

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



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You may not have heard but Our Lady of Grace Church, Pettit Centre and Presbytery was entered into on Labour Weekend and some items have been taken. The worst one was the collection from over the weekend which was taken from the locked safe so this means that if you put money in for your planned giving envelope or the Mission Sunday envelope these have all been taken. Which also means that this money was not counted so I am unable to enter this into your planned giving programme for this week. The police have been informed and hopefully some good DNA has been left so if they are on the police system then we might be lucky and get a result. All the keys have been changed so if you have a key and would like to get a new key you will have to contact Marilyn in the office. We will also be changing the number of the keypad at the entrance of the Church in the next week or so and if you do require the new number would you please be very security minded and not give this number out other than to people within the Parish.

### **Meetings in the Parish**

- 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.
- 1<sup>st</sup> November – CWL 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre
- 5<sup>th</sup> November – Talk on Funerals – 2pm in the Pettit Centre
- 7<sup>th</sup> November – Men's Night at 5.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> November – Finance Meeting at 7.30pm
- 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

**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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-Tea and scones at Paddy's

**Aubert Group**-Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-Days Bay Pavilion-ice cream and beach walk

**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

**150th Anniversary of the St Vincent de Paul Society in NZ** - This will be celebrated next week, 5<sup>th</sup> November, at the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of Grace. Members of the society from both Heretaunga and Stokes Valley Conferences will take a full part in the Mass. Fr Tony will give a commissioning and blessing to all current members. The celebrations will conclude with morning tea in the Pettit Centre.



**Vincent de Paul Collection** - This will be taken up as part of the normal collection at 10.30 Mass next week. Envelopes for this purpose are included in this week's bulletin and extras are available in the foyer. Those receiving their bulletin by email should use their own envelope. If you require a receipt for tax purposes, please write your name and address on the back. Some may wish to make a one off or regular donation via internet banking. In this instance, our bank account is 1172860005297-11. For identity purposes, please add your name under details. Our treasurer Kevin von Keisenburg (ph 9763960) will provide receipts on request.



**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](mailto:conorhealy26@gmail.com) or Phone 04 528 7395.



**Catholic Women's League** – Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 1.30pm at the Pettit Centre. We have a speaker at 2pm from the Hospice – all very welcome to attend and hear the speaker and then to share afternoon with the league members.

The Roster for November has been emailed and there are also a few copies in the foyer of each Church. Please check for when you are next on.



MEN'S GROUP

**Men's Group** - The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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



**Circle of Friendship Ladies Gathering** - All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November for our monthly gathering, of friendship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2 – 4 pm. Local jewellery maker, Clare Barlow, whose business is called Smash Palace Jewellery, will be our guest speaker. Clare will be talking on the history of china and how she makes her jewellery. She will be bringing some of her pieces to sell. If you need transport, please ring Melinda on 234 1271. A gold coin donation to our local charity would be appreciated.

**Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle** – to be held today after the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church. Please support this Fundraising Activity and we thank you in anticipation of your support.



### **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.



As mentioned in the beginning of this newsletter we have had a break in and all of the collection for the week of 22 October and Mission Sunday has been taken so this is a good time to remind parishioners about the benefits of going onto Automatic Payments. Of course we hope that this will never happen again and the Finance Committee encourage you to use this very safe method of payment. Please contact Marilyn in the office and she will assist you in this very easy process. 972 4282



**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 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. \$2.50 per pack of 5 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.

**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: \$319.50 (from the Home of Compassion)

**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	
29 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		5 <sup>th</sup> November – 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Exodus 22: 20-26	First Reading	Malachi 1: 14-2:2. 8-10
Second Reading	Thessalonians 1: 5-10	Second Reading	Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13
Gospel	Matthew 22: 34-40	Gospel	Matthew 23: 1-12