

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
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8th Sunday Ordinary Time		Year C	27th February 2022
READINGS			
27th Feb	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	1 Eccl 27:4-7 1Cor 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45	
5th March	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Deut 26: 4-10 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13	



LIVE-STREAM OF MASS THIS SUNDAY

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

Tue Mar 1 st	5.30 pm	Men's Night at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed Mar 2 nd	6:30 am	Ash Wednesday Mass OLOG
	9:00 am	Ash Wednesday Mass OLOG
	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass SFX
	1.30 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre
Fri Mar 4th	11.00 am	World Day of Prayer at OLOG Church
Sat Mar 5 th	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre



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.

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL ENVELOPES

Are available in the foyers of both churches.



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**



Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022 Timetable for OLOV

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 through the link <https://www.picktime.com/OLOVMassAvailability> or on the Parish website www.olv.org.nz



COVID-19 IN OUR AREA

Some of you may be aware that Omicron has reached our part of the Hutt Valley with a case being detected in a college in our city.

If we have a case in the Church, we will be following the Government and The Cardinal's guidelines on identifying and informing anyone who is considered a close/casual contact. All communication will be through emails, the newsletter, and our webpage.

If you do not receive the newsletter by email, please consider sending Jovena your email information and joining this group as this is going to be the fastest way we can get information out to you. Please continue to scan in if you are coming on site, always wear a mask, sanitize your hands, keep a 1 metre distance from those not in your bubble and get tested if you show any symptoms of COVID.

Symptoms of COVID-19 · A new or worsening cough · Sneezing and runny nose · A fever · Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste · Sore throat · Shortness of breath
Thank you please keep safe.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 4th MARCH 2022 at OLOV

'I know the plans I have for you'



On Friday 4th March our Parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer at 11:00am at Our Lady of Grace Church in Heretaunga. This is a worldwide ecumenical event that is being organized and attended by the various Christian communities in Upper Hutt. All are welcome to attend. The liturgy this year has been prepared by the **WDP** England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

(THIS IS A VACCINE PASS event and prebooking using Picktime is required to manage attendance numbers which are limited to 10)

More details are to be found on the poster in the foyer



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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022

We are hoping to re-start Children's Liturgy at the 10:30am Mass when we are once again in **ORANGE** or **GREEN** settings.



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.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 5th March at 2 pm in the Pettit Centre.

Our speaker for March is Amanda Jane Brosnan who spent 10 months in Israel. She is going to share her experiences there and she would like ladies to bring questions with them as she is happy to answer any queries about this interesting country. She went there with the Army but her talk will be about Israel itself and the places she visited.

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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women of the Parish are welcome to join us on Wednesday, 2nd March at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre. Veronica Sawers, Principal of St Brendan's School is going to give us an update of plans for this year and how the school is dealing with Covid.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.

If we want to help other people, we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?

'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.' This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives, then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2022 PRAYER REQUESTS

The Sacramental Programme began 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.



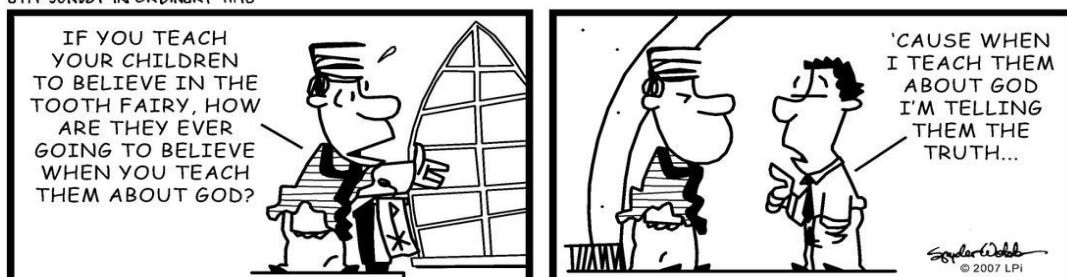
NZ CATHOLIC

NZ Catholic's latest issue is out now. The link is <https://indd.adobe.com/view/e25bfeca-e399-42ba-9da3-2a0caa12f2ee> Some headlines from this issue: Bishop Stephen Lowe installed as Bishop of Auckland. Catholic korero on Treaty of Waitangi. Vocations talk at city pub. Seminary rector climbs mountains.

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



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

blind
heart
good

lead
words
bad

log
eye
fruit

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MISSION

When you catch someone in sin (stealing, lying, using hurtful words) be kind. Remember your own sins, and show God's forgiveness.



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.



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 6:39-45

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.