

# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father Tony Kearns	
<b>Church</b>	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)	
<b>Sunday Eucharist</b>	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)	8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	Wednesday /Saturday	9:00 am (Heretaunga)
	Friday	9:30 am (Heretaunga)
<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>	Friday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga) [term time]
<b>Reconciliation</b>	By appointment with Parish Priest	
<b>Presbytery and Parish Office</b>	5 Palmer Crescent Heretaunga	
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.olv.org.nz">www.olv.org.nz</a>	<b>E-mail</b> <a href="mailto:office@olv.org.nz">office@olv.org.nz</a> <a href="mailto:pp@olv.org.nz">pp@olv.org.nz</a>
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## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD YEAR C 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

READINGS			
29 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts1: 1-11 Ephesians 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 46-53	
5 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts2: 1-11 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23	



### 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	<a href="http://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream">www.cdh.org.nz/livestream</a>
9:30 am	Our Lady of Kapiti Church	<a href="http://www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz/">www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz/</a>
2:00 pm	Diocese of Auckland (via ShineTV)	Sky Ch 201 Free-to-Air Ch 25

Wed June 1 <sup>st</sup>	01.30 pm	Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre
Sat June 4 <sup>th</sup>	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre

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

We have received some new directives from Cardinal John with regards to the settings for Masses. The Parish Council and the Liturgy Committee will be meeting to discuss the changes and how best to implement these changes in a safe manner in the coming weeks.

### **Some changes that come into effect this weekend are**

- From this weekend collection baskets will be reinstated
- The Offertory Procession will be reinstated
- The need to sanitize pews etc will be suspended.

We are looking forward in the weeks to come to the provision of live music at Masses. This will happen after consultation with the various music groups in the Parish



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We welcome you to our Birthday celebration on Wednesday 1st June at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre. Come and join us for afternoon tea and be entertained by some children from St Brendan's School. Members a small plate please.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm in the Pettit Centre. Mix, Mingle and Music mid Winter gathering. Dahlias music trio, who have been our guests several times in the past, are going to entertain us with a variety of music plus a small music quiz. We would love to have your company. Come, sit, relax and enjoy. 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.



## PETTIT CENTRE UPDATE

Hooray!!! the painting and the electrical works are finished – all that's left is the guttering and the cleaning of the Centre.

If you would like to assist, towards the cost of the work or help with the clean up the Parish would be most grateful.

Thanks to those who have already assisted by providing donations towards its cost.

*Finance Committee*

## ST BRENDAN'S COLOUR FUN RUN

St Brendan's students will all be involved in a school Colour Fun Run to raise money for our 2022 Navigators to go to camp later this year. We appreciate your ongoing support and if you would like to donate to help our students get to camp, please deposit into our school bank account: St Brendan's School Account : 123140-0356504-000 If you require a



receipt please email the office: [accounts@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:accounts@stbrendans.school.nz) God's blessings and our thanks. St Brendan's students and staff.

## St Brendan's Feast Day

On Monday the 16th May, the whole school came to OLOG for a liturgy to celebrate St Brendan's Day. Congratulations to the tamariki who read so well. It was great to be able to celebrate

in church as a whole school. When we got back to school we did activities to grow our understanding of St Brendan and his travels, as well as the history of St Brendan's school. It was lovely to welcome and connect so many whānau during our fun afternoon!



## SACRED HEART COLLEGE

2023 enrolments now open. Online from Monday 2 May

OPEN MORNINGS – 1 June – Catholic Schools 2 June – All

Welcome. Please visit [sacredheartcollege.school.nz](https://sacredheartcollege.school.nz) under 'Enrolment' to submit an online enrolment or for more information. You can also contact us directly at

[enrolments@sacredheartcollege.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@sacredheartcollege.school.nz)



### THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.

Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?

In particular Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life?

*Stay in the city until...* Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, birth of a baby, etc)?

### ADORATION

The Sacred Heart Cathedral parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 8.30 am until 7 pm. Contact Sr Marie Gore if you would like to take part on a regular basis and commit to one hour, or just pop in for a visit for few minutes. [mariegore023@gmail.com](mailto:mariegore023@gmail.com)



### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Parish resources for this year are now available to download from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference website. The Week is celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, so this year's Week is from 29 May to 5 June. The chosen theme for 2022 is "*We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him,*" and is based on Matthew 2:2. Click here for the full resources: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wpcu2022/>

### INTERCHURCH COUNCIL FOR HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY



ICHC offers spiritual care to all within Aotearoa New Zealand's Healthcare environment. We show compassion that fuels hope, healing, and peace amid suffering.

To find out more about our ministry please visit our website: [www.ichc.org.nz](http://www.ichc.org.nz)  
We need your support through **prayer**, **giving** or as a **volunteer**

**ROOM FOR RENT**

**LODGING AVAILABLE** near OLOG Heretaunga.

Quiet off-street room in Fergusson Drive, available mid-June. Share with the owner. Lodger has run of the house. There are several areas for solitude apart from the bedroom: covered sun-room, outside deck, small walled garden, separate dining room.

\$200/week, share power. Twice weekly cleaner is included in room cost.

The house is shared with my mother who is elderly and of limited mobility, but is sociable and good company. She has her own ensuite, a second bathroom is available for the lodger. Carers visit morning and evening every day; there are no care expectations whatsoever for the lodger.

Please contact Nick Taylor (021) 428392, or email [taylorncb@hotmail.com](mailto:taylorncb@hotmail.com)"

**UPPER HUTT COMMUNITY MEDICAL DRIVERS** is a volunteer staffed Medical Driving Service, which takes patients who don't have any other form of transport to their medical appointments both locally within Upper Hutt, and to Lower Hutt and Wellington Hospitals and clinics (these tend to be the elderly people, who don't have family available to help them and if they drive at all, can't drive to the clinic location). The service is free to the patients being carried, but we appreciate donations, where these are offered.

We are currently in need of more volunteer drivers to join our medical driving service. Drivers need to be able to pass police vetting and our safety criteria.

For more information those considering becoming a driver can contact Bill Lindsay on 0274456992 Home 04 972 7912 or [uhcmd@outlook.com](mailto:uhcmd@outlook.com)

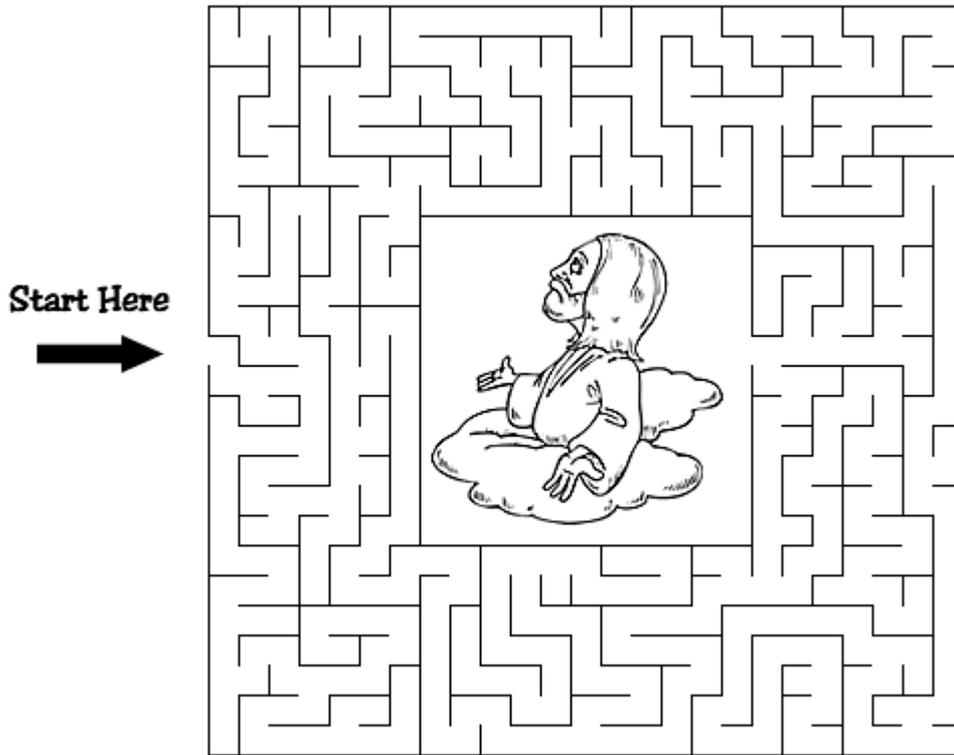
We remember all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently including James Cashewood, Eileen Black, Anne Lake, and Claire Brown. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



**ASCENSION**



## A PUZZLE FOR YOU



After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes,  
and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:9 (NIV)

## The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to  
heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

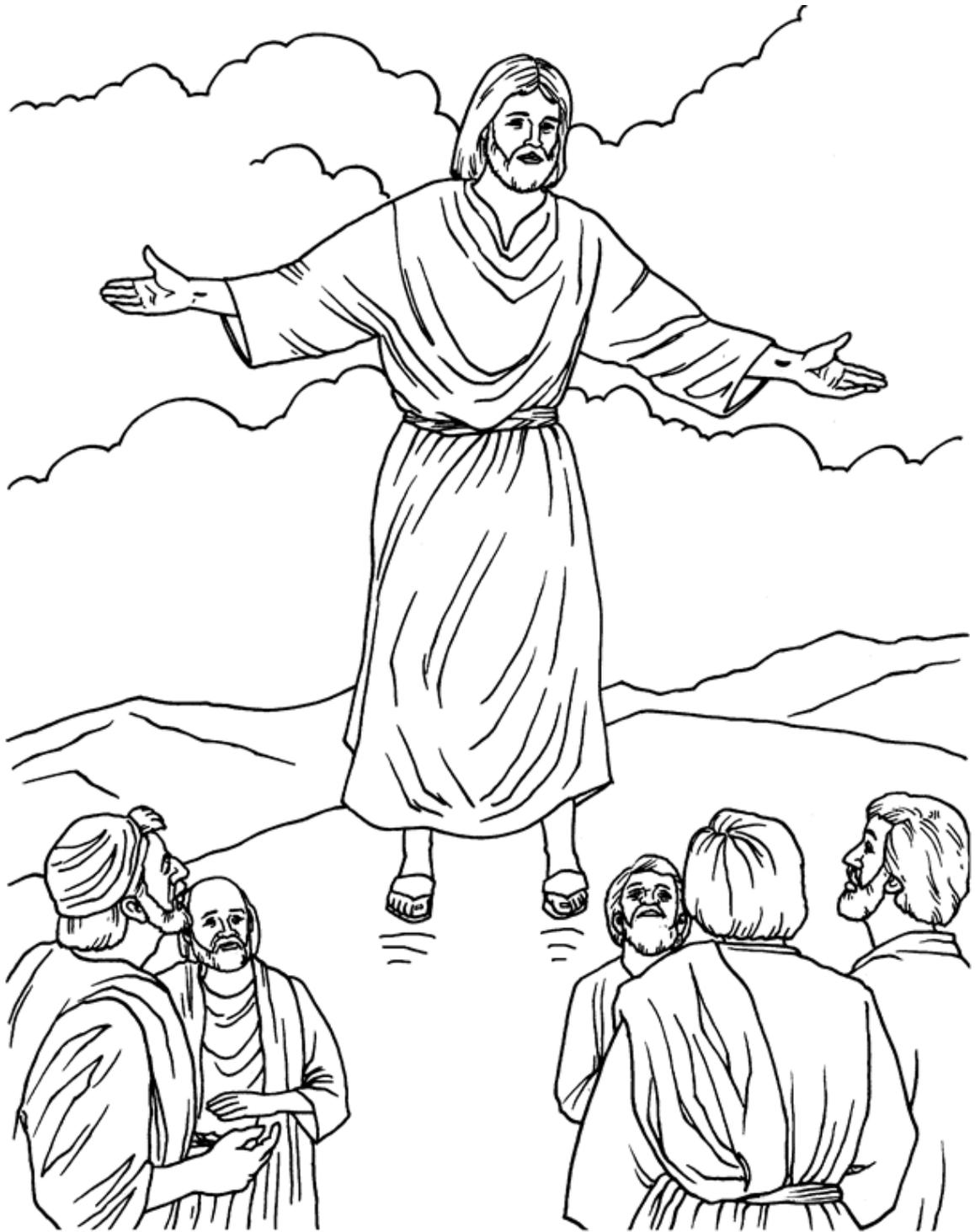
Based on Luke 24:44-53



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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
SUFFER	PSALMS	OPENED	FORGIVE
HEAVEN	SCRIPTURE	FULFILLED	MOSES
WORSHIPED	BLESSING	UNDERSTAND	MINDS

# FOR THE YOUNG ONES



**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.