

# 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)  
 Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)  
**Reconciliation** By appointment with Parish Priest  
**Presbytery and Parish Office** 5 Palmer Crescent  
 Heretaunga **Tel** (04) 972 4282  
**Parish Administrator** Monday – Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm  
**Website** [www.olv.org.nz](http://www.olv.org.nz) **E-mail** [office@olv.org.nz](mailto:office@olv.org.nz) [pp@olv.org.nz](mailto:pp@olv.org.nz)

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Readings

11 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Amos 7:12-15	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eph 1:3-14	
Gospel	Mk 6:7-13		
18 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Jer 23: 1-6	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eph 2: 13-18	
	Gospel	Mk 6: 30-34	

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jul 07.30 pm St Vincent e Paul Heretaunga  
 Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Jul 01.30 pm Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV  
 Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Jul 07.30 pm Parish Council Meeting at Stokes Valley  
**Kindly NOTE there will be NO Mass at SFX on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.**



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

The Finance Committee has noticed a significant movement by parishioners from weekly envelope giving to automatic payments. This has meant that the amount shown of the weekly banking could give an incorrect impression of the level in the parishioner giving week by week. It has been decided not to put in the weekly banking figures but the quarterly report of finances will continue.

## CONFIRMATION MASS

The Parish congratulates the 25 candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation las Sunday. May the Lord bless you all as you take this step of faith, with Jesus.



## THE DEEP END The first mission

Two phrases come to mind as I read about the disciples heading off on their first mission: 'baptism of fire' and 'to be thrown in at the deep end'. We use these expressions to describe a difficult introduction to a new job or activity, when we are expected to learn as we go and cope with whatever obstacles we face. In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out on their first mission. It is a challenging one and his instructions are brief and very specific: they are to bring nothing but a staff - no food or money - meaning they will have to rely on the hospitality of others for all their needs. They are to stay wherever they are welcomed, rather than move around from house to house, so they can't be choosy about their lodgings. Simplicity is key - no baggage, no luxuries, no distractions, nothing but the task of reaching to people. It might not be plain sailing, but Jesus offers advice for those difficult times too.

It appears their mission of preaching and healing was successful, as we are told the disciples came back eager to fill Jesus in. Imagine the experiences they must have had during this time - the people they met and helped, the generosity of those who welcomed them, the conversations on the road, the chance to share their excitement at everything Jesus was doing. They were certainly thrown into a challenging situation, but they returned with a fresh perspective and strengthened faith. Jesus calls us to step out into the unknown, his words as our guide and his bond with us unbreakable.

*'A boat is safe in the harbour, but this not the purpose of a boat.'* (Paulo Coelho)

## 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.



## 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.

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## 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

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

QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT April – June 2021	
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>44,210</b>
<b>Less Expenditures</b>	
Pastoral Costs	(26,202)
Property Costs*	( 7,140)
Administration Costs	(8,233)
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>(41,575)</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>2,635</b>
<b>Balance Sheet Flows</b>	
Balance Sheet Inflows	4,921
Balance Sheet Outflows	( 4,342)
<b>Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr</b>	<b>3,215</b>

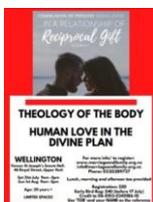


### ALTAR SERVERS

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](mailto:conorhealy26@gmail.com)

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

With 'Busy Hands' as our theme last Saturday, 32 women gathered to share the whole gamut from the finest embroidery to driving a tractor!! There was an author, a poet, card makers, an artist, scrapbooker, church linen launderer, knitters and sewers, guttering cleaner, horse rider, milker of cows, and a gardener but to name a few. Lots of laughter and fellowship. Blessings! All welcome to our next meeting at 2pm in the Petit Centre on August 7th. Our speaker will be Beryl Harris, author of a book about Dame Cecily Pickerill, a pioneer plastic surgeon and former Silverstream resident.



**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](mailto:info@marriageandfamily.org.nz). Register now at [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz)

### ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

*Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others. As it expands, goodness takes root and develops. If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good.*

Pope Francis: [Evangelii Gaudium](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/evangelii_gaudium/evangelii-gaudium_20130629.html) paragraph 9



### OPEN HOME FOUNDATION

Is a local Christian organisation, who need your help. If you can spare a weekend, a week or longer to help a child/young person who needs a safe loving space. Consider foster care. For more information check our website [WWW.OHF.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.OHF.ORG.NZ) or contact

our local foster parent recruiter Leanne Singh on 027 487 8386 or [Leanne.singh@ohf.org.nz](mailto:Leanne.singh@ohf.org.nz)



### NZ CATHOLIC

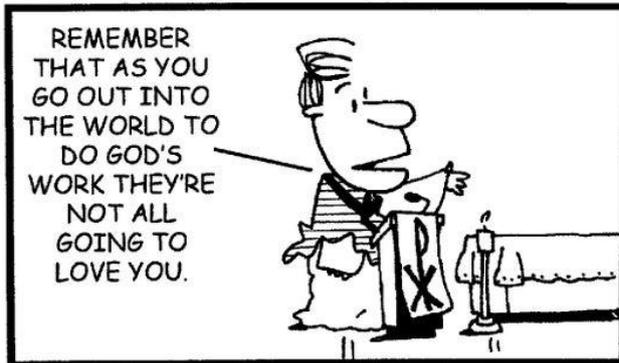
The July 11 - 24 issue of NZ Catholic is out now.

Some headlines are: Nuncio to NZ sounds warning on Church identity. Te Kupenga chief executive resigns. Law on non-Catholics receiving Communion explained. Temporary resting place for three deceased Christchurch bishops.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on July 25.

**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.

15TH 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.

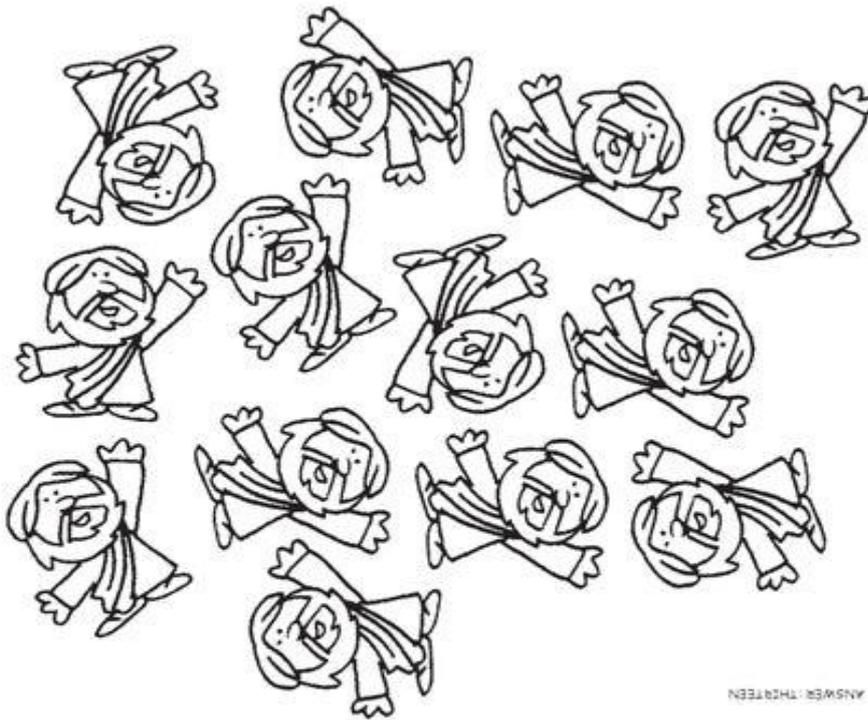


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# AND THE OLDER ONES TOO

## PUZZLE

You can count on Jesus for sure, but can you count how many are shown here?



ANSWER: THIRTEEN

## MISSION

Ask God to bless your family so that they will be able to obey God's commandments.