

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
22nd July 2018**



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THE DEEP END - Crowds and Shepherds

The gospel today emphasises the importance of taking time for yourself as Jesus takes the disciples to a deserted place after all their hard work. It teaches an important lesson about remaining connected to Jesus if we are to be his followers. It is unfortunate for them that their break is interrupted. The crowd are thirsty for more and suffering from a lack of real leadership. Jesus has so much compassion for the people that the phrase Mark uses actually means he felt compassion in his intestines! A biblical way of saying he felt compassion for them in the pit of his stomach.

Next month we greet the shepherd of the Catholic Church as Pope Francis comes to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. It will be a momentous occasion, a once in a life-time experience to see and to hear from a Pope who has so much to say to us about sharing the gospel message in our world. He calls us to be joyful Christians, to reach out to the poor and abandoned, to be disciples in our families, communities, on the streets and to help build a world that is true to Christ's vision for this world. Pope Francis is a leader who inspires many. Whether you are travelling to the festival or watching it at home we pray for the success of this extraordinary event. Let us pray today for leaders in our Church and in our communities, that they will inspire people, nurture people and listen to the Spirit who guides us on this path.

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Weekly Collection: \$1,459.00

Meetings in the Parish

Tuesday 24th July – Saint Vincent de Paul – Heretaunga – 7 pm – Terry 5286313

Thursday 26th July – Parish Liturgy Meeting – 7.30pm



Synod Outcome – Go you are sent to the peripheries of society 1 (i) The Archdiocese engages with existing bodies (such as St Vincent de Paul Society) to determine how best to support and promote greater parish involvement in their work.

UNACCOUNTED COLLECTION FUNDS



Last week we have received 2 envelopes with the No. 2 on it could the person whose envelopes they are please ring the office as we do not know who they belong to.

We also received an envelope for the year 2005 with the No. 67 again could the person please ring up the office to let us know who they are.

FOUND FUNDS

A small sum of money (a single note) was found sitting on the piano (or the floor by the piano) after Sunday's morning tea in the Pettit Centre several weeks ago. Please phone Grant on 021 466 730 if you think this might be yours. Many thanks."



Archdiocesan Commission for Justice, Peace and Development

An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.

Pope Francis: [*Evangelii Gaudium*](#) #24

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held at Pettit Centre 5 Palmer Crescent Heretaunga on 29th July 2018 starting at 2:00pm. In preparation for this meeting an **ANNUAL REPORT** has been prepared by the Parish Council. Copies of this report are available in the foyer or can be downloaded from our Parish website www.olv.org.nz/publications/olv-annual-report. Please take the time to read this to be aware of all the wonderful things that are happening in our Parish family. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the organisation involved or the Parish Office.



The pencil sketches from last week are available on the noticeboards of both churches.



QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Following is a summary of the financial results for the first quarter of the new financial year. Sadly we have overspent the income for this period by just over \$5,000 for the three months.

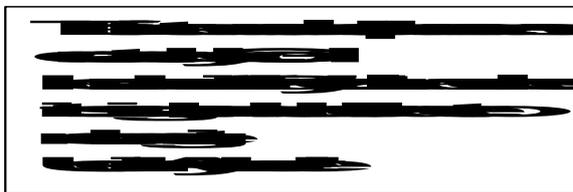
Significant items of expenditure over the period include just over \$7,000 of CDF Loan payments and almost \$1,000 in interest payments on that loan. Increased insulation on a parish residence to comply with new regulations cost the Parish \$1,500 in the quarter with another \$1,500 to be paid in the next three months. A break-in in the parish during the quarter cost the parish about \$1,000 in costs associated with remediating the damage.

Operating Income		39,328
Less Expenditure		
Pastoral	17,805	
Property	12,102	
Administration	7,962	
Total Expenditure		37,869
Operating Excess		1,459
Less Balance Sheet Items		6,573
Nett Overspend for Quarter		(5,114)

The overspending has highlighted the need for the Finance Committee to be good stewards of the resources gifted to it by you the parishioners. The Parish can sustain some level of excess spending this is perhaps an opportunity for all to review the level of their gifting to the Parish.

To reduce the impact of break-in in the future the Finance Committee encourage parishioners to make their contributions to the Parish via internet banking. If you would like to change to Automatic Payments please contact the Parish Office to make this change.

Book Launch Father John Rea's latest compilation of healing stories is in a book entitled, "Wonders Still Abounding". The book will be launched at St Mary's College Hall on Thursday 26 July at 7.00pm. Supper will be provided. All welcome.



Grief Support Meeting

We met on Thursday 5 July at St Francis Xavier Meeting Room to further chat about the purpose of the group. Why do we need this? The parish, as an active family, cares about what goes on. To offer such support within the parish community fulfills a basic need to connect as Jesus did on the road to Emmaus.

What kind of grief? The group discussed that it can be a loss of a particular circumstance such as a job, a loved one, divorce. Although there are support groups that can help, the group will exist to offer an ear or even a first step.

How support can be delivered? The group is still figuring this one out but perhaps in a group session or even one on one. So far, we've agreed to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

What qualification does this group have?

1. Life experience of attendees
2. Training and experience of professional groups like Samaritans and Victim Support
3. Willingness to listen and share

The group will look into formal training offered by the Catholic Centre.

Next meeting - 7.30pm, Thursday 2 August at Heretaunga Our Lady of Grace Church



Parish Quiz Evening – Move over Bradley Walsh, The Parish Chase event is here. 31st August doors open at 7:15pm to start at 7:30pm at St. Brendan's School Hall, 56 Palmer Cres., Upper Hutt. So if you think you are clever enough or not make up a team of 6-8 people or simply come along and join a table to enjoy a lovely supper. Those attending are requested (if they can) to bring along a small plate to add to the buffet. Tickets \$10.00 per person. Contact Debby 027 4508979, Mike 021 1233211 or Pru 976 3960.

We are also requesting for donations of any items to go towards the raffles. These can be left at the Parish Office.

CWL Prisoners Toiletries would like to request Parishioners to please contribute towards women leaving the prison things like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, hand crème etc. Kindly drop the items at the Parish office.



CWL National Conference is being held in Wellington from the 25th to 28th July, the CWL of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather 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, CWL, phone 479 6274. For more information please see the notice board.

Caring Space Quiet Day We offer this breathing space for all those who care for a loved one. Thursday 2nd August 11am – 2pm at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. The cost is \$10, hot drinks are provided please bring your own

lunch. Any enquiries and to register please contact Veronica vjpdap@gmail.com or 021 238 6675



Cardinal's Lunch To be held on 8th August from 12pm to 2pm at the Intercontinental Wellington price \$89+GST. The speakers are Sir Bill & Dr. Mary Lady English. The key topics are Faith, Family & Professional Life and will cover

- New leadership in the Catholic community
- Create new environments where business and community leaders can engage with the Church
- Provide opportunities for Catholics to be inspired and encouraged to live out their values in daily working life

Society of Mary Priests and Brothers: Communities of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally. If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother there is an information and prayer weekend 24-26 August. Information at www.maristseminary.org.nz or facebook.com/marists. Email Fr Pat Breeze SM at vocations@smnz.org.nz



Holy Hour - Tuesday 24 July beginning at 7.30 pm in the Catholic Centre next to the Cathedral. As the Cathedral is now closed the Holy Hour will be celebrated in the lecture room/cafeteria on the first floor of the Catholic Centre. We pray specifically for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life and include prayers, Scripture, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.



Please remember in prayers, all who are sick and unwell and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently, Athol Currin, Jan Kennedy and John Mooney. We pray also for Elia Doile, whose anniversary occurs 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

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 nd July Sixteenth Week Ordinary Time		29 th July Seventeenth Week Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6	First Reading	2Kings 4:42-44
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:13-18	Second Reading	Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel	Mark 6:30-34	Gospel	John 6:1-15