

# 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)

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)

**Reconciliation**

By appointment with Parish Priest

**Presbytery and**

5 Palmer Crescent

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**Parish Office**

Heretaunga

**Parish Administrator**

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

YEAR A

16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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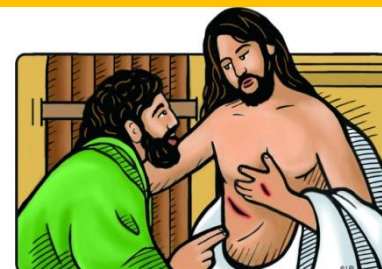
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Gospel

Acts 2: 42-47  
1 Peter 1: 3-9  
John 20: 19-31

23<sup>rd</sup> Apr

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Gospel

Acts 2: 14, 22-28  
1 Peter 1: 17-21  
Luke 24: 13-35



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Apr 11:00 am

Anointing Mass in the Pettit Centre

Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Apr 1:30 pm

Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home

7.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting

**Please note there will be NO Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> April at OLOG and No Mass on 20<sup>th</sup> April at SFX**



## PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The New Tax year begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Over the next couple of weeks the Parish Office will be preparing and checking the tax Inland Revenue charitable donation receipts for 2022-23. These will be available by end of April /early May along with the envelopes for the year 2023-24.

Your contributions are much appreciated and support the life and ministry of your Parish. We do encourage parishioners to contribute by Automatic Payment.

## 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.**



## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?



Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubts and questions played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?

'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?



## LIVING STONES COMMITTEE – 2019 BUILDING REVIEW

In February 2019 Cardinal John issued a directive to all parishes calling for a review of the number of churches in the parish and incorporating a review of priest accommodation. Following extensive parish consultation, a response was sent back to Cardinal John in November 2019.

Covid restricted ongoing progress following this review however it is now time to move forward on the original recommendations.

The key theme of the review was that it is unsustainable to continue with two churches within the parish. This is both from a financial perspective and the likely drop in priest numbers moving forward. Change provides an opportunity to develop parish buildings that reflect community needs and that are suitable for many years ahead.

The options are:

- Consolidate onto the Stokes Valley site
- Consolidate onto the Heretaunga site
- Build a new facility on a new site

Each of the options has its own pros and cons.

A key consideration is having a church that can be accessed by the St Brendan's School Community.

The Living Stones group has not been formed to make and implement any decision but to lead the Parish towards making a decision. Once made then a new group with the required skill set will look to develop and execute on an appropriate project. You can expect to hear more about the options and to have a voice as we move forward. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to talk to any of the group's members.

**Fr Tony, Grant Avery, Julie Stewart, Seu Sio, Pat Hoult, Tino Aukusitino, Chris Henley, Conor Healy**



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS CANDIDATES RECEIVED INTO THE PARISH FAMILY

The Parish welcomes and congratulates Amy Munro, Kate Lamb and Phoenix Morris who were received into the Church during the Easter Vigil ceremony on April 8th at St Francis Xavier Church.

We continue to pray for them as they continue to walk with Jesus and us on their journey of faith.



## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

From the first week of May 2023, there will be group bible studies in the meeting room at Our Lady of Grace Church. Is God impressing upon you to share some of the thoughts you get from the Sunday readings, or you want to listen to what others are learning from it? Come let us discuss and reflect the way together. Meetings will start from **7:30 pm -9:00 pm on Tuesday evenings.**



## 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) on #9703730 or Helen [rggreig@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rggreig@xtra.co.nz).

## HOLY HOUR

There will be **NO** Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 April as it is Anzac Day. This Holy Hour is celebrated usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month in Connolly Hall Chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and the consecrated life.





**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 Teresa Nicholas, Sr Susanna Kraus, and Mavis Woodney. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN THE SPIRIT  
OF THE EARLY  
CHURCH, I  
WOULD LIKE  
TO SHARE  
WHAT I HAVE  
WITH YOU!



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# FOR THE YOUNG ONES

## Doubting Thomas



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## PUZZLE FOR YOU

### Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED