

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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| 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 Heretaunga Tel (04) 972 4282 |
| Parish Administrator | Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm |
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| St Brendan's School | 56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909 |

5th Sunday of Lent
READINGS

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3rd April 2022

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| 3rd April | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Isaiah 43: 16-21 Philippians 3: 8-14 John *: 1-11 |
| 9th April | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians 2: 6-11 Luke 22: 14-23:56 |



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

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| 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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| Sat April 2 nd | 2.00 pm | Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre |
| Tue April 5 th | 5.30 pm | Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club |
| Wed Apr 6 th | 6:30 am | Early Morning Mass OLOG |
| Wed April 6 th | 1.30 pm | CWL Stations of the Cross in the Pettit Centre |
| Fri April 8 th | 7:30 pm | Stations of the Cross St Francis Xavier Church |



PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The New Tax year begins on the 1st 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 24th 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



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; 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 6th 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

ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

If we want the world to change, then first our hearts must change.

Pope Francis: [Homily, Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance with the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 25 March 2022](#)



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

NZ CATHOLIC A digital link to the latest issue.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/020aaf8c-8cb2-45cb-be32-6e89083cecec>. Some headlines for this issue: College name changed after inquiry. Three first year students at seminary. Defeat of anti-life mentality needed for peace. Major reform of the Roman Curia.

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NOTICE

Affected by an abortion experience? Make *Living in Colour* - An 8 week course a step towards healing. Find out more Email: hopeandhealing4u@gmail.com or Call: 021 2317954



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 Sr Kathleen Crean DOLC, Michael Jackson, Bernadette Hague, Robert Netzler, John Keegan and Vernon Gerard. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



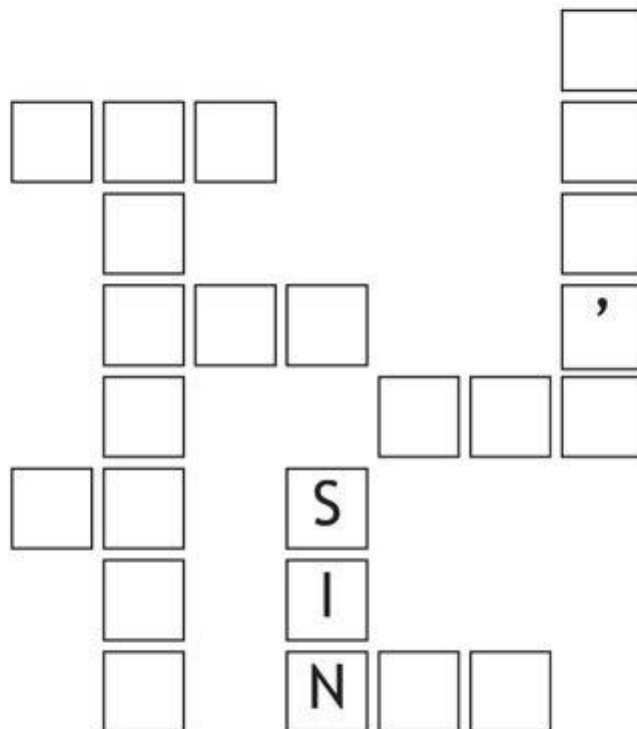
A PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You may go now, but don't sin anymore.



MISSION

Name one thing you have done wrong. Jesus can forgive you for your mistakes. Try to forgive other people, too.

FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Lent • John 8:1-11

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.