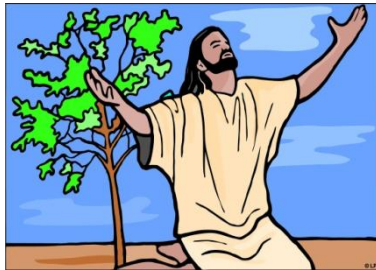


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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
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

3 rd Sunday of Lent		Year C	20 th March 2022
READINGS			
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	
27 th March	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Joshua 5: 9-12 2 Cor 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 13, 11-32	



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

Wed Mar 23 rd	6:30 am	Early Morning Mass OLOG
Thurs Mar 24 th	7:30 pm	Liturgy Meeting HTG

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL ENVELOPES

Are available in the foyers of both churches.



RECONCILIATION IN OUR PARISH

Due to the challenges of COVID-19 Omicron for both confessors and penitents to gather it has been decided that there will be **NO RITE II RECONCILIATION** offered this Lent.

While Rite I is always available on an '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.**



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.lov.org.nz

GARDENING/HANDYPERSON ASSISTANCE

This week the handyman/gardener who works for about 5 hours per week to keep the grounds and buildings at the Heretaunga site has undergone serious surgery that means he will be unable to work for approximately 3 months. The work involves cleaning the toilets in OLOG Church and Pettit Centre, cleaning the floor of the Pettit Centre and looking after the church grounds (note – mowing of the large lawns is **NOT** one of the tasks).

The Finance Committee is asking whether any parishioner(s) may be able as a short-term measure until something more definite is known about the handyman's return to work is known.

If you can assist please talk to Fr Tony in the presbytery.



MINISTRY VOLUNTEER'S FOR HOLY WEEK EVENTS

In the upcoming week members of the Liturgy Committee will be looking for people to assist in the celebration of the various services during Holy Week. The services range from Palm Sunday representatives to attend the Chrism Mass to receive the Holy Oils for the Parish; Readers and Eucharistic ministers for Holy Thursday; Readers and Eucharistic Minister for Good Friday through to more decorators and readers for the additional reading at the Easter Vigil; To try to make it easier for these people (and to save some of the ringing around that happens to cover all the events/ministries) lists of the ways that parishioners can assist have been placed in the foyer of both Churches. If you are a minister and know that you will be at a certain ceremony please indicate your willingness to assist.

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.

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no generous effort will ever be lost. *Pope Francis: [Message for Lent 2022](#)*



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

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL



Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call about how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time, and opportunities at your disposal?

'I'll wait till tomorrow to do that'. Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to Him. **NOW** is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?

Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable – useless, merely a waste of space, unable to achieve what you wanted. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the help you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.

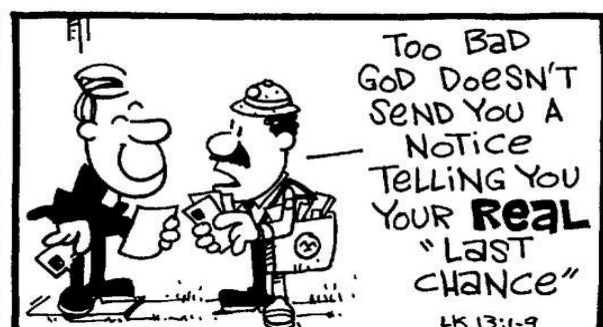
HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 March at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We will also be praying for peace in the world and especially for peace in Ukraine. Included in the hour will be prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are 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 Katie Chatwick, James Doyle, and Fr Colin Durning, We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



A PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

PILATE
GALILEE
KILLED

SACRIFICES
SINNERS
SILOAM

WORSE
TREE
GARDENER

B O U S T H T O M S
G A L I L E E I J A
A D S L A O L D T C
R H W O R S E A H R
D G E A V T N P O I
E R D M S R T I R F
N K I L L E D L S I
E O M P F E O A M C
R G A L T B K T I E
L D E S I N N E R S



MISSION

When you get into trouble, ask God to help you change so that you do not do it again.



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.



3rd Sunday of Lent • Luke 13:1-9

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.