Francis has written a new encyclical calling us to see all humanity as brothers and sisters. A press release from Cardinal John on behalf of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conferences says. *‘It is a profound document that can change minds and hearts. It can be one avenue to do nothing less than ‘renew the face of the Earth.’ Take it and pray.’*

For a link to the full NZCBC’s response and to the Papal encyclical click https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/fratelli-tutti-new-encyclical/

WHEN SUICIDE COMES TO CHURCH



A workshop specifically designed for clergy, chaplains, pastoral workers, lay preachers and youth ministers with award winning suicidologist Barry Taylor to be held at St Andrew’s, The Terrace on Tuesday 24th Nov. The early bird price is \$115 +GST and includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch. Register online through Eventbrite for further information 04 905 6145.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The first meeting of this program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith begins on Wednesday 28th October at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Grace, Church. If you or a friend would like to join this program please phone: Fr Tony 972 4282 or Liz McCaul 527 3211

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP



Melbourne Cup Night The Family Groups are joining together for their enjoyable Melbourne Cup night and invite others in the Parish to join in too.

Saturday 7th November 7.30 pm at the Petitt Centre

If you intend to come, please **RSVP to your Family Group Leaders or to O'Briens Text 0276427158 or email thobrien@outlook.com by Wed 4th Nov.** Packs need to be prepared for each attendee.

Please bring a small plate for supper and any nibbles/ drinks for your table. Tea, coffee and juice will be supplied.

Dust off those hats and fascinators to wear on the night!

WELLINGTON CANDLELIGHT VIGIL Sunday 1 November 7.30pm. Riddiford Street outside Wellington Hospital. We grieve for the thousands of babies who have lost their lives to abortion this year. Join us in a prayer of reparation for this grave injustice, for the babies, abortion-vulnerable women in our community, those who are wounded, and for an end to abortion in our land. This is a peaceful prayer vigil and not a protest. Organised by Family Life International 0212317954.

SEEK – EXPLORE YOUR CALL

Sunday 8th November, 1pm to 5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay An opportunity for young adults (18+) to explore different vocations as Catholics.

How are you called to serve God with your talents & gifts? What does vocation look like in 2020? The afternoon will conclude with a Young Church Mass at 5pm. To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

YOUNG CHURCH MASS 2020 with Cardinal John

Sunday 8 November @ 5pm

Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay

All young people are welcome!



Fr Kevin the Editor of the Marist Messenger magazine who visited our Parish on the 10th and 11th of October has sent in this message:
 “Sincere thanks to Fr Tony and the parishioners of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish for your kind welcome to me last weekend, and thanks for supporting the Marist Messenger”. Kevin Head SM www.maristmessenger.co.nz

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 *Margaret Hayes, Sr. Mary Gordon, Patrick Blewman, Kolokita So’Otaga, Tito Stefanno, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Sherry, John Muollo and John Spavin*. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
25 th October 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		25 th October 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Ex 22: 20-26	First Reading	Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14
Second Reading	1 Thess 1: 5-10	Second Reading	1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel	Matt 22: 34-40	Gospel	Matt 5: 1-12

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 Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

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
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- 10-22-5-18-9-21-23-14 _____
- 16-23-1-22 _____
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- 18-14-22-20-4-22-7-4 _____
- 4-22-20-8-9-22-14 _____

GREATEST LORD	HEART COMMANDMENT	LOVE YOURSELF	NEIGHBOR TEACHER
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AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"

Matthew 22:37

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

Answers can be found in Matthew 23:34-40 (NIV)



- ___ 1. A rule or law; direction or instruction to do something
A. teacher B. second C. commandment D. love
- ___ 2. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
A. commandment B. greatest C. teacher D. answer
- ___ 3. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
A. love B. neighbor C. teacher D. commandment
- ___ 4. A person who lives near or next to another
A. answer B. neighbor C. love D. commandment
- ___ 5. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship
A. God B. love C. greatest D. answer
- ___ 6. Someone who educates or trains others
A. teacher B. heart C. second D. God
- ___ 7. A system of rules or principles
A. neighbor B. God C. heart D. law
- ___ 8. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings
A. law B. love C. commandment D. heart
- ___ 9. Coming next in order after the first one
A. neighbor B. law C. second D. teacher
- ___ 10. A spoken or written reply to a question
A. God B. greatest C. answer D. second