

# 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 Heretaunga <b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.olv.org.nz">www.olv.org.nz</a> <b>E-mail</b> <a href="mailto:office@olv.org.nz">office@olv.org.nz</a> <a href="mailto:pp@olv.org.nz">pp@olv.org.nz</a>
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR 1 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1 Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10 2 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11	
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1 Isaiah 7: 10-14 2 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25	

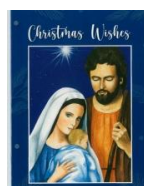
### UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	05:30 pm	Men's Christmas Gathering at Heretaunga	
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	07:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	

**A WARM WELCOME TO CARDINAL JOHN DEW WHO WILL BE JOINING US AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

### 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.

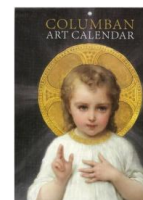


### CHRISTMAS CARDS

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



## MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

<b>Sat Dec</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Family Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga preceded by carols from 5:00pm
		<b>12:00 Midnight</b>	Christmas Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley preceded by carols from 11:30
<b>Sun Dec</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09.30 am</b>	Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga



## FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



The florists at Stokes Valley and Heretaunga are requesting parishioners if they would like to provide flowers in **white or gold** and foliage suitable for decorating the Church for Christmas Flowers etc can be left in the front porch of either church **by 11:00 am Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at OLOG and by 4:00 pm at SFX.**

Buckets will be placed in front of both churches. Thanks in anticipation.

## 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/](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

In response to the question of John, Jesus let his actions speak for him. Some people show by the way they live what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Who has given you such an example? Perhaps there have been times when you have done the same for others.

John made a journey of faith from an incomplete knowledge of Jesus to a deeper understanding of who he was. Recall similar steps in your journey of faith.

Faith is not primarily about answering abstract theological questions but about living the gospel. What in your life has helped you to get that sense of perspective?

John marked the end of an era, Jesus the beginning of a new one. In our lives how do we honour the past and yet be free to move on into the future?

## QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

God is hidden in our life, he is always there – he is concealed in the “Brothers and sisters, in this Season of Advent, let us be shaken out of our torpor and let us awaken from our slumber! Let’s try to ask ourselves: am I aware of what I am living, am I alert, am I awake? Do I try to recognize God’s presence in daily situations..?”

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

## NOVEMBER MASS COUNT

The numbers listed below are an average of the counts undertaken in the Parish over the five Sundays of November:

5:30 pm (Vigil) – Stokes Valley	60
8:30 am (Sunday) – Stokes Valley	97
10:30 am (Sunday) - Heretaunga	141
10:30 am (Sunday) – Home of Compassion)	15
11:30 am (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday) – Stokes Valley	57
7:00 pm (Sunday) – St Patrick’s College	64
<b>TOTAL AVERAGE FOR THE MONTH</b>	<b>434</b>



## 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.

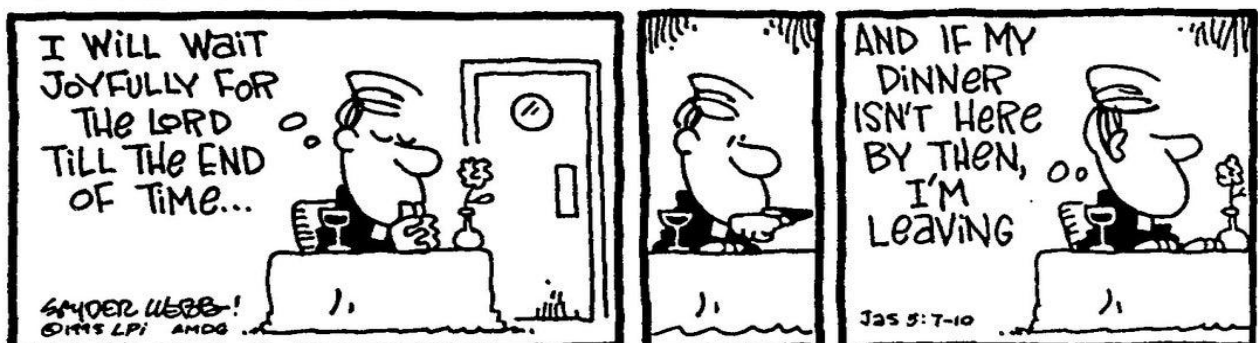
If you are interested, please apply by sending your CV by 9 December 2022 to [info@vincentianfoundation.co.nz](mailto:info@vincentianfoundation.co.nz) or call 496 1732 for further information

## 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 Fr David Arms SSC, Dennis Chard. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially John Carson. May they rest in peace.



## 32 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.



3rd Sunday of Advent • Matthew 11:2-11



## AND FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG

# The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:5 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 11:2-11 (NIV).



P F R A I S E D X P X G W O B  
R K P R I S O N T T U P O X O  
E S J E F N I B S U Q D O O A  
A D O F K O I I S B C N E O D  
C U H N G I R H E Y U L U A R  
H W N S R H M E F D R Z N F D  
E A M F C C C A D L E Z E T N  
D L M K R C E X L M D E W C I  
V K J A S D F L L C S W S Q S  
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R O N C N H H M I M G O Q A E  
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BLIND	LAME	HEARD	DEAF	HEAR
GOOD	PREACHED	POOR	CHRIST	DEAD
RAISED	SEE	LEPROSY	PRISON	JOHN
NEWS	CURED	SIGHT	WALK	HEAR

## **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.