

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

Tel (04) 972 4282

Parish Office

Heretaunga

Parish Administrator

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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St Brendan's School

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**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
READINGS**

YEAR A

23rd April 2023

16th Apr

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

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

30th Apr

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Acts 2: 14, 36-41
1 Peter 2: 20-25
John 10: 1-10



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue 25th Apr

9:30 am

Anzac Day Mass at SFX

Wed 26th Apr

10.00 am

Coffee morning at Silverspoon Cafe, Silverstream

Thur 27th Apr

7.30 pm

Parish Liturgy Meeting



PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The New Tax year begins on the 1st 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 **NEXT WEEK**.

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, Readers for Sat 5.30 pm Mass, Cleaners.

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



QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT January – March 2023

Operating Income	55,205
Less Expenditures	
• Pastoral Costs	(22,390)
• Property Costs*	(8,749)
• Administration Costs	(8,763)
Total Operating Expenditure	(39,902)
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	15,303
Balance Sheet Flows	
• Balance Sheet Inflows	4,202
• Balance Sheet Outflows	(4,423)
Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr	15,081



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. 'We had hoped...'.... When you have been upset or disappointed, who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?

Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. When did you have the experience of finding your heart 'burning within you' with new hope for the future? Who/what helped you to change after a setback?

The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table – there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way. In what way in such relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?

After Jesus had gone the disciples went to bring the good news to others. When have you met others who told you what happened to them along their road? What effect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation 'good news' for you or others?

PARISH MORNING TEA

You are all invited to our last Wednesday of the month morning tea at the Silverspoon Cafe in Silverstream village at 10am on Wednesday, 26th April.





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 on #9703730 or Helen rggreig@xtra.co.nz.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Last month's gathering was attended by a good number of ladies who listened attentively to Bruce Austin. He told us about his experiences in Nepal and the Cherbouche Trust he and his late wife Katy set up to help the Sherpa community in a remote village in Nepal. Houses and the school have received new roofs and solar panels and a large community green house was built to enable vegetables to be grown all year. Also a bridge has been constructed linking two villages. Fundraising activities throughout the year, here in the Wellington region, ensure this remote community is given a hand up, not a hand out.

We look forward to seeing everybody again at next month's meeting, details of which will be in next week's newsletter.

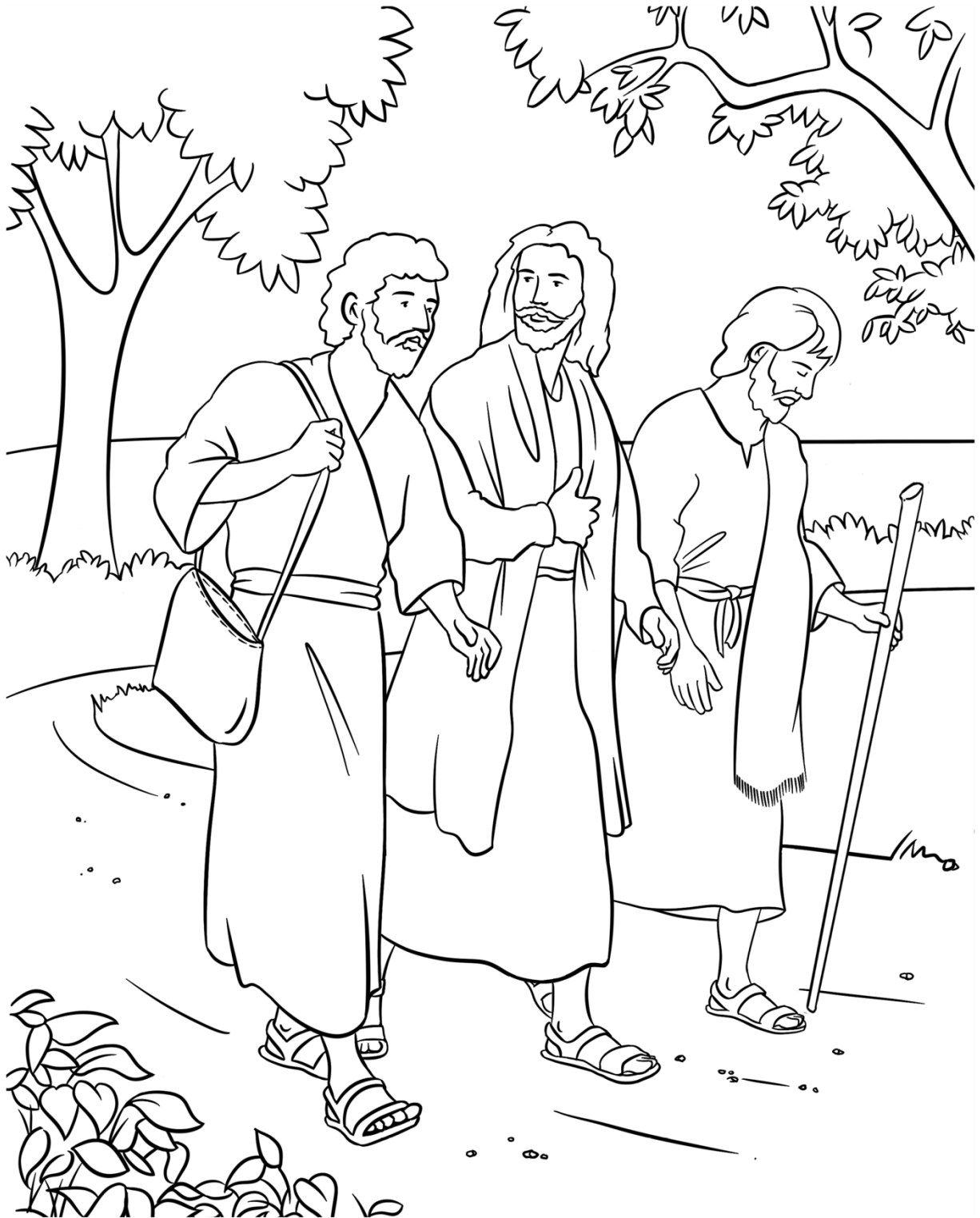


PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, including Bernadette Coleman, Teresa Nicholas, Sr Susanna Kraus, and Mavis Woodney. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Shelagh Dillon, Val Gibbons/Dillon, and Gregory Dillon. May they rest in peace.

3^d SUNDAY OF EASTER



FOR THE YOUNG ONES



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PUZZLE FOR YOU

On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).



W X Q T T I Z H E G H W Z O R
V O D H L I F G J S E C R O E
Q P E A Y N I Q I H Y Q T G U
C E P N A B J L X D E I A T X
T N Y K D R O I E E S L Y U H
J E I S E O Z K F I L C K G R
I D S V F A L L V I G R R J X
B P K T T A H T V K U U S K E
D E R W W B R E A D N C U F I
U S L O C L E O P A S I F V E
O T D I P H F V S C M F F I A
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J M S M C V E Y K J S E R Z G
E M M A U S E T Y L E D P C O
J V K V I D K H J E S U S R Z

WALKED
MOSES
THANKS
CLEOPAS

JESUS
BREAD
FOOLISH
OPENED

SUFFER
BELIEVE
PROPHET
VILLAGE

CRUCIFIED
VISITOR
EYES
EMMAUS