Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

Parish Priest Father Tony Kearns

Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HT'6 Church

St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)

8:30 am (**SV**) and 10:30 am (**HTG**) **Sunday Eucharist** Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)

> 9:30 am (Stokes Valley) Tuesday / Thursday 9:00 am (Heretaunga) Wednesday /Saturday

9:30 am (Heretaunga) Friday

10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga) [term time] Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Friday

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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15 th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C			10 th July 2022
10 th July	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Deut 30: 10-14 Col 1: 15-20 Luke 10: 25-37	
17 th July	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Gen 18:1-10 Col 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42	



Weekday Eucharist

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/ Diocese of Auckland (via ShineTV) Sky Ch 201 Free-to-Air Ch 25 2:00 pm

14th July Finance Committee in OLOG Meeting Room 7:30pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CANDIDATES



Last Sunday at a wonderful celebration in Our Lady of Grace Church, Archbishop Paul Martin confirmed 21 of our younger parishioners with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our best wishes go to all the candidates, and thanks to parents, family, friends and Sacramental team which prepare the candidates and those who ministered to us in a variety of ways at the Mass and at the morning tea afterwards.

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

Following directives received recently from Cardinal John, the Parish Council and the Lituray Committee will be meeting to discuss the changes and how best to implement these changes in a safe manner in the coming weeks.

Also in the pipeline is the resumption of Children's Liturgy (during 10:30 am Mass) and the Living Waters Café in the Pettit Centre (after the 10:30 am Mass)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY URGENTLY NEEDED

We are seeking parents to assist in running a children's liturgy programme during term time. Resources will be supplied to assist you. Please contact Parish office@olov.org.nz the Office or Louise Pierce louise.peirce@xtra.co.nz

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - DATE CLAIMER

The 2022 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 7th August at 2:00pm in the Pettit Centre. Please mark this date. It is a chance to celebrate the wonderful ways the mission of Jesus is working in our Parish, the election of new Parish Councils and a chance to bring ideas and issues to the attention of the various parish organisations and committees

NOMINATION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

With an eye on the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 1st August, a number of current Parish Councilors' term of appointment have come to an end. Currently Parish Councilors stand for a two-year term with the right of renewal for two more terms.-

Nominations for new Parish Councillors are now open. Nomination forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These should be filled in and returned back to the Parish Office by Friday 29th July. This time frame allows time for the nominated candidates' names to be advised to the Parish before the Annual General Meeting.

Please take the time to prayerfully discern who you think might be a suitable person to serve our Parish on the Parish Council. If you would like more details on the role of Parish Councillors and the function of the Parish Council, please feel free to speak to one of the existing Parish Councillors or Father Tony.

An electronic nomination form is available at https://forms.gle/usCKSnqGyfc6ymkB6



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP STOKES VALLEY

The Parish's St Vincent de Paul Society is saddened to advise that the shop is Stokes Valley will be closing permanently from 11th August. They will therefore no longer be accepting donation of household

goods, though food will continue to be accepted at either church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Fundraiser Movie. "Whina" The life story of Dame Whina Cooper, her extraordinary life saw her break gender boundaries. 1 hr. 52 min. Miro Theatre 3rd August 2022 11.30am, (please arrive earlier to order your coffee.) \$20 per head. Please contact Kathleen to book and arrange payment in advance. Ph 5274543 or 0276590702 email: kath.emmerson@xtra.co.nz



PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 10 JULY - CANCELLED

Due to a family bereavement in the staff who provide catering services at the Stoke Valley RSA, the luncheon has sadly has been cancelled. Moneys collected will be returned



TE ARA A MARIA – MARY'S WAY 22nd to 25th JULY

In 2021 an artwork was commission and dedicated in Wellington as part of the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption and the re-dedicaton of New Zealand to Mary as our national Patroness. You may remember prayer cards were distributed with copies of the image and a prayer for private devotion.

The artwork has been on a hikoi since 15th Aug 2021 around our country and the Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys has been asked to participate by hosting image the weekend of 22-25th July.

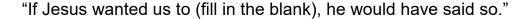
See the enclosed timetable as to the events and placements for the artwork over the weekend so as many people and groups as possible, which include liturgical events organised. Anyone is invited to come and spend time withe image at a time suitable to them.



If you or your group would like to be part of the weekend please contact the Presbytery for more details.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

What Jesus Doesn't Say





We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbour" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

SYNODALITY - WHAT NOW? Stage One of the Synod has finished. Thank you to the 1,500+ people who took part. The completed Wellington Diocesan Synthesis is now available on our website. This synthesis along with the five other diocesan Syntheses and the NZ Bishops' submission will go to Rome for the Synod in 2023. What now? How could you help your parish council discern which changes your parish could start making now?

https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/synod-synthesis-archdiocese-of-wellington/

FOR THE LIFE OF THE RIVER: A PRAYER WALK ALONG TE AWA KAIRANGI Sunday 11th September 2022

Last year during the Season of Creation (1 Sept to 4 October) a group of people from parishes throughout whole Hutt valley organised a Prayer Walk. It was a wonderful day just following the river from Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt down to where the river meets the sea at Hikoikoi Reserve in Petone.

This year we are hoping to attract more people to this worthwhile experience. It's an opportunity to give thanks for the awa that flows through our valley, and express our hopes, dreams and prayers for the river and her people. People could join us at any stage, with prayer stops on the way. 'Check out what we did last year, and stay posted on updates for this year at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/riverprayerwalk

If interested in getting involved in making this event a success please email: riverprayerwalk@gmail.com or ph Hélène: 022 1090 529. Wouldn't it be great if a group from every parish in the Upper and Lower Hutt Valley would join in!

FUN QUIZ Early Notice. Friday, 12th August. 7.30pm. St Brendan's School Hall,



Palmer Crescent. Tickets \$10 a person. Supper included. 6-8 persons per table. Raffles available. Organised by the Upper Hutt Branch of CWL. All proceeds are going to the St Joseph's School Upper Hutt - Fire Damaged Resources. Thanks to St Brendan's School for making their Hall available. Please contact Christine on

971 8712 or Susan 970 3730.

WELLINGTON LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PROGRAMME.

Date: 9 July to 13 November 2022, Saturdays from 1PM Venue: St Bernadette's Church Hall, 194 Naenae Road, Naenae Lower Hutt

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 Martin Ryan, and Michael Sullivan. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



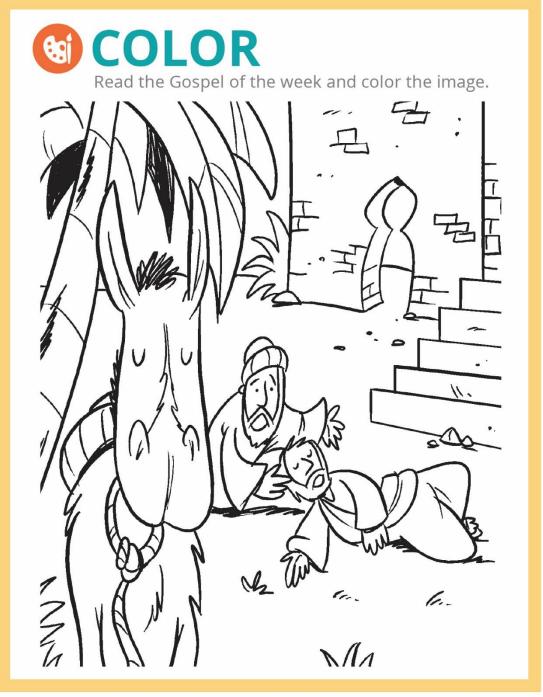
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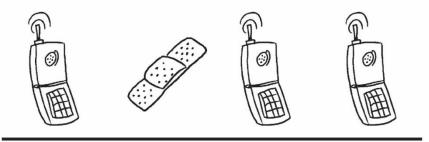


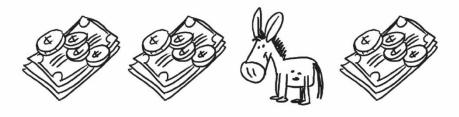
AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG



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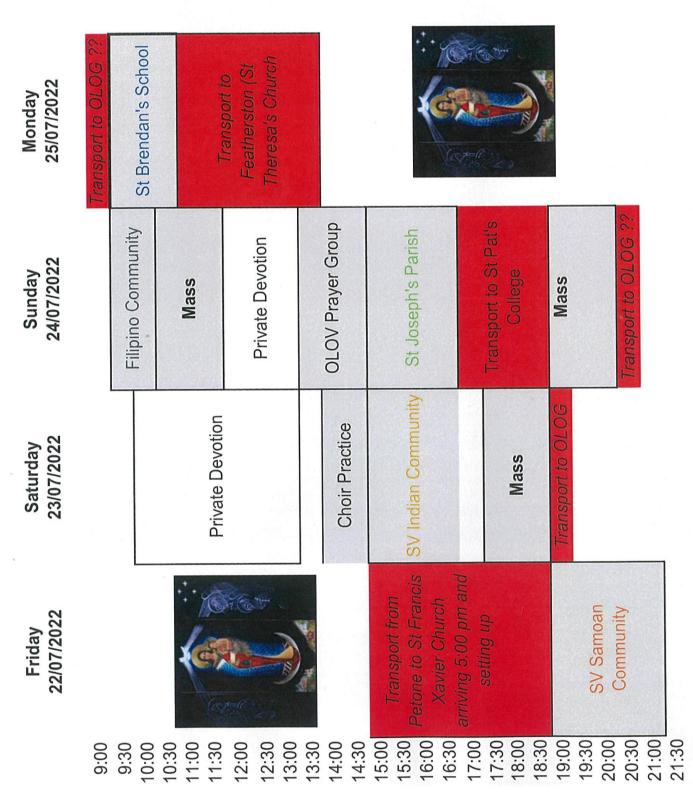


If I see someone hurt, I will stop playing to get help.



PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR TE ARA A MARIA – MARY'S WAY 22nd - 25th July

While groups have been allocated times, please feel free to come and spend time with the image at any time the church is open over the weekend



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.