

# 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**

5 Palmer Crescent

**Tel** (04) 972 4282

**Parish Office**

Heretaunga

**Parish Administrator**

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Year C**

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

## READINGS

27 <sup>th</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Joshua 5: 9-12	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 Cor 5: 17-21	
	Gospel	Luke 15: 13, 11-32	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Isaiah 43: 16-21	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Philippians 3: 8-14	
	Gospel	John *: 1-11	



## 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](http://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream)

9:30 am Our Lady of Kapiti Church

[www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz/](http://www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz/)

2:00 pm Diocese of Auckland (via ShineTV)

Sky Ch 201 Free-to-Air Ch 25

Fri March 25<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross St Francis Xavier Church

Wed Mar 30<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am

Early Morning Mass OLOG

Fri April 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross St Francis Xavier Church

Sat April 2<sup>nd</sup>

2.00 pm

Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre



## PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The New Tax year begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Over the next couple of weeks the Parish Office will be preparing and checking the tax Inland Revenue charitable donation receipts for 2021-22. These will be available by end of April early May along with the envelopes for the year 2022-23

## 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**  
Effective from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 QR code scanning and Contact tracing is **NO LONGER MANDATORY** though the codes will remain if you choose to use them

**VACCINE PASSES ARE STILL MANDATORY** (at this stage) **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 200 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). **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 200 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](http://www.lov.org.nz)



## **HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM 2022**

Who would have thought that our ability to celebrate these would still be dependent on the government's rules for gatherings and the level of Omicron in our area for 2022? Cardinal John has offered directions on ways that we can safely celebrate the Triduum with the current Government restrictions.

**Palm Sunday** – there will be no procession on this day. The palms will be blessed in the sanctuary at the start of Mass and be available from tabled placed in the front of the church at the end of Mass. Please remember to use hand sanitizer when picking these up from the basket.

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** - there will be no washing of the feet again this year. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not occur at the end of Mass as this extends the time people are present with one another.

**Passion of the Lord** - Adoration of the Cross will be from your places in the church.

**Easter Vigil** - There will be no public Easter fire ceremony and no procession. Lighting of individual candles through the sharing of light from the Paschal

## **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.



### **GARDENING/HANDYPERSON ASSISTANCE**

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.

### **COVID-19 IN OUR AREA**

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.



### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

CWL Café morning tea at Equinox Fergusson Drive last Wednesday of each month is suspended until further notice due to Covid.

Our April meeting will celebrate Stations of the Cross, this will be held in the Pettit Centre Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1.30 pm.

**Knitting:** If anyone is interested in helping to knit slippers for low decile Schools please contact Kathleen for a pattern, I can also collect knitting from you on 0276590702

### **CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP**

Saturday 2nd April at 2pm, in the Petit Centre.

Our speaker will be 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. (Amanda was supposed to be our speaker last month, but had to pull out at the last minute)  
As usual a gold coin donation or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated.  
We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Like many a parable, this story makes its point in a way that seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is left hurt and angry. People often empathise with him. Neither son understood the nature of love. The younger son did not recognise what a treasure he had at home and walked out on it. Then he 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming by becoming aware of love you had previously not recognised? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

The older son resented the party given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life – forgetting that all the father had was his. He is a symbol of us when we set ourselves up to decide when and how others should show their love, affection and gratitude. Such expectations fail to respect the freedom of others and make us vulnerable to the pain of unmet expectations. These can be fertile ground for hurt and resentment. What helps you to respect the freedom of others, and to recognise their love even if it is not expressed just as you would like?

Love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. Recall the wonder of experiencing love when you did not expect it. You may even have thought you were not worthy of it. When has the experience of human love, freely given, prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

## ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who is generous in forgiving.

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

**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 Bernadette Hague, Robert Netzler, John Keegan, Vernon Gerard, Margaret Anderson and Katie Chatwick. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT





## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

“Prayer for Ukraine” is a hymn composed in 1885, during a time when Ukrainian language was suppressed by the government of Imperial Russia. The text is by poet Oleksandr Konynsky and the music by composer Mykola Lysenko. It is used as a hymn by the various churches in Ukraine, including the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and became a spiritual anthem for Ukraine. It makes a haunting aid to prayer in the current situation.

This is a translation of the lyrics.

The hymn can be heard at this link  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxcNuaH4qrY&t=1s>

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,  
Protect our beloved Ukraine,  
Bless her with freedom and light  
of your holy rays.

With learning and knowledge enlighten  
us, your children small,  
In love pure and everlasting.  
Let us, oh Lord, grow.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty,  
protect our beloved Ukraine.  
Grant our people and country  
All your kindness and grace.

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,  
Guide us into a kind world,  
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune  
For ever and evermore.

## A PUZZLE FOR YOU



### PUZZLE

Complete the picture.



### MISSION

Name three good things God has given you.  
Say "thank you" to God for those gifts in  
a prayer.



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.



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent • Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**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.