


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 Parish Office	5 Palmer Crescent	Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Website	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS	YEAR A	7th May 2023
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7th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 6: 1-7 1Peter 2: 4-9 John 14: 1-12	
14th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1Peter 3: 15-18 John 14: 15-21	

EVENTS THIS WEEK		
Tues 9 th May	7:30 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Tues 9 th May	7:30 pm	Living Stones Meeting in Presbytery
Thur 11 th May	7:30 pm	Parish Finance Committee

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.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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 Pettit 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".





THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.

Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?

Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways – either by his teaching or by his example – has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?

Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus people in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UH say Thank You to those who supported our Fun Quizz last Friday evening in donating prizes, purchasing tickets, providing supper and supporting us in any other way. The recipients, the St Vincent de Paul UH and Diabetes Youth Programmes, will receive \$750 each. Many thanks to St Brendan's School for making their Hall available to us.



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



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



ST BRENDAN'S

St Brendan's Enviro Club has created a Pātaka Kai Shelf (meaning storehouse or pantry) for our school, church and wider community (adults only please).

The shelf will be outside the St Brendan's School front gate Monday to Friday. Please bring what you can and take what you need.



"Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi"
With your basket and my basket we will sustain the people

PĀTAKA KAI

**BRING WHAT YOU CAN
MINDFULLY TAKE WHAT YOU NEED**

Ephesians 4:32
"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

St Brendan's School

St. Brendan's School and Church Garden Ramble November 2023

“As stewards of God’s creation we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family” Pope Francis

St. Brendan’s School Enviro Group would like to propose an exciting garden project involving our school and church community working together. We are not talking about the Chelsea Flower Show !!

If you have a passion for gardens, an interest in being involved in a new community project, would like to meet new people and work together, please come along to this important first meeting.

When : Friday 12th May 2023

Where: Room 7 St. Brendan’s School

Time: 3:15 pm

I look forward to meeting you all and at this initial meeting where ideas will be shared hopefully . This exciting community project will only be able to happen if we have enough interest at this meeting. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Chris Pullan c.pullan@stbrendans.school.nz

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.

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

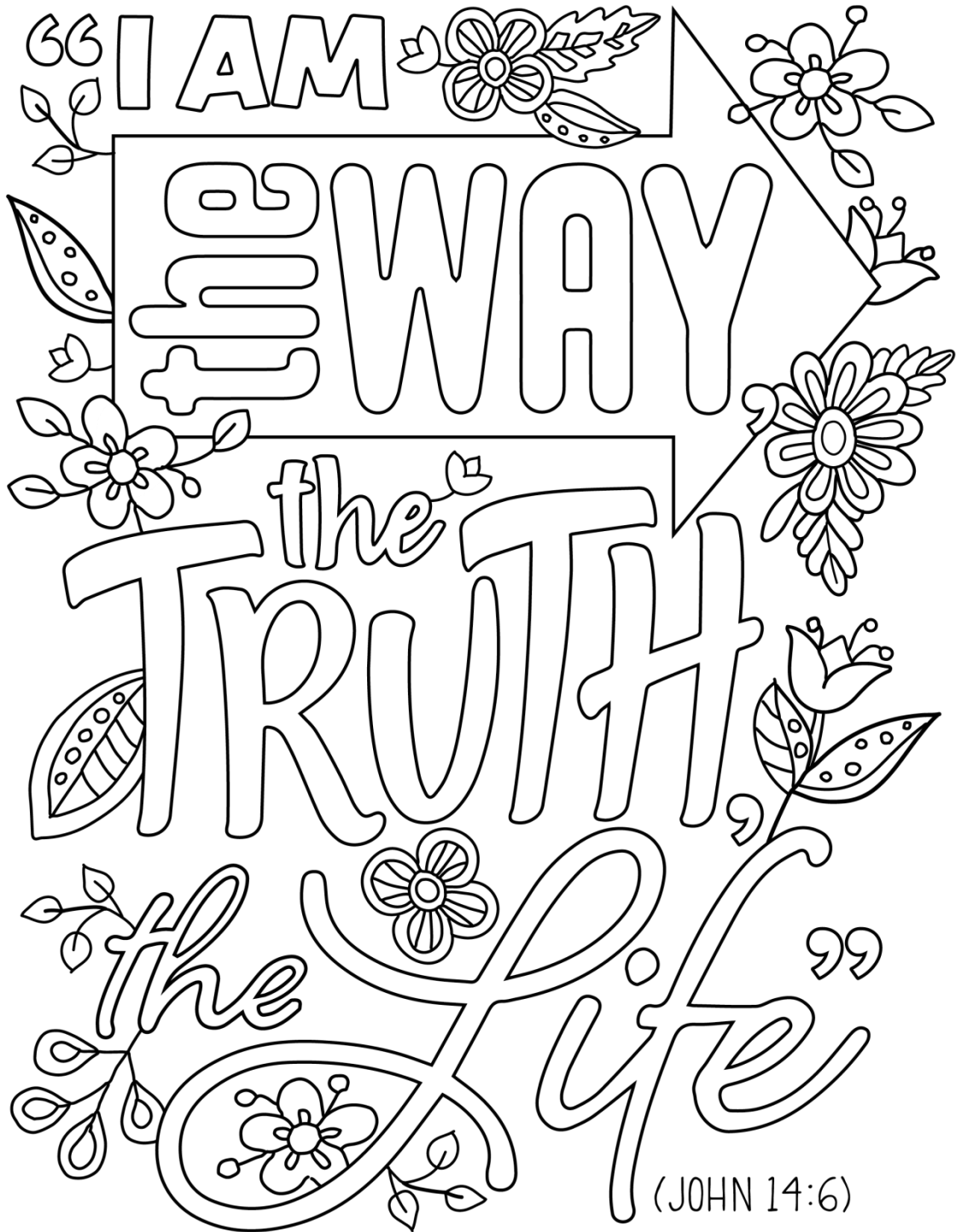
Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.



Hey, wait A MINUTE!



FOR THE YOUNG ONES



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I Am the Way (John 14:5-7)

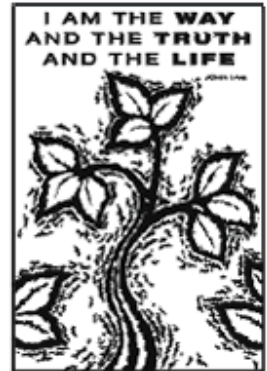
Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” (John 14:5-7)

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV).



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ENOUGH	WAY	HEARTS	TROUBLED	TRUST
THOMAS	LIFE	MIRACLES	HOUSE	SEEN
SHOW	BELIEVE	KNOW	ROOMS	LIVING
FATHER	FAITH	PLACE	PREPARE	TRUTH