

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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**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
READINGS**

YEAR A

30th April 2023

30th Apr

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

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

7th May

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Acts 6: 1-7
1 Peter 2: 4-9
John 14: 1-12



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 2 nd May	5:30 pm	Men's Group at the Silverstream Bowling Club
	7:30 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Wed 3 rd May	1:30 pm	Catholic Women' League at the Pettit Centre
Sat 6 th May	2:00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
Tues 9 th May	7:30 pm	Living Stones Meeting in Presbytery



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 has been preparing and checking the tax Inland Revenue charitable donation receipts for 2022-23. These will be available **THIS 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, Greeters, Collectors, Readers for Sat 5.30 pm Mass.

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





THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this?

Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience?

We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book, an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 2nd May at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish. Any enquires please call Roger Wasson on 528 7847

MEN'S GROUP



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All parishioners are invited to the next meeting of Catholic Women's League on Wednesday, 3rd May at 1.30 pm in the Pettit Centre.

Our speaker is lawyer, Michael Gould and known to many of you.

Do you have any legal questions you would like answered?

CWL would like some wool to knit slippers, beanies and soft toys. If you are able to help could you please ring Kathleen on 5274543.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

On 2nd 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.**



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next gathering will be 2pm, Saturday 6th May at the Petit Centre.

A high tea, and sharing of memories. It is Mother's Day the following week, and it is always nice to reflect on the times we had with our mothers, also our own experiences as a mother. Please bring a small plate for sharing, and also a pretty cup and saucer to help make the event more like a "High Tea".

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

FAMILY PILGRIMAGE WITH MARY ON THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Join the Family Pilgrimage with Mary on 13 May (Sat.), the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima to pray for the needs of families. The pilgrimage starts with Mass at 8:30 am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral and ends with a picnic at Hato Mere St Mary's Parish, Otaki. For more details, email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz or go to www.marriageandfamily.org.nz.

“LIVING LITURGICALLY – BRINGING THE LITURGICAL YEAR TO LIFE IN THE RHYTHM OF THE PARISH.”

This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved or interested in Liturgy.

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Parish Church, Johnsonville. **Saturday 20th May, 10.00am-12 midday.** Tea and coffee available from 9.30am. To register please email Christine at c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

Visit wellingtonpriests.org to find out more about the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of local priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone exploring their vocation. For more information contact Fr Andrew Kim at wellingtonpriests@gmail.com

XLT 2023

XLT is back in 2023! Come and join us for a night of Worship and Adoration on Friday 12th May at 7pm. We are heading back to our old location of St Anne's, Newtown to bring a whole new feel to XLT. Open to all teenagers and young adults, so invite your friends or bring your whole youth group. Also save the dates for the rest of the year so you don't miss out! May 12th, June 9th, July 7th, August 11th, September 8th, October 6th and November 10th. Follow us on Instagram @xltwellington.



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, and Teresa Nicholas. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FOR THE YOUNG ONES



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