


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)
Weekday Eucharist	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	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	Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator	Heretaunga	
Website	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
St Brendan's School	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909

1 st Sunday of Lent		Year C	6 th March 2022
READINGS			
6 th March	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Deut 26: 4-10 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13	
13 th March	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Luke 9: 28-36	



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

Fri Mar 4 th	9:30 am	Rite I Reconciliation at OLOG
Sat Mar 5 th	2:00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre'
Tue Mar 8 th	7.00 pm	St Vincent de Paul, Stokes Valley
Wed Mar 9 th	6:30 am	Early Morning Mass OLOG
Wed Mar 9 th	7.15 pm	St Vincent de Paul, Heretaunga
Thur Mar 10 th	7.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee

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.



VOLUNTEERS



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**



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.lov.org.nz

RECONCILIATION IN OUR PARISH

As mentioned last Sunday Cardinal John has alluded to a possible challenge for parishes in providing a Rite II (Communal) Service for Reconciliation at which the Sacramental Candidates and the Parish come together to experience God's forgiving and healing presence. This challenge is in the number who may be able to attend (currently limited to 100 attendees who have vaccination passes, if mandated) and also in sourcing sufficient ministers to administer the Sacrament.



While Rite I is always available on a as need basis (merely contact Fr Tony 04 972 4282 and arrange a time or approach him after a weekday Mass) the Liturgy Committee has arranged **for Fr Tony to be available from 9:30am each Saturday morning of Lent to provide an opportunity for individual Reconciliation.**

We keep the Parish up to date with the situation as to whether Rite II (Communal) will be offered this Lent.



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 and in our Parish.

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.

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.

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

Let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life. Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in

need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely.
Pope Francis, [Message for Lent 2022](#)



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The temptations were a step for Jesus in his growing understanding of his mission and of his relationship with his Father. Give thanks for the guidance of the Spirit of God in these times.

Sometimes, as with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are tested by events outside our control. What did you learn about yourself during the pandemic? Is there some way in which you grew through the experience?

Behind each of the temptations in the gospel story is a basic temptation to lose trust in God. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on his Father. How have you come to recognise your life and the whole world as gifts from God?

One can enter into each of the temptations singly. There may be ones that you have experienced:

- the temptation to give priority to bodily needs and satisfactions
- the temptation to power
- the temptation to seek to be the centre of attention.
- How have you grown through wrestling with these temptations?

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives! 2nd March to 10th April - Monday to Friday - 7 am to 1pm & Saturdays 8 am to Noon. Please protect mothers and babies through prayer, fasting and keeping vigil outside the local abortion facility, Te Mahoe, Newtown, for one hour of prayer with two or three people needed to cover each hour. Be a positive, peaceful and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be her last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. To find out more and to sign up for your prayer hour(s) please visit 40daysforlife.com or email wellington40daysforlife@gmail.com

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



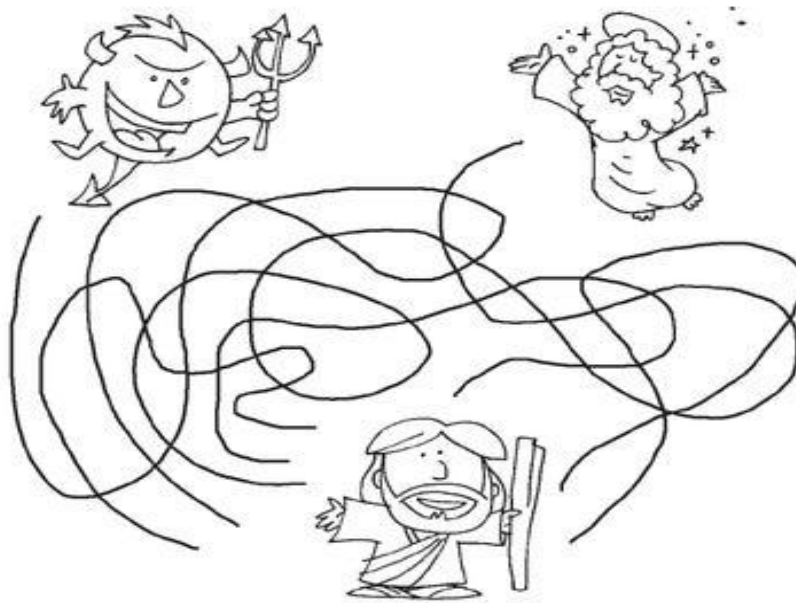
1st SUNDAY OF LENT



A PUZZLE FOR YOU

PUZZLE

Help Jesus to avoid the devil by staying on the path that leads to God!



MISSION

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.

FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



1st Sunday of Lent • Luke 4:1-13

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.