

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)
Weekday Liturgy of Word and HC Wednesday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
Reconciliation By appointment with Parish Priest
Presbytery and Parish Office 5 Palmer Crescent Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator Heretaunga
 Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A	22 nd January 2023
READINGS			
22 nd Jan	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	1 Isaiah 8: 23-9:3 Heb 9: 15, 24-28 Matt 4: 12-23	
29 th Jan	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	1 Zeph 2:3, 3: 12-13 2. 1 Cor: 1: 26-31 Matt 5: 1-12	



WELCOME BACK FR. TONY

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY
 At **Our Lady of Grace Church**, Heretaunga
 Eucharistic Ministers, Cleaners, Cafe

At **St Francis Xavier**, Stokes Valley
 Eucharistic Ministers, Cleaners.



Please contact the office on 9724282 if you can help out.

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light' ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?



His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?

Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?

In v 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?



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/. Enrolment forms are also available in the foyer of both churches and the School.

Enrolments close on 3rd February 2023. 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.



NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email please advise the Parish Office of your email address: office@olv.org.nz

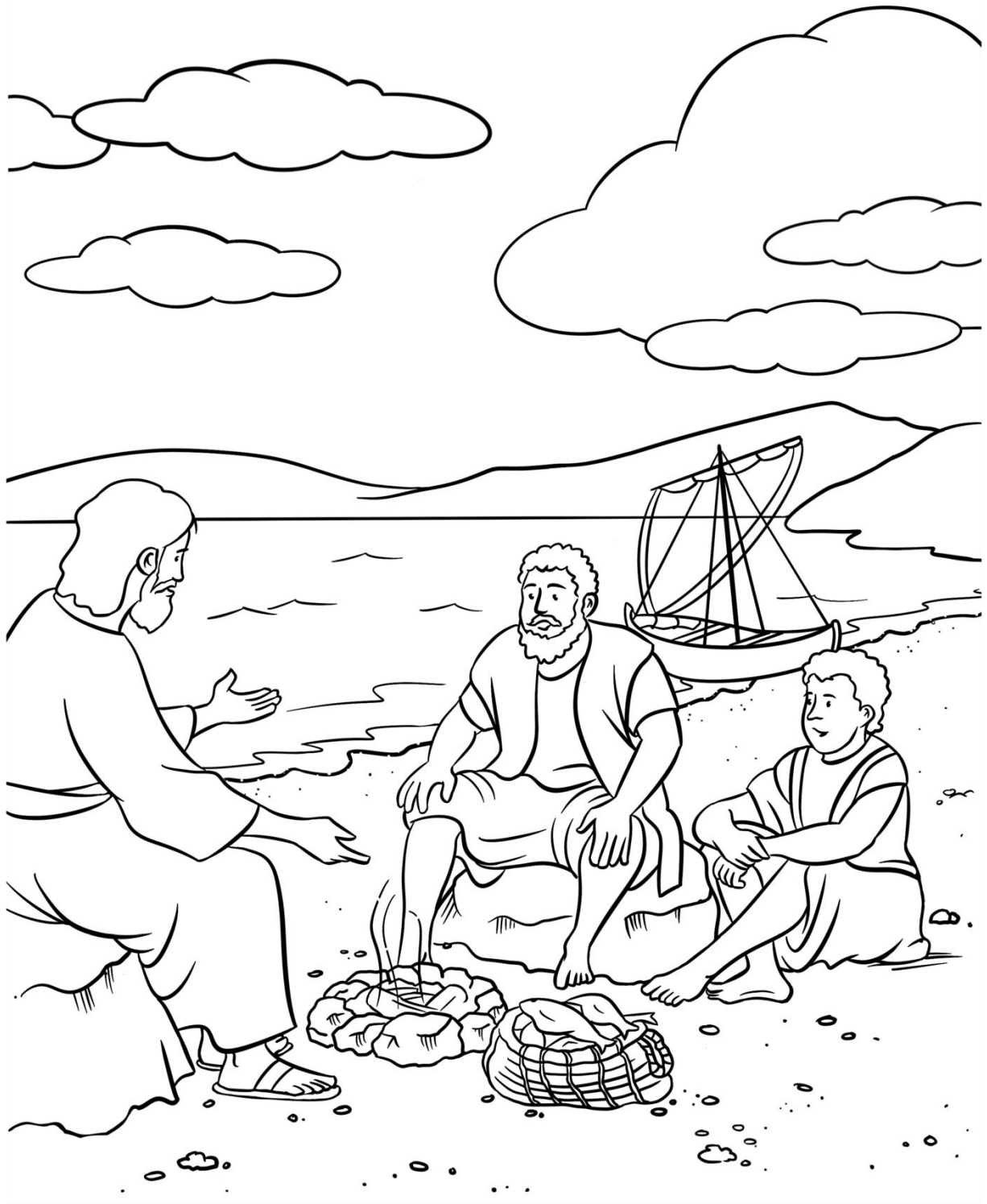


PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently including Jennifer Christensen and Pope Benedict XVI. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES



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A PUZZLE FOR YOU

Fishing for People

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT).

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

BROTHERS	JAMES	NETS	COME
BOAT	PETER	WATER	FOLLOW
ANDREW	LIVING	JESUS	SITTING
WALKING	PEOPLE	JOHN	SHORE

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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.