

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



Parish Priest	Father Tony Kearns	
Church	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)
Reconciliation	Friday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
Presbytery and Parish Office	By appointment with Parish Priest	
	5 Palmer Crescent	Tel (04) 972 4282
	Heretaunga	
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday	9:00am – 1:00pm
Website	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Crescent	Tel (04) 939 1909

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time **YEAR B** **4th July 2021**

Readings for

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4th July

1 st Reading	Ezek 2:2-5	Acts 10:33-44
2 nd Reading	2Cor 12:7-10	
Gospel	Mk 6:1-6	Matt 2:13-23

11th July

1 st Reading	Amos 7:12-15
2 nd Reading	Eph 1:3-14
Gospel	Mk 6:7-13



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Sat 3 rd Jul	2:00 pm	Women's Circle of Friendship Pettit Centre
Sun 4 th Jul	10:30 am	Confirmation Ceremony OLOG
Tue 6 th Jul	5:30 pm	Men's Night Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 7 th Jul	1:30 pm	CWL Monthly Meeting Pettit Centre
Thur 8 th Jul	7.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee at OLOG
Fri 9 th Jul	9:30 am	End of Term Mass for St Brendan's School 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

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CONFIRMATION MASS 10:30am Sunday 4th July OLOG

Please keep the 25 young candidates for Confirmation in your prayers this weekend. We congratulate them on the step they take on their journey of faith. We also offer a warm welcome to Cardinal John Dew who is joining us this weekend for the conferring of the gift of the Holy Spirit



THE DEEP END

This is the carpenter, surely?

'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.' We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus in today's Gospel: no matter what a person achieves in life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling. There is always someone to ensure we don't get ideas 'above our station'!

Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but his former neighbours turn on him. Who does he think he is, this carpenter, the son of Mary? This could have been a moment of grace, if they were open to hearing what he had to say. Perhaps the implications of the Good News were just too challenging coming from one of their own.

Sometimes God's Word comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experience and wisdom? Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shoot them down before they speak? When our hearts are open, we come to recognise the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.' (Tony Singleton)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy. Material will be provided. If you are interested and willing to help at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday please contact the Parish office.



Celebration FUNraiser

Thanks to all those who attended our celebration weekend quiz night back on February 27th. Over \$1900 was raised. We are keen to put the funds towards something that continues to strengthen the bond between our school and Parish so are seeking ideas and suggestions from our community. Please send them through to the Office!

PASSIONIST
FAMILY GROUP
MOVEMENT



PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 11TH JULY

The Family Groups are again hosting the annual Parish Lunch at the Stokes Valley RSA (Hawthorne Cres)

When: Sunday 11th July at mid-day.

The cost is \$20 per person and all members of our Parish are warmly invited. Payment is needed by Mon 5th July to a Family group leader or to the Parish office in a named envelope

CWL - Lotto

Our annual At Home Appeal for 2021 is the Down Syndrome Trust so to raise money we are bringing back this popular Fund raising appeal. For \$10.00 you will get 5 chances, drawn on Saturday, to win either \$20 or 2 \$10 per week. Tickets on sale from Wednesday 30 June. Marilyn 52848691





NOMINATION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

With an eye on the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 1st August, a number of current Parish Councilors' term of appointment have come to an end. Currently Parish Councilors stand for a two-year term with the right of renewal for two more terms.

Nominations for new Parish Councillors are now open. Nomination forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These should be filled in and returned back to the Parish Office by Friday 16th July. 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 details 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 ANNUAL REPORT/ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

There reports, part of our preparation for the Annual General Meeting in August are available on the web site www.olv.org.nz. A few hard copies will also be available in the foyers of both churches for those who need it.



ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers Training to be held after the 10:30am mass on Sunday 11th July at Our Lady of Grace church. Please contact Conor if you are keen to join this ministry conorhealy26@gmail.com

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



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY HUMAN LOVE IN THE DIVINE PLAN COURSE for Adults (20 years up) on 31 July & 1 August (Sat and Sun, 9 am-5 pm)

Venue: St. Joseph's Scouts Hall, 46 Royal St., Upper Hutt.

Registration: \$50.00. Early Bird: \$40.00 (before 17 July). Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided. Contact 0220289737 or email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz. Register now at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work.

Pope Francis: [Patris Corde](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/apostolic_letters/apostolic-letter-for-the-year-of-saint-joseph-2021_en.html) – Apostolic letter for the Year of St Joseph, 2021

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

Our fundraising outreach continues to expand thanks to the support of the wonderful Wellington community. A special afternoon tea event hosted by Father James Lyons will feature former Governor General Anand Satyanand as guest speaker. You'll also be entertained by soloist Katheryn Ennis-Wilson who will be joined by Janet van Polanen. It will be a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, in support of the cathedral restoration.



The event is made possible with the support of Malvina Major Retirement Village. Tickets at \$20 are available through Josie McCrone at Malvina Major at 04 478 3422. Date: Saturday 10 July, 2pm Venue: Malvina Major Retirement Village 134 Burma Road, Khandallah

SISTER CARLOTA CALLE SMSM, MIGUEL CASTRO-CASTRO PRISON, PERU.

You may recall that last year and before the outbreak of Covid -19 we utilised some of the remaining funds from the El Pozon Appeal to fund some of the work being done by this Sister, and this resulted in a display of some of the leather-work made by the prisoners using the stitching machine that was purchased. A recent report originating from Sister Carlota includes the following extract:

"Receive a fraternal greeting from the missionary interns of the Chaplaincy of the Miguel Castro- Castro prison, who thank you with all our heart for your permanent spiritual support and humanitarian aid during all this time of pandemic. We have not had visitors since the 16 of March, 2020. We are in complete isolation. We have lived a year of much suffering, anguish and loneliness but we have also experienced the presence of the Lord in the many gestures of solidarity, fraternity and above all with the miracle of God's protection, our lives are a miracle! Because 70% of the population (6,500) were infected and even though at one time we were in the middle of the dead bodies that nobody wanted to take away for fear of getting infected, thanks to the infinite mercy of God we were able to survive. Still we lost 70 colleagues who died because of the covid -19, plus 8 who died in the riot that occurred due to lack of medicine, despair, fear and anguish. As a consequence of the mutiny, the Chaplaincy spaces were destroyed; however, thanks to the tenacity of our Coordinator of the Chaplaincy, Sister Carlota Calle, and through the efforts of the missionary interns, we have managed to rebuild the medicine cabinet and the library that are already working again."

I have informed Sister Carlota through Sister Kathleen Ruck that I will ask my fellow parishioners to pray for the success of the work that she and her team are doing. Should you wish to view the complete report, let me know through pack@xtra.co.nz. Tony Packer.



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 John Benvenuti, Joan Pryde, Edna McCann and Joan Cutler, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 6:1-6a

AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

Jesus
taught
wisdom

power
miracle
town

prophet
heal
faith

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MISSION

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.