

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 Heretaunga
Parish Administrator	Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909

23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 11th September 2022

11 th Sept	1 st Reading	Exodus 32: 7-11 13-14	
	2 nd Reading	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	
Gospel	Luke 15: 1-32		
18 th Sept	1 st Reading	Amos 8: 4-7	
	2 nd Reading	1 Timothy 2: 1- 8	
	Gospel	Luke 16: 1-13	

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

Wed 14 th Sept	11.00 am	Anointing Mass in the Pettit Centre
Thurs 15 th Sept		NO Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home and NO 9:30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church (Fr away)
Thur 15 th Sept	07.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
24 th Sept	11:00 am	Ordination of Alfred Tong as Priest St Joseph Church UH

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.**

WELCOME

We welcome to our Parish this weekend Kinh Nguyen as seminarian for the Archdiocese. Kinh will be with us for the next two weeks on pastoral placement. We hope that his time among us will be enlightening and enjoyable.



QUEEN ELIZABETH I 21st APRIL 1926 – 8th SEPTEMBER 2022



The Parish marks the death of Queen Elizabeth this week. We pray for her in gratitude for her 70 years of service to our country, and the Commonwealth. She will be remembered in all Masses this weekend. We pray for her family at this time.
 God bless the King.



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@olov.org.nz or Louise Pierce louise.peirce@xtra.co.nz



ALFRED TONG – ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

The Parish is delighted to announce the upcoming of the ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD of Alfred Tong. Alfred was with us for a number of pastoral placements over past few years. Alfred's ordination is to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church Upper Hutt on Saturday 24th September at 11:00 am. Deacon Alfred is currently working at Holy Trinity Parish in Miramar as part of the concluding part of his training. We wish Alfred all the best in these days leading up to his ordination.

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Are we accustomed to being a Church which has a single sheep in her flock and we let the other 99 get lost on the hill?

Pope Francis: [Homily 12 June 2015](#)



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

There are three figures in this parable. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way, where the important thing was not the hurt you had experienced, but the fact that the wayward person had found a way to a healthier life?

You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.

People often find it easy to identify with the older son, feeling that the father went overboard in the reception home for the wayward son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

A most informative talk by St Brendan's Principal Veronica Sawers gave all who attended last Saturdays gathering a greater insight, understanding and appreciation of St Brendan's school and its staff. In particular, Veronica's role as Principal as she 'steered the St Brendan's ship' through all the Covid lockdowns and M.O.E guidelines to keep staff and pupils safe as they learnt.

We are truly blessed to have such a talented, competent Christian person as Veronica in this very demanding and important role, shaping our children's education.

We congratulated and thanked her for her dedication.

The meeting ended with our usual friendly mix and mingle over afternoon tea.



MUSIC GROUP

The music group who play for the Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays need 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 027 204 5875

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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with an Introductory/Welcome session. These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. The **Introductory Session is scheduled to begin in October**. This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program, please phone: Fr Tony 972 4282 or Liz McCaul 527 3211



GREEN FINGERS CLUB

We now have a new team of keen gardeners who are called the Green fingers Club. They meet every Tuesday at lunchtime with the support of Mrs Pullan and Katy Evans and are beginning to learn the basics of gardening.

We also have five keen and capable Enviro leaders who are in the Navigators team who are driving these new projects. They are enthusiastic about building a simple Pātaka Kai.

What is the meaning of Pataka Kai?

Pātaka Kai, which means storehouse or pantry in te reo Māori, is a place where people can leave food for other people to take for free.

They would like to build a simple structure with three shelves e.g like a book shelf that has wheels. This group is flexible with days and times but preferably a Tuesday and a Friday afternoon. All materials will be supplied. We just need one or two people to build the structure with this group.

If you would be interested in this Pātaka Kai project please contact Chris Pullan class teacher Room 7 or email c.pullan@stbrendans.school.nz

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

XLT – Friday 16th September, 7pm, St Joseph’s Church, Mt Victoria.

Do you want to meet some other awesome Catholics teenagers and young adults in Wellington? Want to be inspired, have fun and encounter Jesus? Come and join us at XLT in September! XLT is an evening of worship, adoration, and the opportunity for reconciliation, as well as fun, food and fellowship.

So get your friends and youth groups together and join us!

Do you want to support the young people in your community? Bring them to XLT!

All you have to do is drop them off at 7pm and pick them up at 9.30pm. So why not get a group of young people together and invite them? You never know the impact your invitation can have.

SUPPORT PALLIATIVE CARE



NZ Catholics are being urged to support the under-funded hospice and palliative care services by donating, volunteering in hospice shops and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority. Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC, says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but have to fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost. Bishop Steve says: “When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End of Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation”

Full details online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/>. Copies of the letter are also available in the foyer of both churches.

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 Queen Elizabeth II and Fr Brian Cumming SM, We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING 
WITH THE *Gospel*
CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 15:1-32

AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG

The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
L	D	M	A	T	H	Z	B	W	P	U	J	V	R	E	X	S	I	G	N	F	Y	Q	O	C	K

- 14-18-19-6-5-15-24-11-17 _____
- 21-24-11-20-2 _____
- 6-15-4-13-15-20 _____
- 10-4-14-4-8-1-15 _____
- 1-24-17-5 _____
- 21-14-18-15-20-2 _____
- 6-24-3-15 _____
- 14-15-10-15-20-5 _____
- 17-6-15-15-10 _____
- 14-15-12-24-18-25-15 _____

HEAVEN	RIGHTEOUS	FRIEND	SHEEP	REJOICE
HOME	PARABLE	LOST	REPENT	FOUND

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.