# **Our Lady of the Valleys Parish**

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Parish Priest		Father Tony Kearns				
Church		Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTC)				
Sunday Eucharist		St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)				
		Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stol	kes Valley)		
Weekday Eucharist		Wednesday /Saturday Friday	9:00 am (Her 9:30 am (Her			
Weekday Liturgy of Word and HC		Wednesday	9:30 am (Stol	kes Valley)		
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation		Friday By appointment with Par		00 pm (Heretaunga)		
Presbytery and		5 Palmer Crescent	<b>Tel</b> (04) 97	72 4282		
Parish Office Parish Administrator		Heretaunga Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00			
Website		www.olov.org.nz	E-mail office@	<u>olov.org.nz</u> pp@olov.org.nz		
St Brendan's School 6th Sunday Ordinary Time		56 Palmer Cres		39 1909 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022		
READINGS				15 <sup>44</sup> 1 <del>C</del> Drudry 2022		
41-	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Jer 17:5-8				
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1Cor 15:12,16-20 Lk 6:17,20-26		A BARADA		
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13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Jer 17:5-8 1Cor 15:12,16-18		AL-GOSZ/		
	Gospel	Luke 6:17,21-26		A ALCENT		
LIVE-STREAM OF MASS THIS SUNDAY						
If you are unable to attend Mass at Our Lady of the Valleys a <i>LIVE</i> -						
STREAMED MASS are available from						
	ocese of Hamil			h.org.nz/livestream		
	ur Lady of Kapi ocese of Aucklar	ti Church nd (via ShineTV)		piti-catholic.org.nz/ 201 Free-to-Air Ch 25		
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 07:00 pm Sac Prog Parents' Meeting Pettit Centre (prebook rq'd)						
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00am Anointing Mass Pettit Centre No 9:00am Mass					
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1:30pm Anointing Mass Stokeswood Resthome – No 9:30 Mass						
At <b>St Francis Xavier</b> , Stokes Valley						
		Ministers, Altar Society (Flowers), Altar Linen,				
Cleaners.		of Grace Church, Heretaunga				
VOLUNTEERS	•	linisters, Cleaners				
Please contact the office on 9724282 if you can help out.						
ANOINTING MASS THIS WEEK - VACCINE PASS EVENTS						
An Anointing Mass will be celebrated this week on Wednesday at the						
Pettit Centre in Heretaunga at 11:00 am and on Thursday at 1:30pm at the						

Pettit Centre in Heretaunga at 11:00 am and on Thursday at 1:30pm at the Stokeswood Resthome in Stokes Valley All are invited to attend.. **NOTE the regular Masses on those days have been cancelled.** 



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COVID-19 DETAILS FOR ALL MASS FOR SUNDAY - RED SETTINGS

VACCINE PASSES ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL SUNDAY MASSES AT STOKES VALLEY AND AT HERETAUNGA. UNDER **CURRENT GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS WE CANNOT ALLOW** YOU IN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PASS.

Under the Red Setting there is a limit of 100 people allowed to attend a VACCINE PASS event

To monitor the number of attendees at each Mass (to ensure we remain with the Government's limit of 100). PRE-BOOKING for ALL SUNDAY MASSES (5:30pm Sat Vigil. – 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday MASS) is essential. If you are not pre-booked you may not be able to enter Mass if 100 people have been booked in. Access to the Picktime booking system is available is through the link

https://www.picktime.com/OLOVMassAvailability or on the Parish website www.olov.ora.nz

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022

We were hoping to re-start Children's Liturgy at the 10:30am Mass next week. However because of guidelines around movement at Masses during Protection Framework **RED** settings it has been decided to maintain appropriate social distancing between families we will delay the start until we once again are in **ORANGE** or **GREEN**.

When we restart, we are would like to have more parents involved in leading/ supporting the sessions. At present the programme is being maintained by 3 mothers who have been rotating every three weeks to provide this ministry for our younger children. Please consider offering to help out. The more that volunteer the less call there is on any individual. For more information contact Fr Tony in the presbytery or Louise Peirce the Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator.

#### THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for



yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, - and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

#### CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

It was wonderful to catch up with the 24 who attended our first meeting of the year last Saturday. Brenda entertained us all with her



humorous recollections of bygone days, and triggered many memories for us. But mostly our gatherings are about friendship, hospitality and making all feel welcome.

Note we observe the present COVID guidelines, and require Vaccine passes. Mark your calendars for our next gathering on **March 5th.** 

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 13th February 2022 at 7.30 pm.** Save the date! "Building a Love that lasts!" Book in some intentional time as a married couple to enrich your relationship....right from the comfort of your own home! Grab some wine + cheese and tune in at 7.30 pm for a live talk by Megan and



Nahum Kozak of Lighthouse Relationships. **Registration** is free! <u>https://www.cdh.org.nz/events</u> This is a nationwide event sponsored by the <u>Catholic Network of</u> <u>Marriage Educators</u> and promoted by ADW Marriage Ministries. (Please notice in foyer)

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2022



The Sacramental Programme begins this Sunday on 13<sup>th</sup> February with a Parents' Session at 7:00pm, in the Pettit Centre. If you haven't already, please enrol as soon as possible to allow time for resources to be collated. **Please** 

#### pre-book using PICKTIME

Enrolments can also be submitted on-line at <u>www.olov.org.nz/sacraments/</u>. Enrolment forms are also available in the foyer of both churches and the School.

The Programme starts with the Reconciliation portion leading up to The Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Jenny Mahony, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



#### **Greenstone Doors**

Greenstone Doors has spaces in our Living in Colour programme beginning Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm-9pm at the Chanel Family Centre in Upper Hutt.

Living in Colour is a healing and recovery programme for women who have experienced abortion.

It is an 8-week programme that gently helps you process the emotional impact of the decision and helps to bring you from unresolved loss to a life of greater colour and freedom.

This programme is being facilitated by Wendy Hill alongside Laurette Locke.

Wendy is widely known in the Wellington region for her work with this particular kind of grief.

Contact Wendy 027 254 9222 if you are interested or if you would like more information.

#### ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



Parishioners are invited to bring their Palms from previous year's Palm Sunday service (if you have them) to leave in the basket in the foyer of the Church ready for this coming Ash Wednesday. These will be burnt to provide the Ashes used to mark the beginning of Lent on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Thank you.

QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT October – December 2021			
Operating Income	40,883		
Less Expenditures			
Pastoral Costs	((19,842)		
Property Costs*	(7,890		
Administration Costs	(8,031)		
Total Operating Expenditure	(35,763)		
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	5,119		
Balance Sheet Flows			
Balance Sheet Inflows	4,581		
Balance Sheet Outflows	(3,941)		
Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr	9,759		

#### TONGA RELIEF APPEAL

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has mobilized prepositioned supplies to be of immediate assistance, and will continue to work with Caritas Tonga to best assist those in need. We have also pledged a solidarity grant to go immediately to assist with the response to the disaster. If you would like to donate to the

emergency relief work of Caritas in Tonga, Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund (<u>www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online</u>) or

via our bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 please include your first & last name and put 'Tonga' as the code. Alternatively, you can donate by credit card over the phone by calling 0800 22 10 22.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently including losefo Aukusitino, Sr

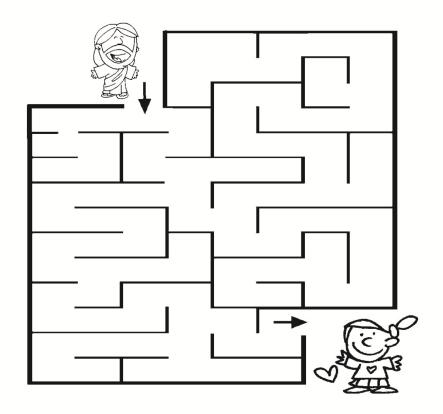
Monica Quigg, Joan Hanify, John van Dorrestein, and Francis Burke. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.





### A PUZZLE FOR YOU





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If I get money for a gift, I will share it with the needy.





## FOR THE YOUNG ONES





#### ORATIO IMPERATA On the threat from Covid19



God our Father, we come to you in our need to ask your protection against COVID19 that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission. Protect the medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health soon. Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in this trying time to work for the good of all and to help those in need. We implore you to stop the spread of this virus and to save us from our fears.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.