

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
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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B 18th July 2021

Readings

18 th July	1 st Reading	Jer 23: 1-6	
	2 nd Reading	Eph 2: 13-18	
Gospel	Mk 6: 30-34		
25 th July	1 st Reading	2Kg 4: 42-44	
	2 nd Reading	Eph 4: 1-6	
	Gospel	Jn 6: 1-15	

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Sun 18th Jul 05.00 pm Adoration Youth Group at SFX
 Wed 21st Jul 11.00 am Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre Heretaunga
 Thur 22nd Jul 07.30 pm Parish Liturgy meeting at Heretaunga
Kindly NOTE there will be NO 9:00am Mass at OLOG on the 21st 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.

PRESBYTERY ANSWERPHONE



At the time of publishing the answerphone of the Parish Office is NOT working. Our telcom has been advised and is working to correct the issue. As Father Tony is often out in the Parish it is best (until the answerphone is reconnected) to ring during Office hours when Jovena is here. (Office hours Mon-Fri 9:00 to 1:00)



THE DEEP END

Take a break

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

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.



ADORATION

All welcome to Adoration which is being hosted in Stokes Valley this month on Sunday 18th July at 5pm. Our programme this week will be around the Forgiveness of Sins. The programme will be in both English and Samoan so all are welcome to join us in the Exposition of the Sacrament.

See you there 5pm @St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley.

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.





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) at St. Joseph's Scouts Hall, 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.

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.

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



PARISH LUNCH

The Parish lunch last Sunday was a huge success. The food was amazing the company was great. Fun and laughter flowed freely and a fantastic time was had by all.

VISITING THE SICK

Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs an ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office on 972 4282.



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 or contact our local foster parent recruiter Leanne Singh on 027 487 8386 or 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.



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

Auction Night at the school in Kilbirnie, 7pm Friday 6 August. NZ Art, food & drink, accommodation, experiences and a set of fitted hearing aids available for bids. Tickets \$30 each including light supper and a welcome drink. Bar available. Email stcatherinescollegepta@gmail.com or go to www.trybooking.co.nz/HYY.



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, and Joan Pryde, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

16TH 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

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

PLACE
APOSTLES
ALONE

GOING
BOAT
CROWD

SHEPHERD
PEOPLE
TEACHING

F T G E R T H A O S P
E A L O N E L R T U E
R P N D I T O J S H O
B O A T O N L D I M P
E S V R T I G T H Y L
P T H A D O N G A C E
N L U G T B U T S R M
T E A C H I N G Y O A
P S O C L W C O I W N
G A S H E P H E R D T

MISSION

Spend some alone time with Jesus tonight. If you get interrupted because someone else needs help, that's okay. Go help, and then come back to your alone time with Jesus again.