

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**  
**Mission Sunday**



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**THE DEEP END** -The Third Side of the Coin

Most of us have been raised to believe that there are two sides to every issue. So often we hear the term 'there are two sides to every story' or 'two sides of a coin' but there is, in fact, a third. A story always has your version, their version, and the truth. When it comes to a coin, there is the head side, the tail side, and the edge of the coin! One side of the coin may represent a particular point of view; the other its opposite. However, if we just stand the coin on its edge, we can see both sides more clearly and, more often than not, a third way.

What a loaded question the Pharisees' disciples and the Herodians asked Jesus. If Jesus said the taxes shouldn't be paid, he would have pleased the Pharisees but then they could report him and have him arrested as a rebel. If he said they should be paid, he would have gained the support of the Herodians but almost certainly lost all support from his followers.

But Jesus did not come into the world to discuss Roman taxation, temporal revolutions or political action. Neither did he come to only see two sides of a coin! He neither endorses Caesar as divine sovereign (as the inscription on the coin indicates) nor does he discourage the paying of taxes. He simply reminds his questioners that these are worldly affairs in a worldly kingdom but there is another kingdom yet to come with a much higher authority. 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'

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**Automatic Payment** - On the 4<sup>th</sup> October a deposit of \$30.00 was received for the 1<sup>st</sup> time from a new parishioner from the Co-Operative bank but unfortunately no Planned Giving number was attached to it. Would you please contact the office so that we can put this money into your Planned Giving Account. Many thanks Marilyn - 972 4282

**Congratulations to Monica and Jarome** who were married on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Our Lady of Grace Church – we wish you every happiness as you start out on this journey together. God bless you each and every day.

## Meetings in the Parish

24<sup>th</sup> October – SVdP – Heretaunga at 7pm

26<sup>th</sup> October – Liturgy Meeting at 7.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> November – St Brendan's School attending the Wednesday Mass at 9.30am. So the Mass on this day will start at 9.30am and not 9pm as usual.



### Passionist Family Group

Our Lady of Grace Group is meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November and catching the train to Masterton – for more information please ring Paul 528 4869



**Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle** – this is a fundraising venture to help with the mortgage. This will be held on **Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> October after the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church.** The CWL are organising the cake stall and the Men's

Group are organising the sausage sizzle. The CWL are asking parishioners to help with baking a cake for the stall and also for the purchasing of a cake and some sausages. For further information please ring Chris 528 7847 or Kathleen 527 4543



MEN'S GROUP



### NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

During the month of 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 in the Parish during November. A box is also available to collect specific requests for Masses to be said for their intentions. On All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Special Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga, at 7:30pm for the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months. All are welcome to attend.



### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 at 2pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November – all very welcome to attend.



**Walking Group** - Walking group will resume meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. We meet outside OLOG church for a 45-60 min walk in the local area, and everyone is most welcome to join our friendly group on any or each Thursday evening (weather permitting).



In Bujuni, a remote parish deep in the heart of Uganda, bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger. Many women take great risks to get to the nearest affordable maternity ward at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff, the health centre does not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Sadly, the potential consequences can be tragic. With your support

through MISSIO-NZ, Sister Goretti is hoping to expand St Luke's and provide essential services for women and children. Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today.



**Cash Flow Report for 6 months April to September 2017** – It is pleasing to note that the mortgage has reduced by \$13,000 in the period but it is still disturbing that for the 6 months ended September 30<sup>th</sup> our costs exceeded income by \$9,045. We are

currently conducting a concerted effort of fund raising to reduce the mortgage on the Heretaunga church, but we still calculate that even after clearing the mortgage we will still need an increase in contributions to maintain our facilities in both churches in good working order, and to continue to offer the current high level of support to our parishioners and the wider community in general.

Operating Income	Cumulative
	77,396
Less Expenditure	
Pastoral	(34,989)
Property	(22,583)
Administration	(16,680)
Total Operating Expenditure	(74,252)
Net Operating Excess (Deficit)	3,144
Balance Sheet Inflows	10,622
Extraordinary	
Balance Sheet Outflows	(22,811)
Excess (Deficit) for Quarter	(9,045)



# Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development

-Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor ... The Our Father is a prayer said in the plural: the bread for which we ask is "ours", and that entails sharing, participation and joint responsibility. *Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Poor 2017*



**2018 Columban Art Calendars** – These are now available from Parish Office or Margaret at SFX -\$12.00 a calendar.



**NZ Catholic is out now.** Some headlines are: Catholic Enquiry Centre aims to reach new generation. Patience urged in wait for new Mass translation. Thoughts after the death of Hugh Hefner. Auckland cathedral character often there 24/7. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on November 5th.

**Thank You: Request for tools Met** - Catholic Social Services would like to thank all those who have responded to the request for tools to support a former refugee working as a builder. We are delighted to report that this need has now been met through donations from the Catholic community, and we don't need any further donations of tools. Thanks so much for your generous responses.

**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 (Kevin Knapp), that they may rest in peace and those whose anniversary occur around this time.



Weekly Collection: \$1,768.90



**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

**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	
22 October – 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		29 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6	First Reading	Exodus 22: 20-26
Second Reading	Thessalonians 1: 1-5	Second Reading	Thessalonians 1: 5-10
Gospel	Matthew 22: 15-21	Gospel	Matthew 22: 34-40



**LECTIO DIVINA**  
Reading the Scripture  
Reflecting on the Meaning  
Responding through Prayer  
Resting in God  
Responding in Action

*Lectio Meditatio Oratio Contemplatio Operatio*

## **Praying Matthew 22:34-40 using *Lectio Divina* (Holy Reading)**

### **Lectio Divina**

Sunday mass October 28/29 will not require any readers for the liturgy of the word. Greeters and leaders and a children's liturgy, are still required. Parishioners will be lead through praying just the Gospel using Lectio Divina. You will be led through five stages; the reading, reflection, prayer, contemplation, and action, with up to one-minute interval of silence between each. In preparation for this spiritual experience it is important for you that you pre-read the Gospel and the commentary before mass next Sunday.

### **Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

### **Commentary**

*To be able to reflect on this scripture it is helpful to understand its social setting. Jesus had just won a debate with the Sadducees on life after death and the resurrection of the body. The lawyer, in this scripture, is acting on behalf of The Pharisees in an attempt to "entangle Jesus in his own talk". The Jews had 613 various prescriptions of the Law, on how to live according to the will of God, and it was a fraught process to fully understand and comply with them all, as they were all considered important. Hence the burning question.*

*Jesus answered this question by referring to Deuteronomy 6:5 "Thou shalt love the Lord the God" and to Leviticus 19:18 "They shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". In doing so Jesus says the whole Law finds its significance and foundation in the one of love. This is the fundamental precept behind the law. Jesus, in answering binds together love of God and love of neighbour, so much so as to unite them in only one, but without renouncing to give priority to the first one, which subordinates, in a close way, the second one. Jesus carries out a process of simplification of all the precepts of the Law: anyone who puts into practice the only commandment of love does not only observe the Law, but also the prophets.*



**Want to Sing in a 4 Part Community Choir?** - Hutt Valley Singers rehearse on Monday Nights in the Petit Centre. This term we are learning carols for a 'Christmas Throughout the Ages' concert in St Pat's Chapel on Sun 26th November. I'd like to invite you to try the Choir - for the remainder of this year you can do so for FREE. We're particularly short on Tenors but welcome all types of Singers  
Tel: Michele McMullen 021 1431578 [www.huttvalleysingers.org.nz](http://www.huttvalleysingers.org.nz)

**Naenae Benefit Impact** - Beneficiaries, superannuitants and people on low-wages are invited to come and check benefit entitlements at St Bernadette's church, 190 Naenae Road, Naenae, Lower Hutt in the week of 14th-17th November between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Parishioners interested in training as benefit advocates (training on Monday 13th November) or volunteering in other ways at the Benefit Impact – please contact Lisa Beech at Catholic Social Services [l.beech@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz](mailto:l.beech@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz)

**Anglican Archbishop David Moxon** is returning home to New Zealand after 5 years overseas. Cardinal John Dew and Anglican Archbishop Philip Richardson invite you to attend Vespers on Tuesday 31st October 2017 at 6pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street. Archbishop David Moxon was until June 2017, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See and the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**500th Anniversary of the Reformation** - The reformation was a time of conflict and challenge. 500 years on there is still healing and hurt between Christians and it is good for Catholics to acknowledge this anniversary and revisit some of the history. The 31st of October 2017 marks 500 years since Martin Luther initially wrote his 95 Theses which had a significant impact upon the Catholic Church and the shape of many organisations, ideas and structures that would come to mark the modern era.

<http://www.faithcentral.co.nz/classroom/thematic-resources>

This link from the National Centre for Religious Studies (NCRS) is designed to provide opportunities for parishes, as well as schools, with related readings, a Commemoration Prayer Service, PowerPoint and a YouTube video which will be useful to share with your parishioners.

On the webpage, we specifically recommend you look at:

A prayer service to commemorate the reformation on the 31st of October.

Resource 4 – For Parishes – Commemoration of the Reformation (notes).

Information and Background - video clip on Catholicism and the Reformation