

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**



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**THE DEEP END**  
**Are you ready?**

'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.'

Hugh Laurie

I'm not ready – we all think it or say it from time to time. It could be as simple as not being able to find your shoes to leave the house, or a more serious situation like being under-prepared for a work presentation. It can also refer to our emotional state – we might not be ready to talk about an experience, to change a habit, to enter into a relationship, or to let go of a loved one. No one else can tell us if we are ready for a situation or not. It is something only we know. But there is some wisdom in the quote above, in that sometimes we need to push ourselves, to just dive in.

The parable in today's gospel pits two groups in stark contrast – the foolish bridesmaids who failed to prepare, and the sensible ones who were ready with their lamps and oil. Both groups fell asleep on the job, but only one group had laid the groundwork and so were ready for action. Jesus tells us we need to be watchful and ready. 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.

Triona Doherty



**Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development -**

The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. *Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 2015*



**Repayments for the Loan** – we have received a further \$36.00 for the cake stall and \$147.00 for the Christmas Cake Raffles – which was won by Mike Hickey. We have also received \$100.00 for the Circle of Friends – thank you all so much

## Meetings in the Parish

15<sup>th</sup> November – Healing Mass at Our Lady of Grace at 11am  
16<sup>th</sup> November – Healing Mass at Stokeswood, Stokes Valley at 1.30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> November – Parish Liturgy Meeting at 7.30pm  
28<sup>th</sup> November – St Vincent de Paul – OLG – 7pm

## Passionist Family Group Outings for November

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

**Holmes Group** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11.30 am-Kaitoke picnic lunch and walk



**Sacramental Preparation Programme 2018** - Enrolments for the 2018 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. Though enrolments close on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 please endeavour to enrol before the 18<sup>th</sup> December as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on 18<sup>th</sup> February and the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Louise Peirce the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



**Altar serving training session** to be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:conorhealy26@gmail.com) or Phone 04 528 7395.

**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



**Mass with Anointing Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 11am** - Please come and join us in the Pettit Centre next to Our Lady of Grace Church for this Mass, followed by a shared lunch this Wednesday. Extra helping hands are always welcome and transport can be provided please contact Patricia on 972 8043. There will be no Mass at 9am at Heretaunga on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November as this is replaced by the Anointing Mass at 11am.

**Mass of Anointing in Stokes Valley** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 1-30pm at “Stokeswood” Rotary Lounge, Glen Road, Stokes Valley. Afternoon tea will follow Mass. If anyone needs transport please ring Gordon or Linda Holmes on 9382750.





**Synod 2017:** Are you interested in hearing more about the Synod? Would you like to know more about what happened at the Synod and to briefly hear what we will do going forward?

If you answered 'yes' to either of these questions, then please come along to one of these feedback sessions:

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm

or

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm.

Sessions will be held in the meeting room behind the church in Heretaunga. Come and hear about the invigorating, renewing time experienced by OLOV attendees. *Look forward to seeing you there.*



## **Challenge 2000 Street Day Appeal - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

### **Help us to help those on the Peripheries**

One of the outcomes from the Synod was to challenge ourselves to change, to go, be sent to help those on the peripheries of our society. Here is an opportunity to challenge yourself and make that change.

#### **How?**

Our Annual Street Day Appeal is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.**

Donate your time or money

Email your friends/business colleagues/family pleading with them to support our work

Pray for the poor and the struggling and those who journey with them

Please help: Call Megan Ratuki on 04 477 6827 or email [challenge2000@xtra.co.nz](mailto:challenge2000@xtra.co.nz) For more information on our work or how you can help, view our website [www.challenge2000.org.nz](http://www.challenge2000.org.nz)



### **Informative Afternoon last Sunday**

Last Sunday in the Pettit Centre Mr Danny Langstraat came to provide an information afternoon around his work in the Funeral industry in Upper Hutt. Danny is well known to most of those attending either in his public capacity as a local funeral director, or his personal capacity as a local resident in the Hutt Valley.

Danny has helped many parishioners of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish in helping them to arrange funerals for deceased members of their families over his years of serving the greater Hutt Valley area.

Danny provided an informative and entertaining talk about details of what his profession as a Funeral Director has called him to get involved with. As well as this he provided helpful insights into the work that Funeral Directors and Funeral Companies provide for their clients. Danny provided an opportunity for questions and a wide range of topics from the component cost of funeral, to what is optional in a celebration and what is not, to practical thoughts and guidance on things that could and should be considered when organising the funeral for a loved one. An enjoyable and helpful hour and a half was had by all, and the afternoon concluded with afternoon tea which provided an opportunity for more discussions and comments on what we had heard. Thank you Danny for your sharing with us.

**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



**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.

**Position for a Relief Weekend Cook** - Cooking for a community of Seven Religious Sisters. 16 Hours per Fortnight - Saturday and Sunday: Cooking and some House Assistant Duties. Also filling in for other staff when sick or on annual leave. Extra hours over the December and January period Contact: Ria on 04 527 8045 or [pcmanagervj@gmail.com](mailto:pcmanagervj@gmail.com)



**Catholic Women's League – Christmas Lunch**

This is to be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Te Marua Golf Club at 12 for 12.30pm. Before the lunch Mass will be held at Our Lady of Grace at 11am. The Luncheon cost is \$30 per person and is to be paid to Trish on the day before the meal. Please ring Trish to let her know if you are attending for catering purposes - 528 5161. All very welcome to attend. Also Subs are now due \$20.00.

**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 and Brenda Lawson) that they may rest in peace and those whose anniversary occur around this time.



Weekly Collection: \$1,468.80  
Mission Appeal: \$160.00

**Our Lady of Grace Church 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga**

**Mass Times Sunday –10:30am**

**Samoan Community - Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Pastoral Council Chairperson</b>	John Benvenuti	563 8775
<b>St Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga</b>	Terry	528 6313
	Petone Shop	568 6408
<b>St Vincent de Paul – Stokes Valley</b>	Gordon	938 2750
	Stokes Valley Shop	563 9278

Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
12 <sup>th</sup> November – 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		19 <sup>th</sup> November – 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Wisdom 6: 12-16	First Reading	Proverbs : 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Second Reading	Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Second Reading	Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel	Matthew 25: 1-13	Gospel	Matthew 25: 14-30