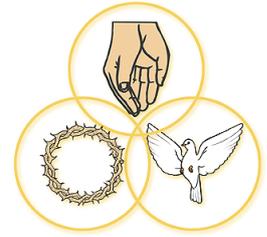


**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
The Most Holy Trinity – Year B
27th May 2018**



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THE DEEP END

A brief history of love

God does not have favourites, Peter tells us. You wouldn't think that was the case sometimes, listening to some of the people who purport to speak on his behalf.

When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning, and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love, and is quoted as saying 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.'

And yet, after his death, there were some who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask: where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes?

Today we bring everything back to one word: love. There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. God's love does not discriminate. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.' That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others – whether their beliefs align with ours or not. God does not have favourites.

Triona Doherty



Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear. He overcomes all resistance. To those content with half measures he inspires whole-hearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed. He impels the comfortable to go out and serve. He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts.

Pope Francis: [Homily for Pentecost 2018](#)

Weekly Collection: \$1,115.00

Sacramental Programme – Confirmation

27th May – Group Session at Our Lady of Grace at 10:30am

10th June – Parent Meeting Pettit Centre at 7:00pm

24th June – Group Session at Our Lady of Grace at 10:30am

24th June – Rehearsal in Our Lady of Grace, Church at 11:30am

1st July – Confirmation ceremony at Our Lady of Grace Church at 10:30am

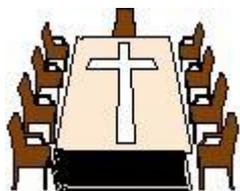
Annual General Meeting - date claimer

This is to advise that the Annual General Meeting of the Parish will be held on Sunday 29th July 2018 at 2:00pm at the Pettit Centre at Heretaunga. Please mark this in your calendars to ensure that you can keep up to date with goings on in the Parish and take part in the election of new Parish Councillors.



Nomination of New Parish Councillors

With an eye of the upcoming Annual General Meeting, a number of current Parish Councillors' term of appointment have come to an end. Currently Parish Councillors stand for a two year term with the right of renewal for two more terms. We are therefore opening nominations for new Parish Councillors on 1st June. In next week's bulletin there



will be a nomination form that should be filled in and returned back to the Parish Office by 30 June. This time frame allows time for the nominated candidates names to be advised to the Parish before the Annual General Meeting. Please take the time to prayerfully discern who you think might be a suitable person to serve our Parish on the Parish Council. If you would like more on the role of Parish

Councillors and the function of the Parish Council please feel free to speak to one of the existing Parish Councillors or Father Tony.

Parish Administrator We would like to take this opportunity to thank Marilyn Keating for all the help and support she provided to the parish during her tenure and would like to wish her a happy, healthy and fun filled retirement.

Rosters The rosters for the month of June are out and have been emailed, uploaded on the website as well as a small number in the foyers of both churches.

Grief Support The Parish Council would like to gauge support for GRIEF SUPPORT group that could assist people experiencing a period of grief and/or bereavement over a recent loss. The group would be seen as a resource that could be called on in specific situations to provide assistance, advice and accompaniment for people. While the most acknowledge period of grief/bereavement occurs with the death of a family member, other grief processes can result for the breakup of family relationships, job loss from redundancy or injury, the physical moving away of a significant person in a person's life.



If this is an area that you would like to explore and would like to see established in the Parish please contact Father Tony in the Presbytery or come along to attend a discussion on the merits of such a group being established on **Thursday 31st May at 7:30pm** in the Presbytery at **5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga**.

Are you able to help? – Graham Carr from the Home of Compassion is requiring an able body person to take him out 3 mornings a week from 9:00am to 12:00pm. If you are interested would you please contact his sister, Andrea Hart on 022 107 5640 or David Carr on 027 450 5594



CWL Coffee morning at Silverstream Bakery on Wednesday 30th May at 10:00 am. All welcome – Men and Women

CWL Birthday Wednesday 6th June at 1:30pm. All are welcome. Subscriptions are due now.

CWL Fun Quiz Evening – Fundraiser for Te Omanga Hospice – 29th June doors open at 7:15pm to start at 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Hall Pine Ave/Royal Street, Upper Hutt. Make up a team of 6-8 people or come along and join a table and enjoy a lovely supper. Tickets \$10.00 per ticket. No door sales. Contact Maria # 5288674

CWL National Conference is being held in Wellington from the 25th to 28th July, the Catholic Women's League of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather in Wellington for their biennial National Conference.

Highlights of these days of Conference will be

Opening Mass by Cardinal John Dew /- Keynote Speaker Anne Dickinson reflects on "Women welcoming change". / An Art Exhibition of NCEA Art students from the Catholic Colleges of the Archdiocese. / A "Pilgrimage" by bus to the Home of Compassion to visit the Venerable Suzanne Aubert All enquiries to Christine Paterson, Archdiocesan President CWL, phone 479 6274. For more information please see the notice board.



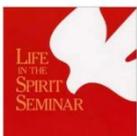
Circle of Friendship Ladies Gathering - All ladies of the parish are invited to join us next Saturday 2 June for fellowship and a cuppa, in the Pettit Centre between 2–4 pm. We have the pleasure of welcoming Teresa Homan to talk to us about the Upper Hutt Housing Trust which involves the work done helping people find suitable homes. She will also touch on her work with B.E.S.T. Everyone is welcome. If you need transport, please ring Melinda on 234 1271. A gold coin donation towards the Upper Hutt Housing Trust would be appreciated.



St. Vincent De Paul Shop in Stokes Valley requires volunteers to help in their shop either a.m. 10-1pm or p.m. 1:00-4:00pm. Could you spare a morning or afternoon to help us out? A friendly team to work with who all give their time generously to help others in the community. We also need a Book-keeper with computer knowledge 4 hours a month to pay our accounts and keep our finances in order. If you are able to help us please phone Jan 0279165609 or Gordon 9382150



Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt welcomes enrolments for Year 9, 2019 from Monday 14 May and forms are to be completed online or returned to the College Office by Monday 2 July 2018. See noticeboard for more information



Life in the Spirit Seminar

This seminar will be conducted at the Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning on 5 June till the 17 July except for the 4th week which will be on Monday 25 June. Do you want to encounter Jesus on a deeper level? Come and be blessed. Further information on the notice board.



WANTED! New or barely used, quality shoes of all shapes and sizes including children's shoes for our BIG shoe sale to be held in June (info to follow in later bulletin). As well as raising the funds we need to purchase a new organ or keyboard this is a community service project to provide quality shoes at a huge discount to those who cannot afford to buy good shoes at full retail prices. If you can help please call Monica on 567 8267 or email her at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com. We can pickup or alternatively shoes can be dropped off in a specially marked box in the foyer of St Peter and Paul's church whenever it is open. Thank you in advance for your support



Wellington Engaged Encounter. About to get Married?

Could you successfully run a marathon without preparing for it? Of course not! So too marriage. The next opportunity to prepare for your lifetime of marriage on an Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation course is July 14th and 15th. For more information phone Kate and Simon on 801 6192 or visit our website

www.cee-wellington.co.nz



Synod Outcome – Go, you are sent to deepen your bicultural relationship 5(c) The Archdiocese captures the shared story of our history

Prayer of the Faithful led by Fr James Lyons. An interactive workshop on how to write and present general intercessions for the section of the Mass known as the Prayer of the Faithful. Tuesday 12th July at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Please RSVP by June 6th at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.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, Annette Wells and those whose anniversary (Bernie Karam and Assunta Caldart) occur around this time –may they rest in peace



Our Lady of Grace Church 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga

Mass Times Sunday –10:30am

Weekdays Wed, Sat 9:00am 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 (Saturday) and 8:30am (Sunday)

Samoan Community - Mass 4th Sunday – Church 11:30am

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

Reconciliation - Please ring for an appointment

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Sunday Readings		Sunday Readings	
27 th May – Trinity Sunday		3 rd June – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
First Reading	Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40	First Reading	Exodus 24:3-8
Second Reading	2 Romans 8:14-17	Second Reading	Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel	Mathew 28:16-20	Gospel	Mark 14:12-16,22-26