Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

Parish Priest Church Sunday Eucharist		St Francis Xavier Church Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)	n, 152 Stokes Va	scent, Heretaunga (HTG) lley Road. Stokes Valley (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)	
Weekday Eucharist		Tuesday / Thursday Wednesday /Saturday Friday	9:00 am (Here 9:30 am (Here	etaunga)	
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation Presbytery and Parish Office Parish Administrator Website St Brendan's School		Friday By appointment with Par 5 Palmer Crescent Heretaunga Monday - Friday <u>www.olov.org.nz</u> 56 Palmer Cres	ish Priest Tel (04) 97 9:00 am - 1:00 E-mail <u>office@</u>		
Mary's Way YEAR C 24 th July 20					
24 th July Marian Celebration	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 1:12-14 Gal 4:4-7 John 19:25-27			
31 st July	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Eccl 1: 2, 2:21-23 Col 3: 1-5, 9-11 Luke 12: 13-21			
LIVE-STREAM OF MASS THIS SUNDAY If you are unable to attend Mass at Our Lady of the Valleys a <i>LIVE-STREAMED</i> <i>MASS</i> is available from					
9:00 am Diocese of Hamilton 9:30 am Our Lady of Kapiti (2:00 pm Diocese of Aucklan			www.cdh.org.nz/livestream www.kapiti-catholic.org.nz/ Sky Ch 201 Free-to-Air Ch 25		
		nd (via ShineTV)	Sky Ch 2		

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

Following directives received recently from Cardinal John, 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.

Also in the pipeline is the resumption of Children's Liturgy (during 10:30 am Mass) Due to the increasing number of COVID cases in the community the Parish Council has decided to defer the re-introduction of the Living Waters Café until the fist Sunday in September

LOST AND FOUND

Found a bracelet in the Adoration Room of Our Lady of Grace Church. If it belongs to you please contact the Parish Office.





VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY At St Francis Xavier, SV

Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters. AT THE 5.30PM SATURDAY MASS Eucharistic Ministers for the 8.30 am Mass. Volunteer sheets available in the foyer. **Please contact the office on 9724282 if you can help out.**

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

The icon of Mary is here – please check the website to find out when and where the icon will be available for devotion. Please also feel free to join any of the communities.





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 the Parish Office <u>office@olov.org.nz</u> 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

QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT April – June	2022
Operating Income	41,914
Less Expenditures	
Pastoral Costs	(19,419)
Property Costs*	(13,179)
Administration Costs	(9,126)
Total Operating Expenditure	(41,724)
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	190
Balance Sheet Flows	
Balance Sheet Inflows	5,824
Balance Sheet Outflows	(5,577)
Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr	438



FUNDRAISER MOVIE "WHINA"

All parishioners welcome. Thursday 3rd August at the Miro Theatre 11.30am. \$20 per head payable in advance please. To reserve a seat please contact Kathleen Emmerson Ph 5274543 or Txt 0276590702 She can arrange to collect your money or you can drop it to her. Please arrive earlier at the Miro if wanting Tea or Coffee.

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

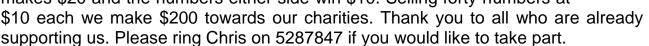
We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need.

Pope Francis: Message for World Day of Grandparents and Elderly, 24 July 2022

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Lotto fundraiser. We would like to start another lotto fundraiser run over five weeks but have a few more numbers to sell before we can begin.

Based on Saturday's bonus number for the five weeks the winning ticket makes \$20 and the numbers either side win \$10. Selling forty numbers at



Fun Quiz 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. Tickets are now available, please contact Christine on 971 8712 or Susan 970 3730 and at the School Office 528 4910.

WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN

"Parishioners are invited to a Liturgical Reception for Archbishop Paul Martin SM at St Teresa's Church, Karori on Friday 12 August at 6pm to be followed by light refreshments" With thanks for all that you do in our parishes and with all good wishes and blessings

IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

The Wellington Christian Life Community invites you to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life. The retreat is open to all and will be held at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay, Wellington, over five Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. -7^{th} , 14^{th} , 21^{st} and 28^{th} August, and 4 September 2022

The cost (including materials) is \$50, but sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you for attending.

To register or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 021 0814 4424 or email christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com



MUSIC GROUP

We welcome any musicians and singers who would like to join the music group for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. All

musicians and singers welcome - guitarists, flautists etc. Telephone Josephine 027 2045875



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL Marian Feasts

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honour of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration now known by



Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).



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 Peter James Mannix, Martin Ryan, and Michael Sullivan. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Jack O'Kane. May

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES



Assumption of Mary • Luke 1:39-56

AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG

PUZZLE Unscramble words from today's Gospel:						
soul spirit Savior	humble servant blessed	Mighty great holy				
sulo	<u>s o u l</u>					
Mythig						
srevatn						
hylo	<u> </u>					
stirip						
belssde						
Soivar						
hmuleb						
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Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.



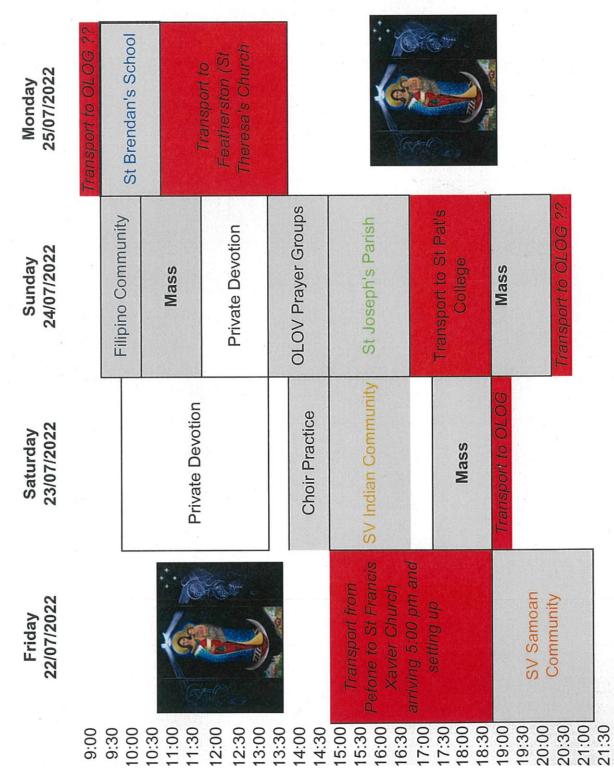


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PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR TE ARA A MARIA – MARY'S WAY 22nd - 25th July

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.