

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
Website	www.olv.org.nz E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR 1 27th November 2022

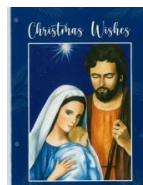
27 th Nov	1 st Reading	1 Isaiah 2: 1-5	
	2 nd Reading	2 Romans 13: 11-14	
Gospel		Matthew 24:37- 44	
4 th Dec	1 st Reading	1 Isaiah 11: 1-10	
	2 nd Reading	2 Romans 15: 4-9	
	Gospel		Matthew 3: 1-12

UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

Tues 29 th Nov	9:30 am	Liturgy of Word with Communion at SFX	
Wed 30 th Nov	9:00 am	Liturgy of Word with Communion at OLOG	
Thurs 1 st Dec	9:30 am	Liturgy of Word with Communion at SFX	
Fri 2 nd Nov	9:30 am	Mass with St. Brendan's School at OLOG	
Sat 3 rd Dec	2:00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre	
Sun 4 th Dec	4:00 pm	RITE II RECONCILIATION AT OLOG	

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.

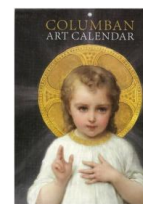


CHRISTMAS CARDS

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 – HURRY GOING FAST

Just 7 left and available at the Parish Office for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.





RITE II RECONCILIATION

At our Lady of Grace Church on Sunday 4th December at 4:00 pm
If you would like Rite I Reconciliation please contact Fr Tony for an appointment 04 972 4282

MEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

To be held on Friday the 16th December starting at 5.30 pm at Heretaunga. The approximate cost is \$14 per head. There is a clipboard in the foyer of each church to put your name in if you are going to attend. Contact Roger Wasson for further details on 021 116 2653



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2023

Enrolments for the 2032 Sacramental Preparation Program are now open for those candidates who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Enrolments can also be submitted on-line at www.olv.org.nz/sacraments/. Enrolment forms are also available in the foyer of both churches and the School.

Though enrolments close on 3rd February 2023 **please endeavour to enrol before the 18th December** as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on February 12th as the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Jenny Mahoney, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.)



One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.

You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

We will be having our Christmas gathering on 3rd December, 2pm, at the Pettit Centre. Come and enjoy our Christmas celebration. There will be a Christmas quiz, some carol singing and of course the usual friendly fellowship.

If possible could you please bring a small plate of food to share. Also bring a pretty cup, saucer and plate to use. We will enjoy a "high tea" together. Hope to see as many as possible.



MASS FOR LIFE

You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass. For more information please visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

“(Now) begins a time of consolation and hope, the time of Advent: a new liturgical year begins, which brings with it the novelty of our God, who is the ‘God of all consolation.’” “I wish you to experience Advent thus, as a time of consoling novelty and joyous waiting”.

Pope Francis 2018

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

COAST TO COAST ROSARY

Since 2018, the Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith has been held to coincide with the March for Life. The March, which is held in Wellington, starts at 3 pm and winds its way through the central city and ends in Parliament Grounds. At the same time the March is in progress, people gather together all over New Zealand, to pray the Holy Rosary. After the March there is a final Coast to Coast Rosary in Parliament Grounds around 4 pm. Please join the annual Coast to Coast Rosary on Saturday 3rd December at 3 pm. For more information visit coasttocoastrosary.co.nz.



ROSA MYSTICA CELEBRATION DEC 8TH

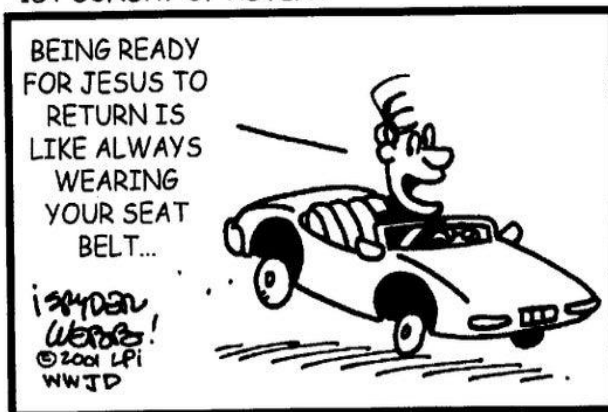
On Dec 8th (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosa Mystica. 'Annually at midday (12-1pm) on the 8th December, the Hour of Pardon for the world should be observed.' Our Lady to Perina Gilli (who allegedly received apparitions 1947-1966) This will take place at Waiwhetu parish, Our Lady of the Rosary, from 12-2pm. **Holy Mass will be celebrated at 1230 by Fr Jeff Drane.** We also have Reconciliation, Benediction, recitation of the Holy Rosary, hymns and prayers to Our Lady. Please join us and stay for afternoon tea!

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 Jenny Rogers, Josephine Rennie, Paul van Dorrestein, Judith Mariner, and Robert Stankowicz. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Feast of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal

Our Lady of Grace Church Heretaunga
27th of November 2022
10.30 - Holy Mass
11.30 - Fellowship

Rosary and Novena Prayers
18-26 November 2022
7.00 PM



O Mary conceived without sin,
Pray for us
who have recourse to thee.

FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



1st Sunday of Advent • Matthew 24:37-44

AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG

Be Prepared

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 36-44



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N L V Q F E R G J L E M T V U
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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.