

# 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>Weekday Liturgy of Word and HC</b>	Wednesday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>	Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
<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
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5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent		YEAR A	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
READINGS			
26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 John 11:1-45	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians 2: 6-11 Matt 26: 14-27, 66	

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3.00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (RITE II) at SFX
Wed 29 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	6:30 am	Early Morning Mass at OLOG
	10.00 am	Morning Tea at Silverspoon, Silverstream Village
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at St Francis Xavier SV



## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

At Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga

**CAFE**, Altar Society (flower arrangements and brass polishing)



At St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley

Eucharistic Ministers for Sat 5.30 pm Mass, Cleaners.

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

## FLOWERS FOR EASTER



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 Easter. Flowers etc can be left in the front porch of either church **by 9:00 am 8<sup>th</sup> March Saturday at SFX and at OLOG**. Buckets will be placed in front of both churches. Thanks in anticipation.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley. ALLWELCOME



## PARISH MORNING TEA

You are all invited (yes, you men too) to our last Wednesday of the month morning tea. This time we are meeting at the Silverspoon in Silverstream village at 10am on Wednesday, 29th March. Hope to see you there!



## PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

In preparation for Palm Sunday in April of this year the Liturgy Committee would like to know if there is anyone able to assist in acquiring **PHOENIX palms** that are used to decorate both churches.

If you can help out please contact the Parish Office 972 4282

## TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK



<b>Monday 3rd April</b>	7:00pm	Chrism Mass at St Theresa's, Pro-Cathedral Karori
<b>Tuesday 4th April</b>	9:30 am	Mass - St Francis Xavier Church
<b>Wednesday 5th April</b>	6:30 am 9:00 am	Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church
<b>Holy Thursday 6th April</b>	7:30 pm	Mass of the Last Supper Our Lady of Grace Church
<b>Good Friday 7th April</b>	3:00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord Our Lady of Grace Church
<b>Holy Saturday 8th April</b>	8:00 pm	Vigil Light Service St Francis Xavier Church
<b>Easter Sunday 9th April</b>	8:30 am 10:30 am	Mass of Easter - St Francis Xavier Church Mass of Easter - Our Lady of Grace Church

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**RITE II**) will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Church this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00pm. An invitation is offered to all in the Parish who wish to experience God's loving grace and forgiveness to join us at this celebration. We will be joined at this liturgy by the twenty-five young candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time.



If you would prefer to have the Sacramental privately under the **RITE I** format, Father Tony is usually available after the weekday Masses at St Francis Xavier or Our Lady of Grace Church or you can ring him at the Presbytery (972 4282) to arrange a time at your convenience.



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next gathering will be Saturday 1 April at the Petit Centre, behind Our Lady of Grace Church.

Our guest speaker will be Bruce Austin who will talk to us about his visits to Nepal and his involvement with the Sherpa community in

both Nepal and New Zealand, and the Sherpa family who live with him, here in Upper Hutt.

Our book swap table has many interesting books. Please feel free to take a book. If you have any books to add you are welcome to bring them along.

As usual a gold coin donation or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated.

We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa. We look forward to seeing you all.

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL



Martha and Mary were people of faith but Jesus led them to an even deeper faith. Who were the people who led you to a deeper faith in Jesus? Remember them and give thanks.

Martha and Mary were struggling to come to terms with their bereavement. What has helped you in similar situations?

The concern of Jesus is palpable and touching. Recall those who matter to you and to whom you matter. Such love mediates God's love, which surpasses human love with the gift of new life and Easter joy.

One can imagine Lazarus as a symbol of people and groups that are written off as dead (sometimes by themselves), and yet through faith come back to life again. Have you had the experience of being revived by faith? Has faith helped to free you from what held you in bondage, or was destructive of your life?

## HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 28 March at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.



**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 Mavis Woodney, Josette Gibbs and Peter Brown. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

## 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT





Community of the Holy Family  
invites you to

## 2023 Lenten Recollection

# "I am the Light of the World"

Fr. Raymond Soriano

*Speaker*

Our Lady of Kapiti Church,  
1 Presentation Way, Paraparaumu  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, Saturday,  
9:00am-3:30pm

*Prayers, reflection, confession, Stations of the Cross*

*There will be shared lunch during the activity. A koha is very much appreciated.*

*Jn 8:12*



In celebration of the Day of Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we are inviting **all kids to wear white and wear angel wings**, if you may, **on Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 for the 10.30 mass** in Our Lady of Grace Heretaunga. We will have a simple activity in which we will sing Hallelujah as we celebrate that Our Lord has Risen. We will have **a short practice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April** (Palm Sunday) at the end of the 10.30 mass. Also, we will have some games and activities prepared for everyone for a Picnic at the end of the Easter Sunday mass. Let us celebrate this Great Day of our Faith!  
Let us celebrate Our Risen Lord! Hallelujah!

**Easter Sunday Celebration!**



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Lent • John 11:1-45



## PUZZLE FOR YOU



### PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~GOD'S SON~~  
SICKNESS  
RISE

LAZARUS  
MARY  
MARTHA

BELIEVES  
WEEPING  
WRAPPED

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### MISSION

Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.



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