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) 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 and5 Palmer Crescent
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32 nd SUNDAY	ORDINARY TIM	IE YEAR C	6th November 2022
6 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	2Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14 2 Thess: 2: 16-3:5 Luke 20: 27-38	
13 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Malachi 3: 19-20 2 Thess: 3: 7-12 Luke 21: 5-19	

UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

Thurs 10th Nov 7.30 pm Parish Finance Committee





Weekday Eucharist

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP CHANGE OF TIME!

Hi everyone, can you please note that the 5th November gathering will now commence at **1.45pm**.

OUR COVID RESPONSE

You will have seen the Covid numbers are again on the rise. You are asked to continue to make wise choices in regards to your own health and to be mindful of the health of others. Masks and sanitiser are still provided for your use. Please, if you are unwell – stay home and seek medical advice.



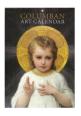
This weekend we re-introduce the Living Water's Café after the 10:30am Mass art Heretaunga – a chance to chat and have a cuppa with parishioners in Petit Centre.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available. They will be at the foyer of both Churches and in the Parish Office. A pack of 8 cards is \$6 each.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2023 - LIMITED

In **Limited** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



BIG WELCOME TO VIETNAMESE STUDENT



During the week Vietnamese student, Long Kim Thanh arrived to stay in the Presbytery while attending English Language School in Wellington We hope that Long will soon feel at home here with us. Please make him feel welcome during his stay with us

ALTAR SERVING UPDATE

It was pleasing to train 8 new altar servers for serving at our 10:30am mass at Our Lady of Grace. We still need servers for our 8.30am mass at St Francis Xavier, so please get in touch if your young one is interested (conorhealy26@gmail.com)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY URGENTLY NEEDED

We are seeking parishioners, (parents, grandparents, Duke of Edinburgh participants, indeed anyone interested in sharing a faith filled time with children) 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

NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

During the month of November, we remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated in the Parish during November. A box is also available to collect specific requests for Masses to be said for their intentions.

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives

Pope Francis Evangelli Gaudium



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

It sounds like a trick question; the Sadducees are setting Jesus up for a One suspects that whatever answer Jesus gives to their very technical question about death will be used to catch him out.

Sadducees are introduced as opponents of belief in the resurrection. Quoting the Law of Moses, under which a man whose brother died without children was obliged to marry his brother's widow, their question presents a hypothetical, far-fetched case. The story involves seven marriages and eight deaths, when you include the woman at its centre.

But Jesus surprises them with his answer, making their question seem ridiculous in the process. He brushes aside the premise of their case with what one commentator calls a 'theological shrug'. He sidesteps their attempt to trap him by affirming the reality of the life to come, which he says will be very different from how we imagine it. While we tend to think that heaven will be an improved and happier version of our earthly life, Jesus says the reality is different.

The relationships and structures of this life will be transformed in the next, far beyond our expectations. What we d know is that we will be with God. We might imagine it in the words from today's Psalm: 'I shall be filled when I awake, with the sight of your glory O Lord'.

ALTAR SOCIETY OLOG

Many thanks to those folk who kindly donated lovely vases for our church floral arrangements. Any further donations will still be accepted gratefully, adding some variety to the arrangements. Vases can be left in church foyer marked 'Altar Society', or left in the back room.



FUN QUIZZ Upper Hutt Catholic Women's League in conjunction with Ulysses Wellington are holding a Quiz Night on Friday, 11 November at the St Brendan's School Hall, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Cost \$10. Proceeds to the Muscular Dystrophy Children. 6 to 8 persons per table. Tickets are now available - contact Colleen 971 2893 or Susan 970

3730.

2022 WALKING HAND IN HAND WITH CHRIST - Adventurers

As we came back to school in the sunshine of Term 4, the pupils of the Adventurers Syndicate began their journey to discover the meaning of Stewardship -Kaitiakitanga. This means guardianship and protectors of God's Creation. It is also living sustainably and



enhancing the well-being of our planet, as Pope Francis encourages us to do in Laudato Si.

In the short time since the beginning of term pupils have planted seeds, carried out scientific experiments to study what happens to erode or damage our environment and made posters to promote waste free food at school.

Working in groups, the children are busy preparing weekly prayers based around our prayer focus of stewardship.

When we visit Our Lady of Grace we are taking the opportunity to find out more about our parish church. We are enjoying our question and answer sessions with Father Tony. The students are asking fantastic questions to grow their knowledge in their journey of faith.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned, with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact Louise Kelleher or Teena George at the Tribunal on 04 496 1727 or by email at tribunal.org.nz. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

Interested in Hosting an International Student in 2023?

Sacred Heart College is looking for caring families to host international students for short and long term stays next year. Hosting an international student is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about other cultures and forge life-long friendships. The homestay fee is \$310 per week, which includes providing the student with their own bedroom and three meals a day. Please get in touch today with our Homestay Coordinator for more information and an application pack at homestay@sacredheartcollege.school.nz



PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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 Sr Marcellin Wilson, Rev Michael

McVerry SM, John Yaw Boamah Mensah, Graeme Shadwell, and Moses Hirini. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

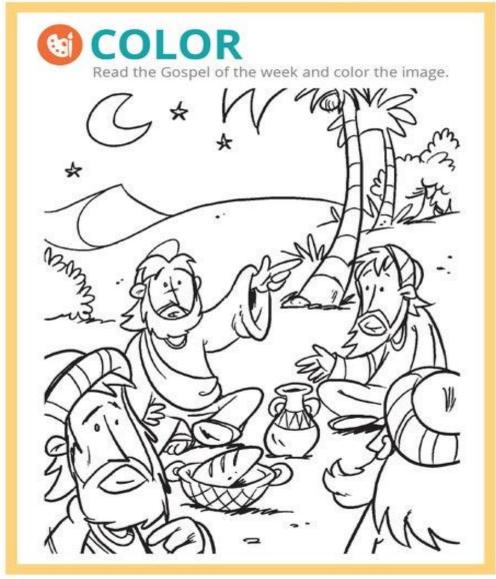






FOR THE YOUNG ONES





32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 20:27-38

AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG

Jesus and the Sadducees

And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36 (NIV)

Based on Luke 20:27-38



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MOSES	ABRAHAM	MARRY	ALIVE	BROTHER
ISAAC	JACOB	RISE	SEVEN	ANGELS
WIFE	WOMAN	DEAD	CHILDREN	WIDOW

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.