

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) [term time]
Reconciliation	By appointment with Parish Priest	
Presbytery and Parish Office	5 Palmer Crescent	Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator	Heretaunga	
Website	Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
St Brendan's School	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
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22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 28th August 2022

28 th August	1 st Reading	Eccl 3: 17-20, 28-29	
	2 nd Reading	Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24	
Gospel	Luke 14: 1, 7-14		
4 th Sept	1 st Reading	Wisdom 9: 13-18	
	2 nd Reading	Philemon 9-10, 12-17	
	Gospel	Luke 14: 25-33	



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

Sat 3 rd Sept	2:00 pm	Women's Circle of Friendship Pettit Centre
Tues 6 th Sept	5:15pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 7 th Sept	1:30 pm	Catholic Women's League Pettit Centre
Thur 8 th Sept	7.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee

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

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 further notice.**

FOUND

A pair of men's glasses in the Pettit Centre after the funeral service. Please contact the office.



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 office@olv.org.nz or Louise Pierce

louise.peirce@xtra.co.nz

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor."

Pope Francis: [Evangelii Gaudium](#)



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The parable brings out two contrasting experiences, but each in its own way can be a moment of grace, a moment of truth, a moment of growth.

You may be able to recall such experiences in your life. In the first (verses 8, 9) we discover that we had claimed a place that is too high for us; we are not as selfless, generous or compassionate as we thought we were. In the second (v.10) when others point out a goodness in ourselves that we may not have acknowledged to ourselves. How have you grown through such experiences?

In verses 12-14 Jesus warns us against the danger of ulterior motives in doing good. We can do good things partly because of the benefit we will get from what we do. That is natural but can lead to disappointment and resentment when our expectations are not met. When the good deed in itself is our reward, we have a greater freedom. Feedback will be a bonus but not necessary. What does your life experience tell you about this?

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next gathering will be at 2pm, on September 3rd at the Petit Centre. Our guest speaker will be Veronica Sawers, Principal, St Brendan's, Heretaunga. She will talk about Life as a Principal, including navigating their way through the Covid restrictions. All questions welcomed.

Our book swap table has many interesting books. Please feel free to take a book. If you have any books to add you are welcome to bring them along.

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. We look forward to seeing you all



SOUP AND ROLLS LUNCH - We would like to invite parishioners to a Soup and Rolls lunch on 7th September 2022 at the Pettit Centre at 12.30pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The money raised will go to our at home appeal - which is 'I am hope' run by the life charitable trust in aid of suicide prevention. Look forward to seeing you then. Marilyn CWL Heretaunga

SEASON OF CREATION - PRAYER WALK FOR TE AWAKAIRANGI /HUTT RIVER: SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER.

To celebrate God's Creation and recognize our relationship to the river that flows through our valley, all are invited to join a day-long Prayer Walk along Te Awakairangi on 11 September. The Journey starts with Mass at Harcourt Park 8am, leaves Harcourt Park at 9am, and ends with evening prayer on Petone Foreshore about 5/5.30. Prayer pilgrims are free to join us for as long or short a time as they wish, or follow the trail online. Check out the timetable and find out more at: www.facebook.com/groups/riverprayerwalk; Email: riverprayerwalk@gmail.com or phone Judy 022 043 4703.



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Scholarships for students entering their first year of tertiary education opened on 1st August – the application and criteria are available on our website. Kathy Whelan, Phone 04 496 1721 or: www.catholicfoundation.org.nz

NATIONAL SYNOD SYNTHESIS

Parishes and dioceses around the country took part in the local phase of Pope Francis's synodal path to the Church's future, which will culminate in an Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October next year. The NZ bishops have just published the National Synod synthesis document that emerged from the diocesan phase of the process and the national hui held in Wellington in June. The national document has been sent to Rome as one of the many such documents from around the Catholic world as part of the Synod process.

The document, a summary of its contents, and an outline of the Synod process are online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nz-synod-synthesis/>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of the Wellington Archdiocese will be celebrating the Feast Day of its Patron Saint, St Margaret Clitherow at St Joseph's Upper Hutt 11.15am Mass on Friday, 26th August. The Celebrant will be Archbishop Paul Martin assisted by Father Maleko. This will be followed by a shared lunch.



MUSIC GROUP

The music group who play for the Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays are needing more musicians to fill the spaces left by several who have shifted away. Guitarists and any other musical instrument players will be made very welcome. Singers, do come and join us in the music area. Waiata is a great blessing. Telephone Josephine 027 2045875

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL BOARD – WE NEED YOUR HELP

In New Zealand, schools rely on members of the school community to take a role in our schools by volunteering for the board. Joining the school board is a great way to support our community and get involved.



We are having a by-election because we have not yet filled our board, and if we are unable to find members of our community to complete the board, the Ministry of Education will step in.

The only requirement for joining the St Brendan's School board is that you are passionate about children's education, no other special skills are required. Also, it is important to be aware that joining the board is not limited to parents but also includes our wider community.

Please put your name forward to join our school board. You can get in touch with any member of the board, teachers and staff or submit a nomination by 14 September 2022.

Thank you for your consideration.

Norm, Doug, Fr Tony, Nick, Philippa, Sarah, Julie, and Veronica



FUNDRAISER – Catholic Enquiry Centre/Catholic Discovery
Father Stu Movie Tuesday 6 September 6pm at Light House Cinema
Petone. Tickets (\$20 + processing fee) can be securely purchased
online at www.catholicdiscovery.nz/stu or call the CEC office (04) 385 8518.



GREEN FINGERS CLUB

This term we are starting a new exciting, gardening club called the Green Fingers Club! Every Tuesday at lunchtime they will meet and learn how to care for the school garden beds. This will involve weeding, planting and learning about seeds. The club will be held from 1:10pm to 1:50pm and it will consist of 10 - 15 Year 3 and 4 students who are interested in learning about gardening. I am in need of volunteers to support me with running this group. If you are interested please email me c.pullan@stbrendans.school.nz or pop into Room 7. The club will be starting Tuesday 30th August. Thank you in advance for your support.

ENVIRO GROUP - Butterfly Enclosure

St Brendan's Enviro Group are very keen to get the large butterfly enclosure that was purchased a little while back ready for the Monarch Butterfly season. The enclosure is in need of some stitching and needs to be secured into the ground. If you would be interested in helping with this project could you email c.pullan@stbrendans.school.nz or call into Room 7. The area around the enclosure requires weeding and we would like to plant some plants that would attract the butterflies to the area. We would be looking at starting as soon as we have some support on Friday afternoons, being weather-dependent, it could take a few Fridays to complete.

Chris Pullan - Enviro Lead Teacher

ORPHEUS CHOIR WELLINGTON is thrilled to be kicking off its monumental "**Singet! The German Season**" at Wellington's Michael Fowler Centre, with a performance of Brahms' A German Requiem on 10 September. As Music Director, Brent Steward says, "A German Requiem is not the music of mourning, but an intense, epic and romantic reflection that speaks to life, love and loss". The Requiem is a much-loved pinnacle of classical music and tickets are available via Ticketmaster.

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 T T Varghese, Margaret Corcory, Fr Brian Cumming SM, John Lee Frampton, Frank Pessione, and Alan Thom. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Murray Gray, Catherine O'Connor, and John Byrne. May they rest in peace.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES



AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG

A Lesson in Humility

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



"When someone invites you to a _____ feast, do not take the place of _____, for a person more distinguished than you may have been _____. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your _____.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the _____ important place. But when you are invited, take the _____ place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, '_____, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow _____. For everyone who _____ himself will be humbled, and he who _____ himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:8-11 (NIV)

Friend	guests	humbles	least	seat
exalts	honor	invited	lowest	wedding

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.