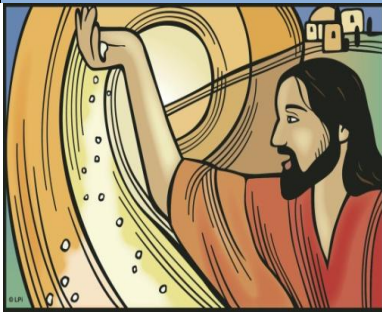


# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



**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  
**Website** [www.olv.org.nz](http://www.olv.org.nz) 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

5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year A	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>READINGS</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1 Isaiah 58: 7-10 2. 1 Cor: 2: 1-5 Matt 5: 13-16	
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1 Ecus. 15: 15-20 2. 1 Cor: 2: 6-10 Matt 5: 17-37	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2:00 pm	Women's Circle of Friendship 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Pettit
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:00 am	Waitangi Day Mass at St Joseph's Upper Hutt
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5:30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:30 pm	Parish Finance Committee
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00 am	<u>Adoration Of Blessed Sac begins for 2023</u>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11:45 am	<b>PARISH PICNIC – ALL WELCOME</b>



**VOLUNTEERS**

## 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.**

## ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Parishioners are invited to bring their Palms from previous year's Palm Sunday service (if you have them) to leave in the basket in the foyer of the Church ready for Ash Wednesday. These will be burnt to provide the Ashes used to mark the beginning of Lent on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you.



Ash  
Wednesday

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL



I recently watched the film adaptation of "Godspell" with my teenage daughter. I had such fond memories of watching it when I was young, back in the day. I listened to the soundtrack so many times and learned to play many of the songs on my guitar. The exclamation from the show, "You are the light of the world!" has always been firmly planted in my mind.

After about ten minutes, my daughter looked at me with that look only a teenage girl can display. "What is this?" she asked with a certain level of condescension. Yes, the film did not hold up so well in the eyes of the twenty-first-century critic. So we laughed most of the way through it.

What attracted me to the film and the soundtrack in the first place wasn't Jesus in a Superman shirt or the idea of the apostles wondering around the urban jungle. I was attracted to the message. I was attracted to that assertion in the song, "You are the light of the world."

There will always be people who see the Gospel of Jesus Christ as dated, irrelevant, and even hokey. You and I are called to be the light of the world? Good stewards must never shy away from living lives that truly bear witness to the reality of the Gospel. The parables of Jesus have as much meaning for us today as ever. Look around. The world we live in needs a little light for sure.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc*

## WAITANGI DAY MASS

Nau mai, haere mai! The customary Waitangi Day Mass to pray for this land and all who dwell here under the guardianship of the Treaty will be celebrated on Monday, 6th February, 9:00 am at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St, Wellington. This Mass combines the choirs of St Mary of the Angels and Te Ngākau Tapu parish for Māori in Porirua. Prayers will be primarily be in Māori, English and Latin along with various other languages. Celebrant: Fr Frank Bird sm. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is tasked with overseeing the physical assets and resources of the Parish. Because of a couple of resignations from the Committee they are seeking interested parishioners to join them in the work they do to support the pastoral activities of the Parish. If you would like to join please contact the Chair Roger Wasson or Fr Tony,



## PARISH PICNIC

The ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC is scheduled for **NEXT SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. As in past years it will be after 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Heretaunga. It will be held on the front lawn of the Presbytery 5 Palmer Crescent

ALL parishioners and friends are welcome to attend. SEE YOU THERE

## AUCKLAND FLOOD RELIEF

The diocese of Auckland has set up a way to donate to the people of Auckland who have suffered in the floods, through the Catholic Caring Foundation. Cardinal John has asked me to send it to as you may want to make the information in the Bishops letter attached available in your parish newsletter.



## 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.

Enrolments close on 3rd February 2023. 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.



**Engaged Encounter** is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married.

Weekends for 2023 are 18 & 19 March, 19 & 20 August, and 25 & 26 November. Venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. Registrations close 2 weeks before.

For more details go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/> Phone Kate and Simon Olson. Mobile 027 486 0700 or email [simonolsen@gmail.com](mailto:simonolsen@gmail.com)



## PLANNED GIVING

“Everything – time, talent and treasure – given to the parish is a gift.”

Have you ever considered going on the Planned Giving system here at Our Lady of the Valleys Parish? You can do this by Automatic Payment or the weekly envelope system.

Your donations entitle you to a 33% tax rebate and a receipt will be provided to you at the end of the financial year. Planned Giving forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These can be completed and placed in the collection baskets. If you have any enquiries please ring Jovena in the Parish Office 528 2028



**Wanted-** Has anyone got a first Holy Communion dress in their wardrobe that they have no need for. Urgently needed for use in Samoa. Please ring Susan, President, Wellington Archdiocesan Council, Catholic Women's League Ph 970 3730 or 021 068 3065.

## LODGING AVAILABLE IN HERETAUNGA

Quiet off-street room in Fergusson Drive, available early March. Share with the owner. Lodger has run of the house.



There are several areas for solitude apart from the bedroom: covered sun-room, outside deck, small walled garden, separate dining room. \$315/week, includes power. Twice weekly cleaner is included in room cost.

The house is shared with my mother who is elderly and of limited mobility, but is sociable and good company. She has her own ensuite, a second bathroom is available for the lodger. Carers visit morning and evening every day; there are no care expectations whatsoever for the lodger.

Please contact Nick Taylor (021) 428392, or email [taylorncb@hotmail.com](mailto:taylorncb@hotmail.com).

## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO WHY DIFFERENT COLOURS



You may notice over the Church's year changes in the colours of the vestments of the priest and decorating the altar space. This has nothing to do with the whim of fashion. Different colours are used to symbolise the truths and sentiments expressed by the different liturgical celebrations. Purple (symbolising penance and royalty) is used during Advent and Lent, red (warmth and blood) for Pentecost, and feasts commemorating the sufferings of Christ and martyrs, white (joy purity, innocence and glory) for celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, weddings, baptisms, and funerals, green for Sundays in Ordinary Time.

## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email please advise the Parish Office of your email address: [office@olov.org.nz](mailto:office@olov.org.nz). We also use this distribution list to notify parishioners of significant events happening between newsletters



**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 Mons John Carde, Jennifer Christensen, Shona Dix and Robert Danks. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 5:13-16

# A PUZZLE FOR YOU

## Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
J	O	N	K	Y	V	C	T	W	B	D	P	L	E	M	Z	Q	G	R	A	H	U	X	S	I	F

- 18-2-2-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-2-22-24-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-14-14-11-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-25-18-21-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-2-9-13 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-20-15-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-2-19-13-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-21-25-3-14 \_\_\_\_\_

LAMP	SHINE	DEEDS	BOWL
LIGHT	HOUSE	GOOD	WORLD