

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



Parish Priest Father Tony Kearns
Churches Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG)
 St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)
Sunday Eucharist Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (**SV**) 8:30 am (**SV**) and 10:30 am (**HTG**)
 Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
Weekday Eucharist Wednesday /Saturday 9:00 am (Heretaunga)
 Friday 9:30 am (Heretaunga)
Weekday Liturgy of Word and HC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
 Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
Reconciliation By appointment with Parish Priest
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Sixth Sunday of Easter 9th May 2021

Readings for

9th May

1 st Reading	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
2 nd Reading	1 Jn 4; 7-10
Gospel	Jn 15: 9-17

16th May

1 st Reading	Acts 1: 1-11
2 nd Reading	Eph 4: 1-13
Gospel	Mk 16: 15-20



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Sun 9 th May	7.00 pm	Sacramental Program
Tue 11 th May	7.00 pm	St Vincent de Paul Stokes Valley
Wed 12 th May	7.30 pm	RCIA meeting
Wed 12 th May	7.15 pm	St Vincent de Paul, Heretaunga
Thur 13 th May	7.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee
Fri 14 th May	9.30 am	St. Brendan's Feast day Mass at OLOG

COMING UP



Though in **ALERT LEVEL 1**, we are still encouraged to continue with **CONTACT TRACING** for Masses and other gatherings in the Parish. **QR CODES** are displayed in all Parish venues or manually sign in on the **CONTACT TRACING Sheets** provided.

Weekly Banking

\$1,143.70

Alleluia



ST BRENDAN'S FEAST DAY MASS

The Parish is invited for the school feast mass on Friday the 14th of May at 9.30 am at Our Lady of Grace Church. The mass will be celebrated by Cardinal John.



THE DEEP END

All you need is love

'Love? Above all things I believe in love. Love is like oxygen. Love is a many-splendoured thing. Love lifts us up where we belong. All you need is love.' In an attempt to express the depth of his love, the character Christian from the film Moulin Rouge pulls together the lyrics of some of the most famous love songs of recent decades. Since time began, poetry, prose, and song have attempted to put into words the great mystery that is love. 'At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet,' the philosopher Plato put it.

Today's Gospel offers one of the most eloquent passages on love in the Gospels. It reveals the vision of Jesus for his followers and explains how we should treat one another. We are to love each other with the same love Jesus showed during his time on earth, that great and generous love that culminated in his 'laying down his life for his friends'. It is in the way we love one another, the way we understand and forgive and support one another, that we experience the life and love of Jesus.

There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God'. 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 - all others. God does not have favourites.

'We find it so hard to accept the revelation that it is God's delight to be worshipped in the way we touch and look at each other, in the way we listen and talk to each other, in the way we forgive and promise to start all over again.' (Daniel O'Leary)



PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The receipts are ready and will be available at the foyer of both churches. Kindly ensure that you pick up your receipts and the new envelopes. If your Donation Receipt/Envelopes are not in the foyer of the church please advise the Parish Office who can arrange for it to be relocated for you.

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE

The college will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 29 May 2021 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. For further information please see our website: www.sbc.school.nz or contact the office at: 183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Email: office@sbcschool.nz



PRAYER IS THE
BEST MEDICINE.
GOD IS THE
BEST DOCTOR.

HEALING SERVICE

Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Road, Karori on Wednesday 26 May beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome.

Enquiries Ph 022 389 7460

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday, 23rd May, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Parishioners of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish are invited to wear their national dress and /or red to represent the descend of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

Parishioners at all Masses will be reading the Prayers of the Faithful in their own language.



HELP!!!

Request – for Rosary Beads and toiletries

We are looking for help to supply the Medical Ward at Lower Hutt Hospital with basic toiletries, e.g. soap, deodorant, brush, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush – for those who have an unexpected visit to hospital.

The request for rosary beads is for patients in End of Life Care at Lower Hutt Hospital.

If you can help with this please ring Chris 5287847 or Marilyn 5284869.



EXPERIENCED SOCIAL WORKER

Full time role – 37.5 hours per week

Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to increase our team based in Wellington. For a copy of the job description or additional information please email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 04 385 8642. Applications close at 3pm on Tuesday 8th June 2021. Please email your CV and covering letter to reception@wn.catholic.org.nz



NZ CATHOLIC The May 2-15 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Deacon ordained in Auckland. Catholic agencies state priorities for the Budget. Papal knighthood for former diocese general manager. PTSD – when memories won't go away. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on May 16.

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

Love is more than just a series of benevolent actions. These actions have their source in a union increasingly directed towards others, considering them of value, worthy, pleasing and beautiful apart from their physical or moral appearances. Our love for others, for who they *are*, moves us to seek the best for their lives.

Pope Francis: [Fratelli Tutti](#) paragraph 94

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely and worried. We pray also for those who have died recently including *Gregory Dillon, and Ron Gillies*, and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognized in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification.

Amen

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MOM is patient, MOM is kind. SHE does not envy, SHE does not boast, SHE is not proud (except of her family). SHE does not dishonor others, she is not self-seeking, she is not easily angered, she keeps no record of wrongs. MOM does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. SHE always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

*Thanks, Mom
You are LOVE to me
(1 Corinthians 13:4-7 adapted)*

SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



6th Sunday of Easter • John 15:9-17

AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

PUZZLE

Find the heart that matches.



MISSION

Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.