## Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

**Parish Priest Father Tony Kearns** 

Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG Church

St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)

8:30 am (**SV**) and 10:30 am (**HTG**) **Sunday Eucharist** Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)

> 9:30 am (Stokes Valley) Tuesday / Thursday 9:00 am (Heretaunga) Wednesday /Saturday

9:30 am (Heretaunga) Friday

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga) Friday

Reconciliation By appointment with Parish Priest

Presbytery and 5 Palmer Crescent Tel (04) 972 4282 **Parish Office** Heretaunga Parish Administrator Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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



Weekday Eucharist

### 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

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

10.00 am Coffee Morning Equinox Cafe 458 Fergusson Dr Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 20222 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

Wednesday



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.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 Tubed 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 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 Coordinator.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



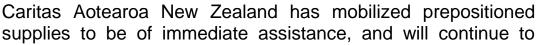
you process the emotional impact of the decision and helps to bring you from unresolved loss to a life of greater colour and freedom. This programme is being facilitated by Wendy Hill alongside Laurette Locke. Contact Wendy 027 254 9222 if you are interested or if you would like more information.

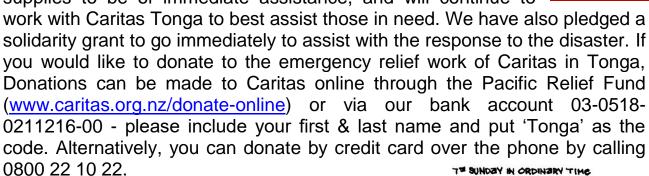
### ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



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.

### TONGA RELIEF APPEAL





### **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

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



Have You Ever 🖫

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





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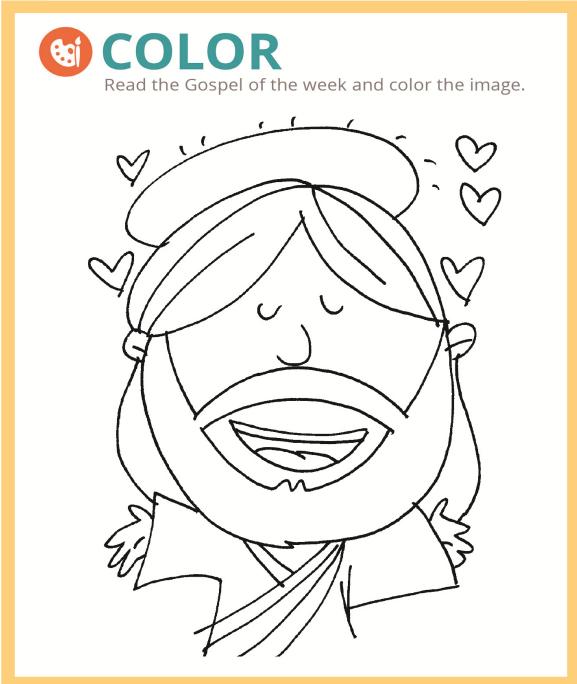
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### FOR THE YOUNG ONES





7<sup>th</sup> 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.