

# 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**

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Heretaunga

**Tel** (04) 972 4282

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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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## PALM SUNDAY READINGS

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2nd April 2023

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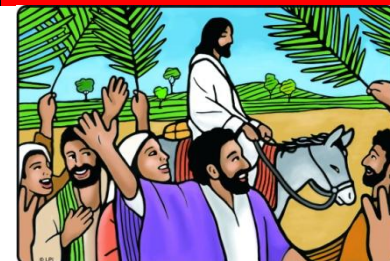
1st Reading  
2nd Reading  
Gospel

Isaiah 50: 4-7  
Philippians 2: 6-11  
Matt 26: 14-27, 66

9th Apr

1st Reading  
2nd Reading  
Gospel

Acts 10: 34, 37-43  
Col 3: 1-4  
John 20: 1-9



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sat 1st Apr	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
Wed 5th Apr	6:30 am	Early Morning Mass at OLOG
	1.30 pm	CWL Stations of the Cross – Pettit Centre



## 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



## 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> April Saturday at SFX and at OLOG**. Buckets will be placed in front of both churches. Thanks in anticipation.



## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

**Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga**

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

**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.**

## CWL MONTHLY MEETING

We'd like to invite all women to share our Lenten reflection with the Stations of the Cross at our next meeting on Wednesday, 5th April at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre.

Please bring along a photo or any small memento of a loved one who has died so they can be remembered in our liturgy.

### Can you help?

We have a request for wool from some of our members who are knitting beanies, slippers and small teddies.

If you can help please ring Kathleen on 027-659-0702



## CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is seeking an experienced Executive Assistant and Office Manager.

Please see <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us> for details or contact Amanda Gregan, Resource Manager on 027 9399 575.



## FUN QUIZZ

The Upper Hutt Branch of the Catholic Women's League are holding a Fun Quizz on Friday, 28th April at the St Brendan's School Hall. 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. \$10 per person. 6-8 per table. Proceeds to the Diabetes NZ Youth Programme and St Vincent de Paul UH. Raffles available and supper provided. Tickets on sale from Susan [vancara42@gmail.com](mailto:vancara42@gmail.com) or Helen [rggreig@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rggreig@xtra.co.nz).

## QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

When we resort to violence, we show that we no longer know anything about God, or even about others. We lose sight of why we are in the world and even end up committing senseless acts of cruelty. We see this in the folly of war, where Christ is crucified yet another time. Christ is once more nailed to the Cross in mothers who mourn the unjust death of husbands and sons. He is crucified in refugees who flee from bombs with children in their arms. He is crucified in the elderly left alone to die; in young people deprived of a future; in soldiers sent to kill their brothers and sisters. Christ is being crucified there, today.

Pope Francis, [Homily 10/04/2022](#)



## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the GOOD NEWS the story has for us. Here are just a few general pointers for prayer.

The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you? When has the willingness of another person to go to great lengths on your behalf been an eyeopener of his/her love for you?

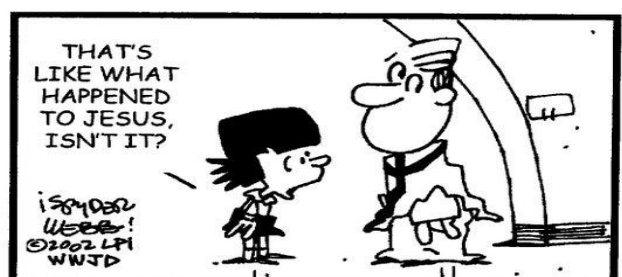
Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?

As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving?



**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.

### PALM SUNDAY





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.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • Matthew 21:1-11



## PUZZLE FOR YOU

### The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



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RIDING  
BRANCHES  
CLOAKS  
VILLAGE

SPOKEN  
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JESUS  
JERUSALEM  
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OLIVES

PROPHET  
HOSANNA  
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GENTLE

MOUNT  
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