

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th November 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: \$1,368.60



IN THE PARISH		
Sun 8 th Nov	07.00 pm	Sacramental Program Parents meeting
Mon 9 th Nov	10.00 am	CWL “Day of Reflection” Pettit Centre
Tue 10 th Nov	07.00 pm	St Vincent de Paul, Stokes Valley
Wed 11 th Nov	07:15 pm	St Vincent de Paul, Heretaunga
Wed 11 th Nov	07.30 pm	RCIA Meeting
Thur 12 th Nov	07.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee
Sun 15 th Nov	10:30 am	Sac Prog Group Session & after Mass Rehearsal



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2021

Calendars are now available in both churches and 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.



ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

Brothers and sisters, let us learn to dream big! Let us not be afraid to dream big, seeking the ideals of justice and social love that are born of hope. Let us not try to rebuild the past — the past is the past. New things await us.

Pope Francis: [General Audience 23 September 2020](#)



THE DEEP END

The time is now

I am a procrastinator. If a task is awkward or unpleasant, I am likely to put it off till another day. In any given week, I have a 'to-do' list I need to get through. The most important items always get done – things that can't be avoided, like work deadlines or paying bills. But bigger projects often get put on the long finger and I find myself transferring items to the following week's list. It is part of life to learn how to prioritise, and to be prepared to tackle the important things. Even when we are not ready to face a certain situation, sometimes we need to push ourselves to just dive in.

Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a night-time procession from the bride's home to the grooms. The bridesmaids would go out with torches lit to welcome the groom and his entourage. The parable in today's gospel sets two groups in contrast – the 'foolish' bridesmaids who run out of oil because they have failed to prepare, and the 'sensible' ones who are ready with their lamps and oil, who recognise the importance of the task. Only one group was ready when the groom approached.

This parable encourages us to focus on the here and now, to nurture our relationship with God in the present and to live well. There is no point in procrastinating, or waiting until the bridegroom is at the door. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel – the actions – to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

'It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.'

Jane Mellet
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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

FIRST FILIPINO MASS AT OLOV

An invitation to Filipino residents of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish covering Heretaunga and Stokes Valley to come and be part of the celebration of the first Filipino Mass in the Parish at 4:00 PM on 15 November 2020 at St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley. Let's all come together to celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist. After the mass, we shall also stay for a while to meet your Filipino brothers and sisters. *Fr Marlon, Filipino Chaplaincy*



HEALING SERVICE

There will be a Healing Service conducted by Fr John Rea S M at St Pius X Church at Titahi Bay on Monday 9 November beginning at 7.30 pm. Come and receive the healing and peace that only Jesus can give.

FOUND - REMOTE

Following the 5:30pm Mass last Saturday a garage door remote control was found in the foyer. If this is yours please speak to Father Tony so we can return it to you.



ADVENT RETREAT

Friday 27TH November 2020 – Sunday 29th November 2020 with Rex Begley and Fr. Donald Hornsey SSC – time to reflect on what's happened to You, our Church, our World since last Christmas.

Magnificat Retreat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston. Cost \$190.00. Registration required Contact: rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com Phone: 027 545 6808 or 027 967 2299

ABOUT TO GET MARRIED

A wedding is a day, marriage is a lifetime.

Could you successfully run a marathon without preparing for it? Of course not! So too marriage.

The next opportunity to prepare for your lifetime together by attending a Engaged Encounter weekend marriage preparation course is 14th and 15th November. This is the final one for the year.

For more details go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/>

Phone Kate and Simon Olson. 04 801 6192 or email simonolsen@gmail.com



KOTAHITANGA ANNUAL APPEAL

Kotahitanga means unity/togetherness/collective action and the Kotahitanga Annual Appeal is so named because Catholic Social Services cannot do it alone. Your faith will empower change and your gift will make it possible for whole communities to overcome the challenges they face. For as little as \$2 per week you can help us build strong, vibrant, and resilient communities. Catholic Social Services KOTAHITANGA Appeal Packages are available in the foyer of both churches should you wish to contribute.



THE QUEEN'S CLOSET AND THE BACH CHOIR OF WELLINGTON

have a concert at 2pm, Sunday 22 November at St Mary of the Angels Baroque orchestra, along with eight soloists, present "*Seraphic Flames and Heav'nly Love*", featuring **Henry Purcell's** *Hail! Bright Cecilia*, composed to a text by the Irishman Nicholas Brady in 1692 in honour of the feast day of Saint Cecilia, patron saint of musicians, and **Heinrich**

Ignaz Franz Biber's *Requiem in A Major*, a celebratory piece with trumpets and timpani and rich orchestration, quite suitable for a heaven bound soul.

Tickets are \$40/\$30 concession/free for under 16-year-olds (no booking fee), and are **only** available from <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/seraphic-flames-and-heavny-love/wellington/tickets> or from Eventfinda ticket outlets in the Wellington i-SITE information centre (outside the Michael Fowler Centre) or Rough Peel Music in Cuba Street.



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 *Rodrigo Pragados, Nora Hanify, Margaret Hayes, and Sr. Mary Gordon*. We also pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time especially Frances Dunn and Br Brian Wanden. May they rest in peace.

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
8th November 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		15th November 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Wis 6: 12-16	First Reading	Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Second Reading	1 Thess 4: 13-18	Second Reading	1 Thess 5: 1-6
Gospel	Matt 25: 1-13	Gospel	Matt 25: 14-30

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

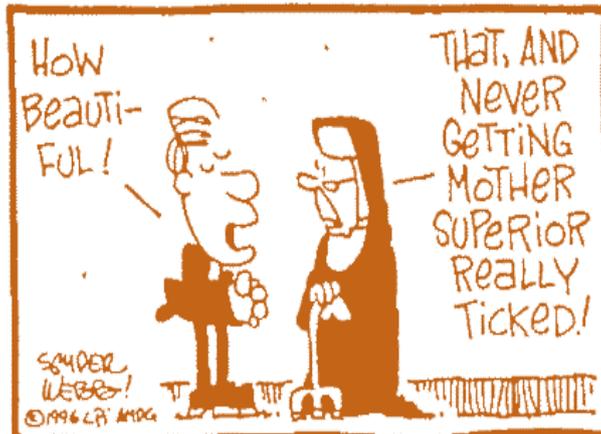
Weekdays– Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

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St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga Stokes Valley

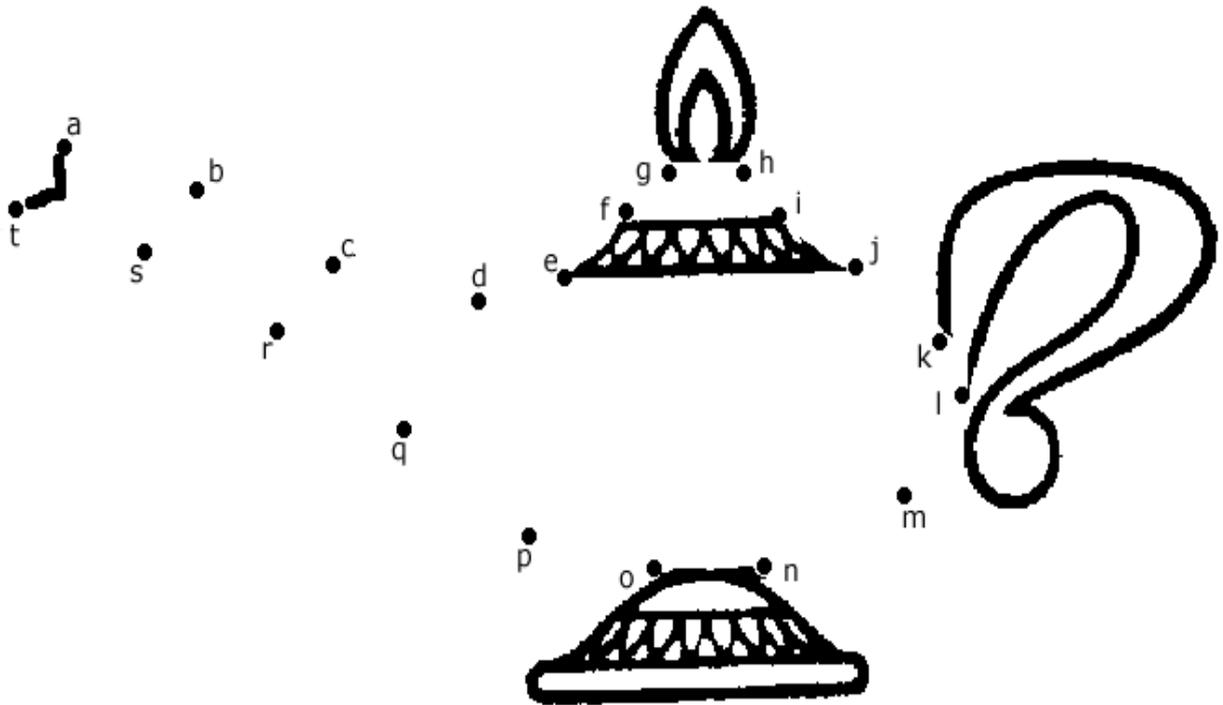
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SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG ONES

Parable of the Ten Virgins



Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.
Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)



Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)

- ___ 1. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
A. wise B. wedding C. oil D. lamps
- ___ 2. Where God lives
A. watch B. come C. heaven D. lamps
- ___ 3. Devices used to produce light
A. lamps B. asleep C. banquet D. foolish
- ___ 4. Not awake
A. asleep B. heaven C. oil D. lamps
- ___ 5. Made a sound like a bell
A. rang B. asleep C. lamps D. oil
- ___ 6. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
A. come B. midnight C. wedding D. banquet
- ___ 7. To arrive at a particular place; the opposite of go
A. door B. come C. midnight D. heaven
- ___ 8. To observe or look at something
A. wise B. midnight C. watch D. wedding
- ___ 9. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
A. watch B. wise C. rang D. door
- ___ 10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.
A. asleep B. oil C. midnight D. foolish