


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 Tel (04) 972 4282
 Heretaunga
Parish Administrator Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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| 2 nd Sunday of Lent | | Year C | 13 th March 2022 |
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| READINGS | | | |
| 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 |  |
| 20 th March | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9 | |



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

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| Wed Mar 16 th | 6:30 am | Early Morning Mass OLOG |
| Wed Mar 16 th | 11:00 am | Anointing Mass Pettit Centre No 9:00am Mass |
| Thur Mar 17 th | 1:30pm | Anointing Mass Stokeswood Resthome – No 9:30 Mass |
| Thur Mar 17 th | 7.30 pm | Parish Council Meeting |



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

At **St Francis Xavier**, Stokes Valley
 Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Society (Flowers), Cleaners
 At **Our Lady of Grace Church**, Heretaunga
 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**



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



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

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

What an enjoyable afternoon last Saturday! We were very grateful and blessed by John OMalley's readiness to fill in as speaker, due to an eleventh hour cancellation of our advertised speaker due to unforeseen circumstances. We learnt a lot about Mary Magdalene and the area and times she lived in as we viewed John's wonderful slides from his 2016 tour of the Holy Land.

Fun and fellowship over a cuppa was welcome and appreciated in these uncertain times.

NZ CATHOLIC



NZ Catholic's latest issue is out now. The link is

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/e7fba446-52c8-4585-aa31-2a70f63285eb>. Some headlines for this issue: Lent leads to foot of cross preaches Anglican bishop. Dunedin rural roadshow gathers feedback. Young adults speak on faith in workplace. Pope Lent message 2022.

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm.

Pope Francis: [Message for Lent 2022](#)



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

On the mountain, the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendships there are experiences when we get to know a friend in a deeper way. It is a marvellous moment. This can also happen in our relationship with God. Recall such experiences in your life. Remember what it was like for you and give thanks. How do such memories sustain you in difficult times?

The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud. It was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning an important truth about yourself, or about your relationship with God, from moments of confusion as well as from times of joy?

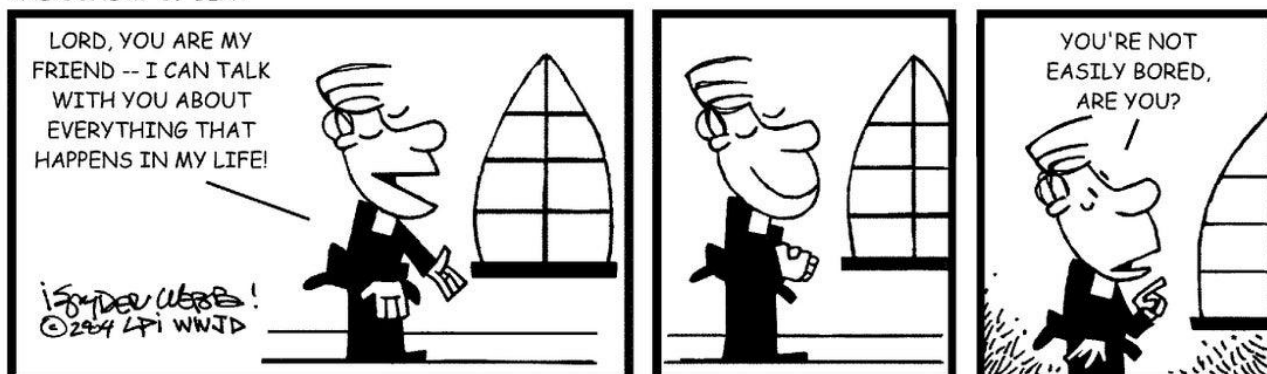
The disciples were prepared for this experience by getting an invitation from Jesus to come apart, to withdraw to the mountain. Have there been times when going apart (or making space for quiet and prayer in an ordinary day) was an important element in preparing you for a significant experience?

Peter wanted to build three tents. He wanted to hold on to the experience. Have there been experiences that you wanted to hold on to?



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 Katie Chatwick, James Doyle, Fr Colin Durning, and Sr Monica Quigg We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Victoriano Sevilleja, Leticia Sevilleja and Margarito Belnas. May they rest in peace.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



A PUZZLE FOR YOU

PUZZLE

Help Jesus find the way to his tent.



MISSION

Find something that glows in the dark. As you see it in a dark room, imagine how brightly Jesus must have glowed.



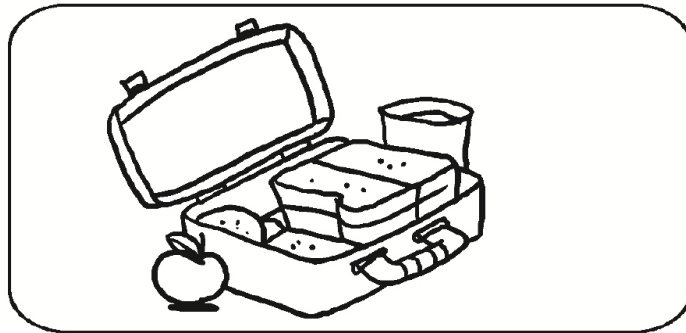
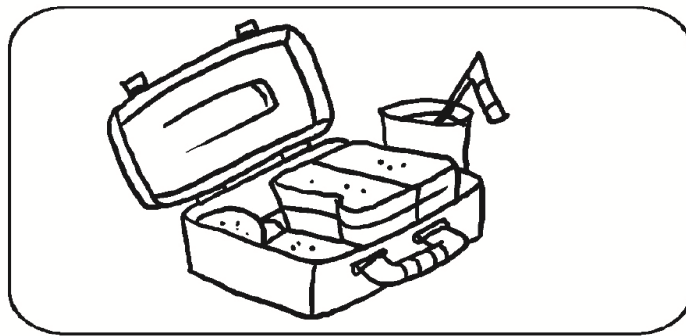
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FOR THE YOUNG ONES



PUZZLE

Find four differences.



MISSION

I will not whine and beg when my parents say "No."



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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.