

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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The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of Christ

6th June 2021

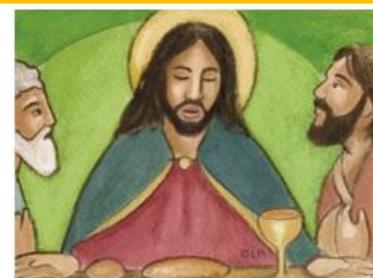
Readings for

6th June

1 st Reading	Ex 24: 3-8
2 nd Reading	Heb 9: 11-15
Gospel	Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

13th June

1 st Reading	Ezek 17: 22-24
2 nd Reading	2 Cor 5: 6-10
Gospel	Mk 4: 26-34



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tue 8 th Jun	7:00 pm	St Vincent de Paul Stokes Valley
Wed 9 th Jun	7:15 pm	St. Vincent de Paul, Heretaunga
Thur 10 th Jun	7:00 pm	Floral arrangement in the Pettit Centre
Thur 10 th Jun	7:30 pm	Parish Finance Committee
Sun 13 th Jun	9.30 am	60/70 Celebration Mass at OLOG



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

\$835.50



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 your art to beautify your home or help us at the church. Please contact the office if you are interested.



THE DEEP END

'He has gone out of his mind'

In the Gospel today we read that Jesus has returned home and causes quite a commotion on his arrival. Word about this healer and teacher has gotten around, the crowds have gathered, and the religious leaders are not happy. Jesus' growing popularity has started to upset daily life for his family to the point where 'they could not eat'. In an effort to protect their son and their brother, Jesus' family try to explain away his 'unruly' behaviour. They tell the crowd and the religious leaders that Jesus does not mean what he says, he has simply 'gone out of his mind'. In their view, things have gone too far. Jesus was preaching a message that seemed radical to many. He knows that bringing about God's dream for the world involves speaking out and behaving in ways that are counter cultural. The religious leaders go so far as to say that Jesus was possessed by a demon. It was their way of 'explaining away' someone that they could not cope with, someone who was challenging their systems and practices. We can think of those in society today who are 'explained away'; those whom society wishes would stop speaking out because it is uncomfortable to listen to. Name-calling is often a last resort when institutions or 'powers' are disgruntled. The young climate activist, Greta Thunberg, knows this well. Following taunts by Presidents and Fossil Fuel executives towards her, she famously said, 'When haters go after your looks and differences, it means they have nowhere left to go... and then you know you're winning.'

The end of today's Gospel is troubling as Jesus seems to dismiss his mother, his brothers and sisters. But Jesus' mission is now wider than his immediate family. It is not that he no longer cares for them, God's vision and Jesus' vision for this world are now one. As sometimes happens in life, we have to let go of certain things in order to follow our true path.



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 celebration 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 in our diaries. Hope you can all come to this celebration of these milestones.

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.

NZ CATHOLIC The May 30–June 12 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Dreams come true for new priest. New home to save babies from abortion. Catholic reaction to the Budget. A Gen Z observation on Catholic media.



ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

It is especially urgent now to take care of those who hunger for food and for dignity, of those without work and those who struggle to carry on. And this we must do in a real way, as real as the Bread that Jesus gives us. Genuine closeness is needed, as are true bonds of solidarity. In the Eucharist, Jesus draws close to us: let us not turn away from those around us!

Pope Francis, Homily 14 June 2020

CHRISTMAS MID-YEAR GET-TOGETHER

The Compassion and Grace Family group are having a Christmas mid-year even on Saturday 12 June at 5.30pm – 9pm at the Pettit Centre **Compassion Family Group**: Mains +++ **Grace Family Group**: Desserts

ALL: BYO drink, crockery, and cutlery (incl cup)

The theme for this mid-year event is Christmas. We are holding this slightly different to our last one with everyone bringing their own items and taking them home (*in motorhome terms this is referred to as “pack in / pack out”*) The only kitchen facilities available will be for a hot drink after dinner. We will supply coffee, tea, milk.



MARIST ST PATS RFC – 50TH JUBILEE MASS

Past players and supporters are welcome to join with the Club at its 50th Jubilee Mass to be held at the Clubs Hataitai Clubrooms, Sunday 6 June 2021 at 11.00am. A light lunch will follow Mass.

ADW Liturgy Workshops

ADW are offering a workshop: ‘Communion to the Sick’ on June 17th, 7:00pm at St Joseph’s, Mt Victoria. Tea and coffee available from 6:45pm. To register please contact Chris Walkerdine or email c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz. or call (04) 496 1706

PASSIONIST RETREATS

Did you know the words SILENT and LISTEN have exactly the same letters?

Passionist retreats invite you to step away from the noise and demands of life ... to just be!

Youth Retreat 15-18 years old Mon 19 July - Thurs 22 July cost \$110

Young Adult Retreat 19 years plus Fri 9 July - Sun 11 July cost \$140

Check it out https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zURnZTv_eTc

For more info and Registering visit: www.passionistretreats.co.nz

Call Paul 022 682 6004 for further enquires





SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MISSION

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 prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction.

ST BRENDANS SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

St Brendan's are running their ever-popular family pie fundraiser again. These Centa Bakery pies are just \$10 each and there are both savoury and sweet flavours. They also freeze and reheat well. Please visit the school office to place your order or contact the PTF on ptf@stbrendans.school.nz for their electronic ordering form. Orders and payment must be in by Friday 18th June.



The PTF also have an ongoing fundraiser operating through Ohau Wines in Kapiti. If you visit their website www.ohauwines.co.nz to place your order, enter the promo code BRENDANS2020 at the checkout and you will receive a discount at the till and free delivery for orders 6 bottles and over. Also, Ohau will donate \$10 per half dozen, back to the school.



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 *Aidan Lanigan and Sr. Loyola Galvin and Bruce Vanthorn* and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

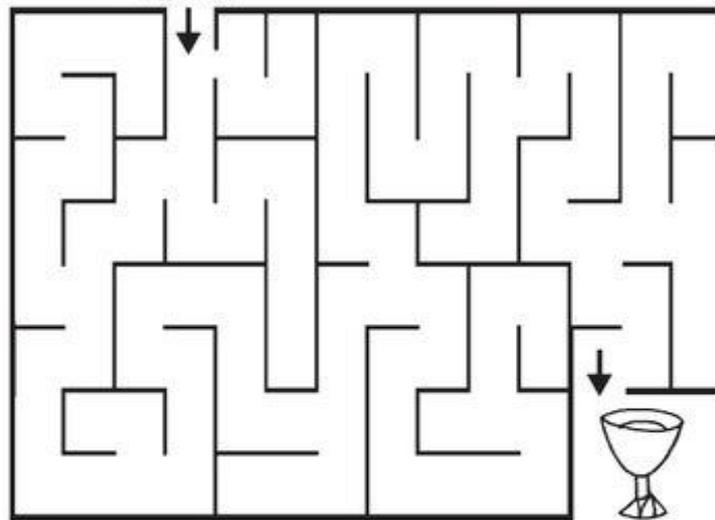


Body and Blood of Christ • Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

PUZZLE

Find your way from Jesus to the cup.



MISSION

Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up the word "Passover." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Sometimes Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God, or the Lamb sacrificed for our sins. Talk about how Jesus took our sins away when he died on the cross.