


# 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)
	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	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	<b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Heretaunga	
<b>Website</b>	Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Amos 8: 4-7	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Timothy 2: 1- 8	
Gospel	Luke 16: 1-13		
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Amos 6: 1, 4-7	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Timothy 6: 11- 16	
	Gospel	Luke 16: 19-31	



### 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 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	11.00 am	Anointing Mass in the Pettit Centre
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11:00 am	Ordination of Alfred Tong as Priest St Joseph Church UH

### COVID-19 DETAILS FOR ALL MASSES FOR SUNDAY – SEE INSERT

### ANNOINTING MASS

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please come to the Petit centre at 11am for Mass and the sacrament of anointing. This will be followed by a shared lunch - please bring a small plate of food to share. We look forward to seeing you. Note there will be **NO** 9am mass that day.

PRAYER IS THE  
BEST MEDICINE.  
GOD IS THE  
BEST DOCTOR.



### 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](mailto:office@olv.org.nz) or Louise Pierce [louise.peirce@xtra.co.nz](mailto:louise.peirce@xtra.co.nz)

## QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Starting from our roots, let us sit around the common table, a place of conversation and of shared hopes. In this way our differences, which could seem like a banner or a wall, can become a bridge.

*Pope Francis*



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?



It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half-hearted in your efforts?

Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters'. When have you experienced the truth of this statement?



## 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

## SOUP AND ROLLS LUNCH

Thanks to all who supported the recent Soup and Rolls Event in the Pettit Centre. The amount raised was \$185. 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.



# COVID UPDATE



As most of you are aware the Government has this week suspended most of the COVID TRAFFIC LIGHT FRAMEWORK and the restrictions that we have observed over the last almost twelve months. We are now striving to return back to the freedoms we enjoyed before 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Communications have been received from both the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference and Cardinal John regarding the easing of the restrictions in NZ and Wellington.

The NZCBC stated that it is important to remember the lifting of restrictions does not remove the risk of infections from COVID or other viruses. They urge communities and individuals to be prudent in retaining particular restriction in the interests of continuing to protect the most vulnerable.

Cardinal John's letter advised that the following practices previously suspended may be resumed.

- ❖ Communion under both kinds
- ❖ Communion on the tongue
- ❖ Contact at Sign of Peace
- ❖ Masks are no longer mandated
- ❖ Ministers distributing Communion should wear a mask while undertaking the ministry
- ❖ Holy water is available at the church door
  
- ❖ **NOTE: THE DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO ATTEND EUCHARIST IS NOW REMOVED.** People whose health might be endangered by attendance or for whom it may be physically difficult are reminded that they can make decision attending Mass based on their own safety and ability.

The removal of some restrictions especially around Communion under both kinds was unexpected by the Parish Council. Having reviewed the letters received the Parish Council has decided that to provide a safe and welcoming environment at Sunday Mass for all, and especially those who have felt hesitant about returning, and to provide a time

From this weekend (11/12<sup>th</sup> September) the following will apply at Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

- ❖ Holy water will be available at the doors of both churches.
- ❖ Contact at the Sign of Peace will be restored.
- ❖ Masks will no longer be required when attending services in the Church.
- ❖ Ministers distributing Holy Communion, because of the close contact involved, are asked to wear a mask while undertaking the ministry.
- ❖ Seating in alternative rows will be retained in the meantime to provide a safe environment for those who feel hesitant around returning to Sunday Eucharist. (This will be reviewed with the intention to remove it from 17<sup>th</sup> October)

- ❖ Communion will be provided under the form of Hosts only to allow time to fill vacant places on the roster to provide the number of ministers required for the ministry (It is intended to return to Communion under both kinds by 17<sup>th</sup> October)

The Parish Council is aware that some people may feel vulnerable with the easing of these requirements. If anyone wants to maintain personal restrictions (such as mask wearing etc) please feel free to do so. Masks will continue to be available in the foyer for those who want them. Other parishioners are asked to be understanding of those who still be vulnerable or hesitant around the easing of restrictions. We want to be a place where all parishioners feel both safe and welcomed.

While the Parish Council would like to return everything back to normal (the way it was) we hope that parishioners will appreciate the planned approach they have adopted to encourage those who are hesitant about returning and the supply personnel resourcing. They ask your patience and understanding as we move through this period of transition.

With thanks

## Parish Council

## 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.

## LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM

The Archdiocese of Wellington and the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission have signed up to the Laudato Si' Action Platform. You are invited to celebrate this commitment. Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday 2nd October, 10.30am Mass, St Thomas More Church (30A Worcestor Street, Wilton). All are welcome to attend this Eucharist presided by Cardinal John Dew on the last Sunday in the Season of Creation 2022.

## 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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## FOR THE YOUNG ONES



I will follow Jesus when I am tempted to do wrong.

## AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG

# The Dishonest Manager

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV).



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WELCOME	WORLDLY	STRONG	HATE	MANAGER
LOVE	WEALTH	DIG	RICH	BEG
GAIN	PEOPLE	ACCOUNT	WASTING	MASTER
TRUST	MONEY	PROPERTY	DEBTORS	DISHONEST



**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.