

# 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**

5 Palmer Crescent

**Tel** (04) 972 4282

**Parish Office**

Heretaunga

**Parish Administrator**

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Website**

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**E-mail** [office@olv.org.nz](mailto:office@olv.org.nz) [pp@olv.org.nz](mailto:pp@olv.org.nz)

**St Brendan's School**


56 Palmer Cres

**Tel** (04) 939 1909


**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**YEAR 1**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	1 Isaiah 11: 1-10	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 Romans 15: 4-9	
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gospel	Matthew 3: 1-12	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	1 Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 James 5: 7-10	
	Gospel	Matthew 11: 2-11	

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	04:00 pm	<b>RITE II RECONCILIATION AT OLOG</b>	
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	07:30 pm	Parish Finance Committee	

## OUR COVID RESPONSE

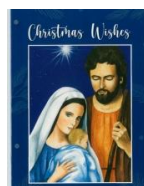
You will have seen the Covid numbers are again on the rise. You are asked to continue to make wise choices in regards to your own health and to be mindful of the health of others. Masks and sanitiser are still provided for your use. Please, if you are unwell – stay home and seek medical advice.



## RITE II RECONCILIATION

At our Lady of Grace Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4:00 pm

**If you would like Rite I Reconciliation please contact Fr Tony for an appointment 04 972 4282**

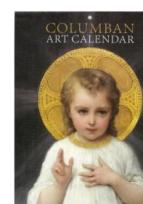


## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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 5 left and available for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



## MEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

To be held on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 2023 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/](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> December** as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on February 12<sup>th</sup> 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

John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to us of the good news of the gospel that God loves us – a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have we borne that witness?



John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been content to be yourself, without pretending to be more than you are? What was it like to have that freedom, even in the face of criticism from others?

John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' – announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?

## QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

God is hidden in our life, he is always there – he is concealed in the commonest and most ordinary situations in our life. He does not come in extraordinary events, but in everyday things; he manifests himself in everyday things. He is there, in our daily work, in a chance encounter, in the face of someone in need, even when we face days that seem grey and monotonous, it is right there that we find the Lord, who calls to us, speaks to us and inspires our actions.

*Pope Francis, Angelus Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 2022*

## 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!



## VINCENTIAN FOUNDATION FOR THE ELDERLY

Is a Charitable Trust providing hearing aid grants to seniors on low incomes.

The current secretary has resigned after a decade of dedicated service and an immediate replacement is sought.

This voluntary role involves processing grant applications, preparation of material for two trustee meetings each year and assisting with fund raising. The position requires working from home and the hours worked are flexible. A full job description is available on request.

If you are interested, please apply by sending your CV by 9 December 2022 to [info@vincentianfoundation.co.nz](mailto:info@vincentianfoundation.co.nz) or call 496 1732 for further information

## 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 Dennis Chard, 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.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Date	Time	Church	Presider
15 December	7.00 PM	Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga	<b>Achbsp. Novatus Rugambwa</b> <i>Apostolic Nuncio to NZ</i>
16 December	7.00 PM	Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga	<b>Rev. Fr. Kevin Connors</b> <i>Assisting Priest, St. Joseph Parish UH</i>
17 December	5.30 PM	St. Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley	<b>Rev. Fr. Tony Kearns</b> <i>Parish Priest, Our Lady of the Valleys Parish</i>
18 December	7.00 PM	Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga	<b>Rev. Fr. Dennis Nacorda</b> <i>Filipino Chaplaincy Coordinator</i>
19 December	7.00 PM	St. Joseph Church, Upper Hutt	<b>Rev. Fr. Alfred Tong</b> <i>Assisting Priest, Te Awa Kairangi Parish LH</i>
20 December	7.00 PM	St. Joseph Church, Upper Hutt	<b>Rev. Fr. Dennis Nacorda</b> <i>Filipino Chaplaincy Coordinator</i>
21 December	7.00 PM	Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga	<b>Monsignor Giosue Busti</b> <i>Deputy Head of Apostolic Nunciature in NZ</i>
22 December	7.00 PM	St. Joseph Church, Upper Hutt	<b>Rev. Fr. Biju Xavier</b> <i>Assistant Parish Priest, St. Joseph Parish UH</i>
23 December	7.00 PM	St. Joseph Church, Upper Hutt	<b>Cardinal John Dew</b> <i>Archbishop of Wellington</i>

*"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Let us bless you from the Lord's house." Psalm 118:26*

# Simbang Gabi

(Christmas Novena Mass)

# 2022

## Upper Hutt



**FOR THE YOUNG ONES**

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent • Matthew 3:1-12



## AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG

### Ready for the Christ of Christmas

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:1-12



JOHN THE BAPTIST  
*Matthew 3*

W L U Z M H V J O J Q V Q S U  
I Y V S L O G N K M D B H A K  
K C T X T N M R H K Y T E X X  
C I X J T E Z Y J T A E S L E  
P N N Y Y Y A S L P P T R Z T  
R B M G J W I L D G S U E S Q  
E D A H D H A I R U X G P T C  
P Z O P Y O U S C E N U E R F  
A T O Q T W M O H I N J N A F  
R Z S G N I L O H L R L T I M  
E Z J N P O Z C P N E P Y G P  
E S P O A E A E H M N N Z H C  
L O R D H E M T A F T Q X T Y  
J W K K R N J C U Y C T Q T U  
I X E P F N M H L D Z D E N I

LORD  
BAPTIZE  
REPENT

PREPARE  
STRAIGHT  
LOCUSTS

KINGDOM  
PATHS  
HONEY

JOHN  
PREACHING  
CAMEL

HAIR  
WILD  
BELT

## **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.