

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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Pentecost Sunday 23rd May 2021

Readings for

23rd May

1 st Reading	Acts 2: 1-11
2 nd Reading	Gal 5: 16-25
Gospel	Jn 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

30th May

1 st Reading	Deut 4: 32-34 39-40
2 nd Reading	Rom 8: 14-17
Gospel	Mt 28: 16-20



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Wed 26 th May	10.00 am	Coffee morning at Cafe Equinox at Trentham
Wed 26 th May	7.00 pm	RCIA meeting
Thur 27 th May	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting at Heretaunga



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

\$777.80



BNZ BANKING

We have been advised by the bank that they will not be accepting cheques from **July 2021**. Those who are still using cheques for Planned Giving may want to switch to Automatic Payment or will have to shift to cash. Please contact the office if you wish to change over to AP.



The Parish will also be unable to accept cheque payments for other deposits for the same reason and will process all of our payments by Internet Banking.



THE DEEP END

The Spirit will guide

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you, he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God

'I have always pleaded for a deep listening to the voice of the artist in our midst, and also to the supreme artist who tries to lead us to completion, the Holy Spirit of God.' (Mark Patrick Hederman)

DATE CLAIMER PARISH/ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS June 13th 9:30 am

Earlier this year the Parish and St Brendan's School started a weekend of celebratio for 60th and 70 anniversaries in Parish and School on the weekend of 26-28th February.

Unfortunately we were unable to celebrate all the planned events (those on the Sunday) because COVID-19 LEVEL 2 restrictions were implemented on Sunday morning at 6:00am.

The Parish and School have decided to complete the celebrations by having a Special Mass on Sunday 13th June at 9:30am at Our Lady of Grace Church followed by a Parish morning tea in the School Hall.

Please mark this date on our diaries. Hope you can all come to this celebration of these milestones.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLASS

Hello everyone!! Our Parishioner Linda Holmes has kindly consented to sharing her wonderful skills in floral arrangements. She will be giving a talk and show us all how to do arrangements. This is to be held on Thursday **10th June at 7.00 pm** in the Pettit Centre. Anyone who is interested in learning this art is welcome. You could use it to beautify your home or help us at the church. Please contact the office if you are interested.



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. Enquiries Ph 022 389 7460

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



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 Email: office@sbc.school.nz

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

The Spirit does not want the memory of the Master to be cultivated in small groups locked in upper rooms where it is easy to "nest". This is a terrible disease that can also infect the Church: making her into a nest instead of a community, a family or a Mother. The Spirit opens doors and pushes us to press beyond what has already been said and done, beyond the precincts of a timid and wary faith... *Come, Holy Spirit: you are harmony; make us builders of unity. You always give yourself; grant us the courage to go out of ourselves, to love and help each other, in order to become one family. Amen*

Pope Francis: Homily for Pentecost 2020



ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2021

All those interested in enrolling at St Mary's College in 2022 are invited to our Open Day on Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 9am- 11.00am.

Please look at our website: www.stmw.school.nz for more information.

BARANGAY OF OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL MARIAN MONTH CELEBRATION

Invites you to a celebration of the Marian Month to be held at Our Lady of Grace Church on the 29th of May 2021 (Saturday) at 3.00 PM. The activity will start with a short procession, rosary prayer and flower offering followed by a mass to be celebrated by Fr. Marlon Tebelin of the Filipino Chaplaincy. A fellowship after the mass will culminate the activity. All are invited to join.



FAMILY BLOCK ROSARY

The Legion of Mary is sharing the image (statue) of our Mother Mary to families who are willing to host Her for a week. The visit of Mother Mary's image is welcomed by a block rosary prayer led by members of the Legion of Mary. For Her stay in your home, you are encouraged to daily pray the rosary together with your family. After a week of stay, the image is then brought to another family host. For roster and scheduling you may contact Ahmed at 0275679140.



SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MISSION

1, 2 & 3rd July 2021 at St Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt

Reflecting on Pope Francis' letter for the Year of St. Joseph: With a Father's Heart. Led by Fr. John O'Connor.

Thursday 1st July 7 pm – Living at the crossroads

Friday 2nd July 10:30 am – Grace is enough

Friday 2nd July 7 pm – Do not be Afraid

Saturday 3rd July 10:30 am – Inclusive & Creative Courage

Saturday 3rd July 4 pm – Joy In the Shadows

Each session stands alone so come to one or come to all.

St Joseph's are having an extra mass every Wednesday evening at 7pm

HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 May at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be hymns, prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction.



AFTERNOON OF CHORAL, POP OPERA & CHOIR

Sunday 30 May 2021, 2pm St Mary's of the Angels Church. The Fundraising committee of the St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre cordially invites Parishioners, family and friends to a musical afternoon of choral, pop opera, choir and a violinist. To commemorate the Year of St Joseph, we will hear for the first time a special song dedicated to St Joseph, Fr Chris Skinner will be releasing two singles on this day. Entry for the afternoon is by donation/koha. Afternoon tea will be served after the performance in the Parish Hall.

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 for those whose anniversary occurs at this time especially Bernie Karam. May they rest in peace.

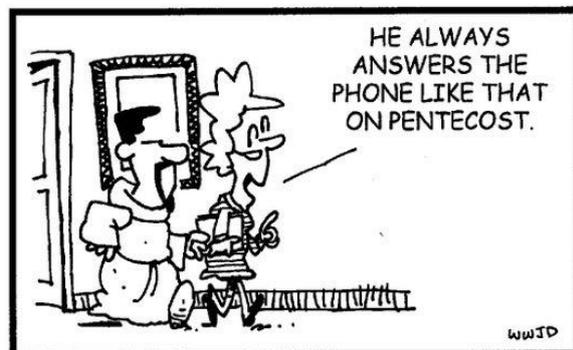


PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT

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

PENTECOST



SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

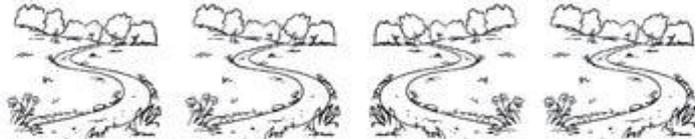


Pentecost Sunday • John 15:26-27: 16:12-15

AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way.
Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will ask the Holy Spirit to give me love, peace,
forgiveness, and joy.