


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)
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	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 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Website	www.olv.org.nz E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909

7 th Sunday Ordinary Time		Year C	20 th February 2022
READINGS			
20 th Feb	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	1Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1Cor 15: 45-49 Luke 6: 27-38	
27 th Feb	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Eccl 27:4-7 1Cor 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45	



LIVE-STREAM OF MASS THIS SUNDAY

If you are unable to attend Mass at Our Lady of the Valleys a **LIVE-STREAMED MASS** are available from

9:00 am	Diocese of Hamilton	www.cdh.org.nz/livestream
9:30 am	Our Lady of Kapiti Church	www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz/
2:00 pm	Diocese of Auckland (via ShineTV)	Sky Ch 201 Free-to-Air Ch 25

Wed 23rd Feb 10.00 am Coffee Morning Equinox Cafe 458 Fergusson Dr
Thur 24th Feb 07.30 pm Parish Liturgy Meeting at Heretaunga



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

At **St Francis Xavier**, Stokes Valley

Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society (Flowers), Altar Linen, Cleaners, Greeters, Collectors.

At **Our Lady of Grace Church**, Heretaunga

Eucharistic Ministers, Cleaners

Please contact the office on 9724282 if you can help out.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022 Timetable for Our Lady of the Valleys

As we expect more than 25 people to be wanting to attend on Ash

Wednesday **all these Masses will be Vaccine Pass events**

6:30am Our Lady of Grace Church

9:00am Our Lady of Grace Church

7:30pm St Francis Xavier Church



PREBOOKING REQUIRED FOR 7:30pm Mass only



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.olv.org.nz

PLANNED GIVING – WEEKLY GIVING BY ENVELOPES

While we continue to provide the opportunity to give financial contributions to the Parish via the Sunday collections our bank has withdrawn teller services from the Upper Hutt branch, replacing it with an automated deposit machine. This facility has a limit on the number of notes and coins that can be processed in any one deposit. This has meant that the weekly banking is now being undertaken in Lower Hutt.

While we will continue to offer weekly envelopes, we would ask that givers consider moving to an Automatic Payment option. This will reduce the amount of the weekly banking, and the challenges that the automated facility provided places on us.

If you want to move to AP please contact the Parish Office. 04 972 4282

PLEASE NOTE A COLLECTION BOX IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER OF BOTH CHURCHES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS



WEDNESDAYS OF LENT FROM 9th MARCH

On each Wednesday in Lent there will be an additional Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 6:30 am for those who might like to choose this as a Lenten Observance. **This will be RESTRICTED NUMBER**

event so NO VACCINE PASS IS REQUIRED

PETTIT CENTRE TIDY-UP

Recent visitors to the Pettit Centre may have notice that the building has been spruced up with a good clean of windows, floors and a general tidy-up. Thanks to the generous cleaning elves for their hard work.



HOLY HOUR



You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 February beginning at 7.30 pm in the Connolly Hall chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, You Tuber singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction.

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 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

Our natural tendency when attacked is to self-protection and when we are attacked, we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another, or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experience of another way of acting?

When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return.

Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity, and says that the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps you have experienced rewards, even in this life, from generous behaviour.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2022 PRAYER REQUESTS

The Sacramental Programme began on last Sunday. Parishioners are invited to support candidates on their faith journey this year by taking a Prayer Request envelope from the foyer of either church and praying over coming months for the candidate named on the card inside.

Greenstone Doors

Greenstone Doors has a programme Living in Colour beginning Wed 2nd March 7pm-9pm at the Chanel Family Centre in Upper Hutt. It 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. Contact Wendy 027 254 9222 if you are interested or if you would like more information.



Greenstone Doors
Charitable Trust

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 2nd March. Thank you.

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 (www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) 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.



MULCH

St Brendan's School has a large amount of Mulch available. You can collect between 3pm-5pm during the week via the field gate or phone the Office (939 1909) to arrange a suitable time during the day. Bring your wheelbarrows, buckets, trailers. Please remember to socially distance while on school grounds and masks are recommended. Koha welcome.



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 Iosefo Aukusitino, Sr Monica Quigg, and Joan Hanify, We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR FR. TONY BY ST. BRENDAN'S SCHOOL



A PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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good
bless

pray
give
kind

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reward
pity

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MISSION

When someone hurts your feelings this week,
instead of getting even, pray for that person.



BECAUSE VIBRANT
CHURCHES MATTER

FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 6:27-38

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.