

The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th November 2017



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THE DEEP END
Practise what you preach

We have all heard the expression 'Do as I say, not as I do'. According to one online dictionary, it is 'an expression used to call out hypocrites, including "environmentalists" with private jets, politicians who send their children to private school while opposing measures to give other kids the same chance, or those who accuse others of racism while not hiring minorities'. We could all come up with examples of people who do not practise what they preach.

The accusation appears to have been made for the Scribes and the Pharisees that Jesus talks about in today's gospel. He criticises them for placing heavy burdens on people, while not lifting a finger to help them, and for making themselves look important in order to attract attention. If we are honest with ourselves, there are areas of our own lives where we value style over substance, where we wish to give a certain impression to others that does not reflect the truth of the matter. We like to look good, and for people to think highly of us.

There are also times when we do not live up to the expectations we set for others. We expect people to be honest and fair with us, yet we are not always honest in our dealings with others. We expect others to help us, but we might not always repay the favour. Today's gospel is a wake-up call. It tells us what Jesus expects of us. We must be humble and genuine, thinking of others rather than worrying about what people will think of us.

Tríona Doherty



Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development -

When people work together looking for each other's good, the world reveals itself in all its beauty. - Pope Francis, 22nd October 2017

The 9am Mass on Wednesday 8th November will be a Liturgy as Father will be in Wellington for a council of Clergy meeting.

Meetings in the Parish

5th November – Talk on Funerals – 2pm in the Pettit Centre

7th November – Men's Night at 5.30pm

9th November – Finance Meeting at 7.30pm

15th November – Healing Mass at Our Lady of Grace at 11am

16th November – Healing Mass at Stokeswood, Stokes Valley at 1.30pm

16th November – Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm

23rd November – Parish Liturgy Meeting at 7.30pm

28th November – St Vincent de Paul – OLG – 7pm

Father commented on how good the All Saints day Mass on Wednesday 1st November was with so many parishioners from both Churches and of course all the school children.

Also a car key was found outside the Church after the Mass – if this is yours would you please contact the Parish Office.



The Finance Committee strongly recommends that if you are on planned giving envelopes you might think about changing to automatic payment so your giving is always safe.



The Parish, CWL and Men's Group would like to thank everyone for your support last Sunday with the Cake Stall and the Sausage Sizzle. The CWL raised \$532.20 and the Men's Groups raised \$152.50 – what a fabulous combined effort – once again a very big thank you to all. This money has already been paid to the CDF towards the loan. (Catholic Development Fund)

Car Pooling – it has been brought to our attention that some people who would like to attend Mass at either St Francis Xavier or Our Lady of Grace but are unable to do so because they either do not drive or for some other reason. We were wondering if car pooling would be of any benefit so that people could attend the Mass of their choice. If you would like to be part of this car pooling either by offering your car or by being picked up would you please contact Marilyn in the office on 972 4282 and put your name down to register if there is any interest in this proposal.

Passionist Family Group Outings for November

Heretaunga Group-Sunday 12th November 2pm-Tea and scones at Paddy's

Aubert Group-Sunday 12th November 2pm-Days Bay Pavilion-ice cream and beach walk

Our Lady of Grace Group - Saturday 18th November catching the train to Masterton for lunch in the gardens. Please check your email for more information

Holmes Group Sunday 19th November 11.30 am-Kaitoke picnic lunch and walk



Gentle Keep Fit Exercises will be taking place in the Pettit Centre for the next four weeks on Wednesdays from 9.45 – 10.15. If proven successful then it will become a permanent fixture next year. All very welcome – Katrina Robinson-Reidy



Altar serving training session to be held on Sunday 10th December at 11.45am (after 10.30am mass) at Our Lady of Grace church. This is targeted at those wishing to take up the ministry but current servers are more than welcome to attend. For more information or to register interest in attending, please contact me via email conorhealy26@gmail.com or Phone 04 528 7395.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group - The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 7th November at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish. Any enquires please call Roger Wasson on 528 7847

Pettit Centre usage for 2018 – would all parishioners who use the Pettit Centre on a regular basis please confirm their continued use for 2018. Please contact Marilyn in the office by phone or via email – many thanks



Leaders of Liturgies of the Word and Holy Communion - Currently the Parish has about 5 people who are trained to lead Liturgies of the Word and Holy Communion Services at St Francis Xavier Church and Our Lady of Grace Church. These are liturgies that are offered when Mass is not available.

Fr Patrick Bridgman, the Archdiocesan Liturgy Advisor has been invited to come to the Parish to provide both a refresher training session for existing leaders and training for people who would like to undertake this ministry in our Parish. Fr Patrick will be here at Our Lady of Grace Church on Saturday 11th November at 2:00pm

Could those who would like to attend this presentation please contact the Parish Office (972 4282) so we can have an indication of numbers attending



Danny from Harbour City Funerals will be giving on talk on “All you wanted to know about funerals” in the Pettit Centre, today, at 2pm on Sunday 5th November – all very welcome to attend.



2018 Columban Art Calendars – These are now available from Parish Office or Margaret at SFX -\$12.00 a calendar. We also have a very small supply of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards (in the Parish Office) in packs of 5 at \$3.00 per pack.

Christmas Cards are now available at St Francis Xavier church after Mass on Saturday and Sunday's. \$4.00 per pack of 8 cards. Similar designs as last year. Please leave money in the box or give it to Margaret Lanigan. All proceeds go to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

WelCom - The WelCom is out this week for Sunday 5 November. Lots of great reading but check out the middle page – it is all about Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



NZ Catholic- *Some headlines are:* Pointers for singing properly at Mass. Discipleship College seeks to raise funds for permanent home. Memorial Mass for those affected by suicide. Fatima recalled in Southland cave. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on 19th November.



Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. The next weekend is 11-12 November. Registrations close 2 weeks before. Venue: Presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. For more details go to the website at <http://www.ceewellington.org.nz> or phone Kate & Simon Olsen Telephone (+64 4) 801 6192, or email Simon and Kate at simonolsen@gmail.com

National March for Life: Can you help? Are you able to offer accommodation for 1 or 2 nights for people travelling to Wellington for the March for Life on the 9th December. If so, we'd love to hear from you TXT: 021 231 7954 or Email: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz

Please remember in prayer, all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently (Father John Berry) that they may rest in peace and those whose anniversary occur around this time.



Weekly Collection: \$1,378.30

Our Lady of Grace Church 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga

Mass Times Sunday –10:30am

Samoan Community - Mass 3rd Sunday – Church 12 noon

Weekdays Wed, Sat 9:00am Mass, Fri 9:30 am

Reconciliation – Please ring for an appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday (during school terms) 10.00 am – 6pm

St Francis Xavier Church 152 Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley

Mass Times Weekends 5.30pm Vigil (Saturday) and 8.30am (Sunday)

Samoan Community - Mass 4th Sunday – Church 11.30am

Weekdays – Tues, Thurs, 9.30am Mass – Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9.30am Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation - Please ring for an appointment

Pastoral Council Chairperson John Benvenuti 563 8775

St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga Terry 528 6313

Petone Shop 568 6408

St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley Gordon 938 2750

Stokes Valley Shop 563 9278

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
5 th November – 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time		12 th November – 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Malachi 1: 14-2:2, 8-10	First Reading	Wisdom 6: 12-16
Second Reading	Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13	Second Reading	Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Gospel	Matthew 23: 1-12	Gospel	Matthew 25: 1-13