

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 Heretaunga
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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24th April 2022

READINGS

24 th April	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Act 5: 12-16 Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19 John 20: 19-31	
1 st May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Act 5: 27-32, 40-41 Apocalypse 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19	



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

Mon Apr 25 th	9:00 am	ANZAC Day Mass at OLOG
Thur Apr 28 th	7:30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting

PASCHAL CANDLE DESIGN

The students of St Brendan's were asked to submit designs that can be used to decorate our Paschal Candle. The design chosen for 2022 was submitted by Conor. We congratulate him and all those who offered designs. The designs not chosen for the candle will be used to decorate both churches over the Easter Season. Thanks to all who took part.



ANZAC DAY MASS - MONDAY 25th APRIL 9:00am OLOG

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend the ANZAC DAY Mass celebrated on Monday 25th April at 9:00am in Our Lady of Grace Church. We remember those who have given their lives for our country and especially pray for the conflict currently being played out in Ukraine.



EASTER THANKS

Last weekend's celebrations of the Easter Liturgies, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) were all grace-filled events for us despite the COVID limitations we were asked to maintain. Some things we did were the same and some adapted for our current situation.

A BIG THANKS goes out to all who helped to organise, practice, prepare buildings and venues for, provide ministries for, or attended the liturgies. May this Easter time be a blessed time for you and your families

COVID-19 DETAILS FOR ALL MASSES FOR SUNDAY – ORANGE SETTINGS



Under the ORANGE Setting there is no limit of number of people permitted to attend. The Parish Council has decided at this stage while the Omicron virus is still moving through the community, to at this stage retain the current seating arrangements at Masses. They will review this decision next month and advise if there will be any changes based on the COVID-19 settings current at that time



PETTIT CENTRE UPDATE

In December 2019 during a severe weather event the internal gutter in the roof of the Pettit Centre kitchen overflowed and water damaged the ceiling and flooded the kitchen floor for the third time in as many years that this had happened. The Finance Committee resolved that rather than merely fixing the damaged internal ceiling a more permanent solution would be investigated to resolve the cause of the leak.

Discussions were progressed through 2020 slowed by COVID gathering restrictions and reduced parishioner funding via weekly collections). In the second half of 2021, things started to get back to a new normal work and progress on the project and costings etc were looked into. The work involves removal of the existing roofline over the kitchen and re-aligning it to slope all the way to the outside wall on the north side of the kitchen. The expected cost of the work was estimated at \$20,000. Other work to upgrade the kitchen and meeting space was also discussed if funds and time allow.

The work was supposed to begin in late March 2022. We were advised by the construction company that their workforce was self-isolating due to a positive COVID test. They have now advised that the work is expected to begin on Tuesday 26th April and take about 1 week.

The Parish has gained funding of \$15,000 (\$10,000 sourced from a grant from the Catholic Foundation and \$16,000 from special gifts from parishioners). If any parishioner would like to assist with a specific donation towards the shortfall of at least \$4,000 or towards the other renovations would be greatly appreciative. .

Finance Committee

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.





SYNOD SUBMISSIONS CLOSING SOON!

There are **1 week** left to contribute to the global Synod. Give us a call if you are unsure how to participate or visit the Parish input form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQELRuuLHNYU6Cpy7RRC8eidl015CqfbRgac5DI1ljugzghw/viewform> OR

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/> or contact Chris (04 496 1706) or Lucienne (04 496 1715) Email synod@wn.catholic.org.nz

NZ CATHOLIC A digital link to the latest issue. **NZCatholic**

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3fa6ad33-b255-4dc6-b270-7d281d530553>.

Some headlines for this issue: Marist seminary faces repair job. Vatican 'no miracle' Aubert ruling. NZ theologian saddened at softening attitude to blasphemy. More Catholic military chaplains wanted in NZ.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace?

Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What positive part have doubting and questioning played in your life? How have such moments helped you to know that your life is worthwhile? How have questions and doubts strengthened your faith?

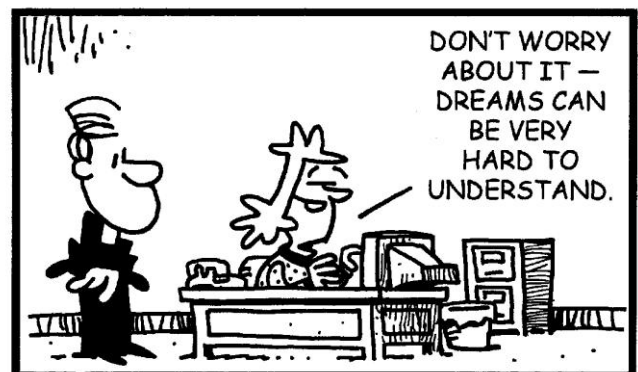
Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He accepted how he felt and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?

'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. During the recent pandemic there were times when one wondered if we would ever see the end of it. Where did you find hope as the pandemic continued month after month?

We remember 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, and Michael Jackson. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Sheila Dillon (11/4) and Valerie Gibbons-Dillon (21/4). May they rest in peace.



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



A PUZZLE FOR YOU

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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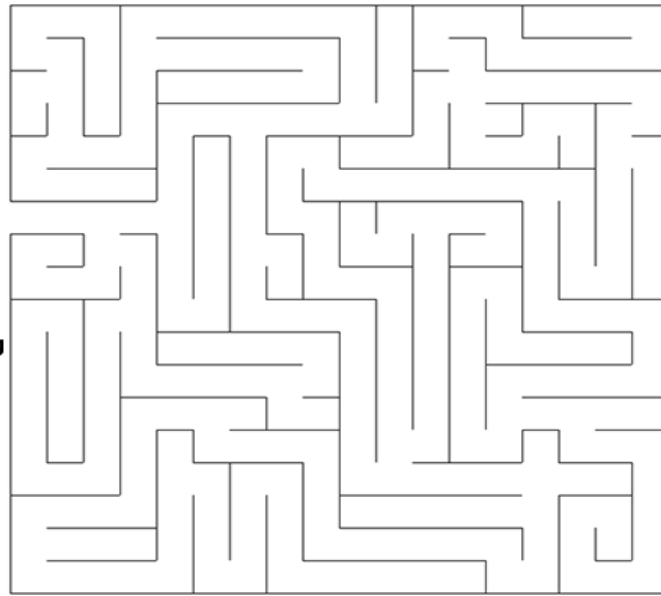
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FOR THE YOUNG ONES



Thomas
John 20:19-29

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.