

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)

Weekday Eucharist

Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
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
Heretaunga

Tel (04) 972 4282

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

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
READINGS**

Year A

12th February 2023

12th Feb

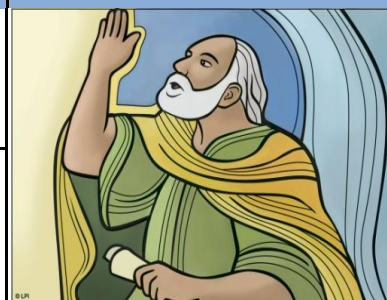
1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Ecus. 15: 15-20
1 Cor: 2: 6-10
Matt 5: 17-37

19th Feb

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Levit 19: 1-2, 17-18
1 Cor: 3: 16-23
Matt 5: 38-48



EVENTS THIS WEEK



Sun 12 th Feb	11:45 am	PARISH PICNIC – Front lawn Presbytery HTG
	7:00 pm	Sac Prog 1 st Parent Meeting Pettit Centre
Wed 15 th Feb	11:00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thurs 16 th Feb	1:30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, Stokes Valley

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON
15TH AT OLOG AND ON 16TH AT STOKES VALLEY**

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.

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd February

As in the past the following Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be imposed at them all



6:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Heretaunga

9:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church (St Brendan's attending)

7:30 pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT FROM 22nd FEBRUARY

On each Wednesday in Lent there will be an additional Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 6:30 am for those who might like to choose this as a Lenten Observance.

QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT October – December 2022

Operating Income	59,704
Less Expenditures	
• Pastoral Costs	(23,286)
• Property Costs*	(14,366)
• Administration Costs	(7,613)
Total Operating Expenditure	(45,264)
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	14,440
Balance Sheet Flows	
• Balance Sheet Inflows	4,980
• Balance Sheet Outflows	(5,152)
Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr	14,269



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.lov.org.nz/sacraments/. Enrolment forms are also available in the foyer of both churches and the School.

The **Programme starts this weekend** on February 12th with the First Parent Meeting in the Pettit Centre at 7:00 pm.

LENTEN CARING ENVELOPES



Envelopes are available in the foyer of both churches for the Bishops 2023 Lenten Appeal. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or the single donation envelope. These can be placed in the collection baskets during the Sunday of Lent or mailed directly to the Caritas Offices. A freepost envelope is available for this latter option.

Donations received by the Caritas Office by the 31st March 2023 will have tax receipts for the 2022/23 Tax year. If received after 1st April they will be issued for the 2023/24 tax year.

CARITAS thanks you for your generous support.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

In this section of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour. He challenges our inner attitudes. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?



Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others?

For Jesus, people with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force?

In recent times public discourse sometimes has little respect for truth. What effect does this have on how you view politicians or other people in the public eye? What helps you to distinguish the truth from fake news?



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 3rd MARCH 1:00 pm

"I Have Heard About Your Faith" – this is the theme of this year's Ecumenical service prepared by the WDP Committee of Taiwan. You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at St Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt, followed by afternoon tea. For further information ring Susan 970 3730 or Helen 528 9635.



PARISH PICNIC

The ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC is scheduled for **THIS SUNDAY 12th 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

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO..

The word '*LITURGY*'; comes from two Greek words meaning '*the work of the people*'. We are reminded that when we gather to worship it is the whole community that participates, from the youngest to the eldest. Catholic worship is not simply the work of the priest, altar servers and other ministers, with the rest of the congregation looking on.



The term '*EUCHARIST*' comes from the Greek word '*eucharistia*' (thanksgiving). It was used in the early Church to refer to the entire celebration as well as the consecrated bread and wine. The Mass is the greatest act of worship by which Christians give thanks for the salvation God has offered to us through Jesus Christ.

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.

CARITAS APPEAL FOR VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY/SYRIA

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday 6 February which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people. If you would like to donate, you can do so online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at this link: www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online. (Please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake) or the Caritas bank account: 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code.)

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 entitles 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

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, Peter Hobbs and Jennifer Christensen. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

6th 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.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

A PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

OBEY
BETTER
MURDER

ANGRY
FAITHFUL
THOUGHTS

PROMISE
KEEP
SWEAR

Y	T	O	B	U	O	M	E	U	Y	S
A	G	L	S	W	E	A	R	O	T	I
B	R	E	H	T	I	N	Y	E	H	A
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MISSION

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.



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