

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

31st January 2021



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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 **QR CODES** displayed in all Parish venues or <https://www.picktime.com/OLOVMassAvailability>. or use, or manually sign in on the **CONTACT TRACING Sheets** provided.

Weekly Collection: \$849.10



IN THE PARISH		
2 nd Feb	5:30 pm	First Men's Night at Silverstream Bowling Club
3 rd Feb	1:30 pm	CWL Garden Party on Pettit Centre Lawn
6 th Feb	9:00 am	Mass at OLOG for Waitangi Day
	2:00 pm	Circle of Friendship – Pettit Centre



DATE CLAIMER PARISH/ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS 2021

The Parish and the school are marking significant milestone on the weeked of the 26th to the 28th of February 2021 Details of events have now been finalised as.

Parish / School Celebration Weekend Events

To mark the 60th anniversary of St Brendan's School and Our Lady of Grace Church and the 70th anniversary for a parish being established in this area:

Friday, 26 February

9:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace
 Followed by an opportunity to visit and have morning tea at St Brendan's.
7:00 - 9:00 pm Supper Mix and Mingle at NZCIS, Tickets, \$15.00.

Saturday, 27 February

7:30 pm Quiz Night at St Brendan's School Hall Tickets \$10.00
 Gather a team, or join a table for a fun quiz night
 Doors open at 6.30pm

Sunday, 28 February

9:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace
 Followed by morning tea and socialising at St Brendan's School.
Ticketing details to be released shortly

Call for JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Quiz night goodies!

We are looking for donations of any non-perishable items to make up raffles and prizes for our upcoming quiz night; for example wines, toiletries, or vouchers. Please contact Chris Wasson Ph 04 528 7847



ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Though there was no Palm Sunday public Masses last year due to COVID-19 lockdown, parishioners are invited to bring their Palms from previous year's Palm Sunday service (if you have them) to leave in the basket in the foyer of the Church ready for this coming Ash Wednesday. These will be burnt to provide the Ashes used to mark the beginning of Lent on 17th February. Thank you.

SERVICE ROSTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

These have been emailed out. Please check to see if you are rostered on this month. For those who are not on email printed copies are available in the foyer. If you haven't received your emailed version please contact the Office to update our Contact's list.



THE DEEP END - Genuine authority

'But man, proud man,
Dress'd in a little brief authority,
Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd...'
Measure for Measure



William Shakespeare

We probably wouldn't have to think too hard to come with examples of people who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on everything, in spite of limited knowledge or experience. We tend to criticise politicians and other public figures if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, to example, to live on a minimum wage, to care for a family member with a disability, or to be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have either faced some of these issues themselves or have made the effort to do some research and really listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority, care and compassion.

In today's gospel, those who listen to Jesus' teaching in the synagogue know there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing, and makes a deep impression on them. The difference, as stated twice in this passage, is his authority and it leaves his audience 'astonished'. He does not use his position the way we might use our 'little brief authority' to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to serve, to love, and to bring mercy and freedom.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS STATEMENT ON HAVING COVID-19 VACCINATION

In a statement issues on 13th January the Bishops of New Zealand issued a statement in support of New Zealanders having the COVID-19 vaccination. They quoted Pope Francis who recently said, 'i believe that morally, everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life [and] the lives of others.' The full text of the Bishop's Statement is available in the church foyer and on the Parish's



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



We are looking for people to volunteer to facilitate weekly children's liturgy sessions at OLOG church during the 10:30 am Mass. You do not need to be a teacher: the resources are all supplied and easy to follow. You will need to be police vetted. This kind of service is great for any teenagers doing Duke of Edinburgh awards too! Training is given and you are welcome to partner with a more experienced facilitator while you find your feet. Please call, message Louise Peirce 027 2314606 if you would like more info or to offer your service. Many thanks.

website.



PA MARIA MARIST SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The Programme for 2021 is now available. If you would like an emailed copy, please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM at

bccummings@xtra.co.nz

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our first get together for this year is a Garden Party to be held if fine in the lawn beside the Pettit Centre or in the Pettit Centre if not. The date is Wednesday 3rd February at 1:30pm. Ladies please wear a hat and please bring a small plate of food to be shared for afternoon tea. All ladies of the Parish are welcome.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

First gathering for 2021. 2:00 pm, 6 February, at the Petit Centre, behind Our Lady of Grace church. 6th February is Waitangi Day.

Let's start the gathering with the NZ Anthem to be followed by NZ memories, stories, souvenirs or music. Please bring along a gold coin donation, or some small toiletries if you are able. As usual we will end with a cuppa and small

afternoon tea. Feel free to bring a friend. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

NEW CO-ADJUTOR FOR WELLINGTON

On New Year's Day in Rome Pope Francis has appointed the Catholic Bishop of Christchurch, Paul Martin SM, to the role of Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington, where he will assist Cardinal John Dew, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Aotearoa New Zealand. A coadjutor usually becomes the bishop or archbishop of a diocese when the incumbent bishop retires.



Cardinal Dew, who is also President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says he is delighted with the appointment, which comes at a time of a heavy workload in the Wellington Diocese.

The appointment takes effect immediately; however Archbishop Martin will maintain his southern connection by acting as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Christchurch until the Pope appoints a new bishop.

WAITANGI DAY MASS



Nau mai, haere mai! The customary Waitangi Day Mass to pray for this land and all who dwell here under the guardianship of the Treaty will be celebrated on Saturday, **6th February, 9:00 am at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St, Wellington.** This Mass combines the choirs of St Mary of the Angels and Te Ngākau Tapu parish for Māori in Porirua. Prayers will be primarily be in Māori, English and Latin along with various other languages. Celebrant: Cardinal John Dew. Inquiries to the parish secretary, St Mary of the Angels smoa.office@xtra.co.nz (04) 473 8074. All

welcome.

MEN'S GROUP – FEBRUARY START

The first Men's Night for 2021 is on Tuesday 2nd February from 5:30pm onwards at the Silverstream Bowling Club in Silverstream. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.



MEN'S GROUP

CELEBRATE LOVE ON ST VALENTINES DAY!



Cardinal John Dew invites you to join in a celebration of married love this coming St Valentine's Day, Sunday 14th February 2021, 5:00 pm at St Joseph's Church, 152 Brougham Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington.

For further details please contact Felicity Giltrap at ADW Marriage Ministries (04) 496 1719 or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2021

Enrolments for the 2021 Sacramental Preparation Program are now open for those candidates who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of both churches and the School. Though enrolments close on 12th February 2021 **please endeavour to enrol as soon as possible**, as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on February 21st as the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Jenny Mahoney, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT October – December 2020

Operating Income	44,551
Less Expenditures	
Pastoral Costs	(21,763)
Property Costs*	(7,594)
Administration Costs	(7,018)
Total Operating Expenditure	(36,375)
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	8,176
Balance Sheet Flows	
Balance Sheet Inflows	5,252
Balance Sheet Outflows	(4,022)
Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr	9,407



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 *Leo Periera* and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
31 st January 4 rd	Sunday of Ordinary Time	7 th February 5 th	Sunday of Ordinary Time
First Reading	Deut 18:15-20	First Reading	Job7:1-4.6-7
Second Reading	1Cor 7:32-35	Second Reading	1Cor 9:16-19,22-23
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28	Gospel	Mark 1:29-39

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

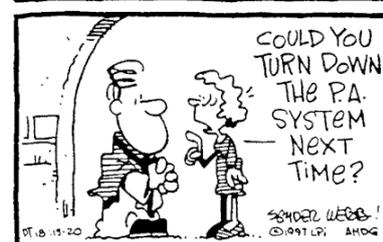
Weekdays– Tues, Thurs, 9:30am Mass – Wed, 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation Please ring for an appointment

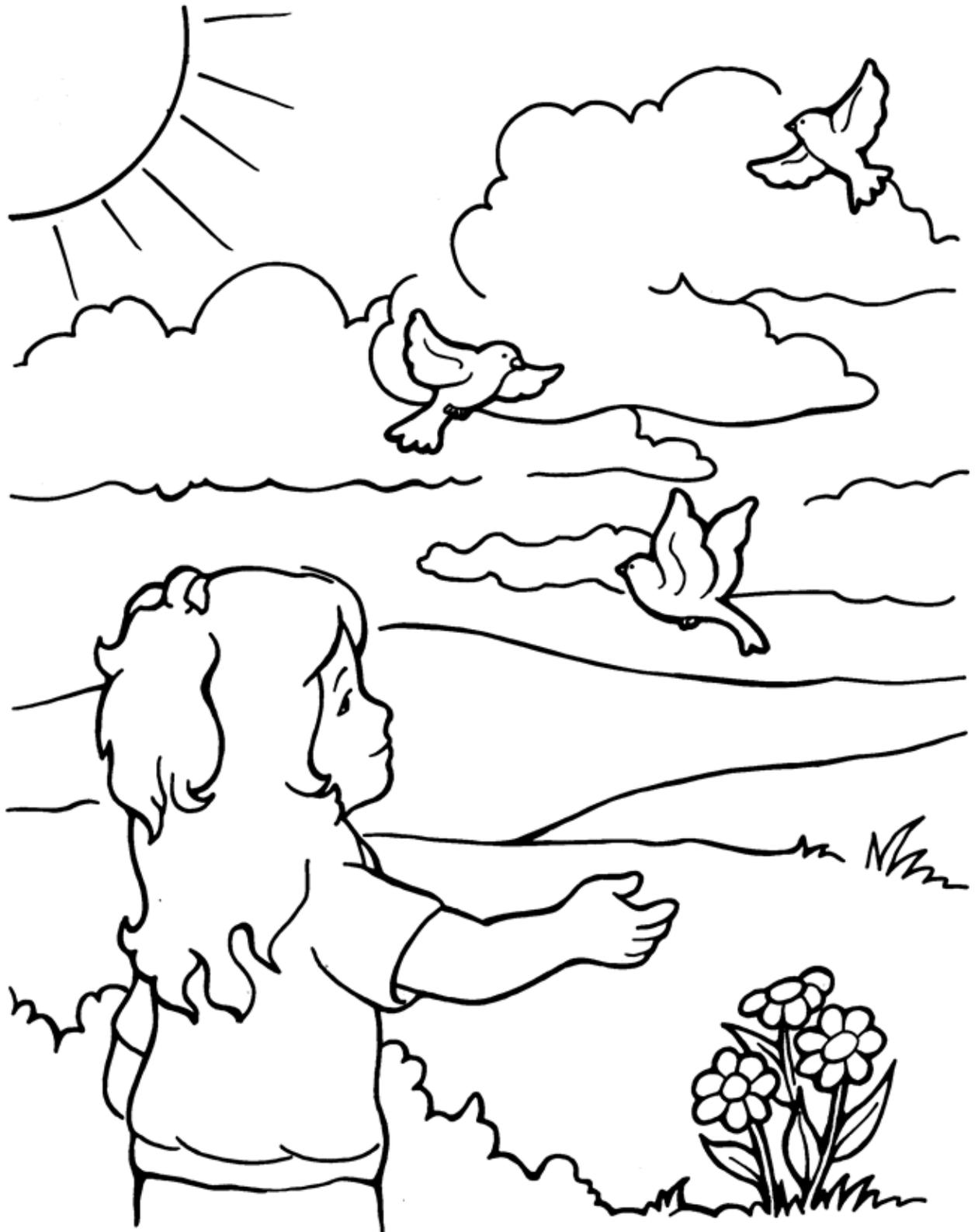
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SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG ONES



Jesus is more powerful than anything!

AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

Who's In Control?

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27

Based on Mark 1:21-28



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REGION	SPREAD	JESUS	PEOPLE	NEWS
SHRIEK	SYNAGOGUE	SHOOK	DESTROY	AMAZED
QUIET	HOLY	GALILEE	ORDERS	SABBATH
AUTHORITY	OBEY	EVIL	TEACH	SPIRIT