

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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St Brendan's School

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

YEAR A

14th May 2023

14th May

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
1Peter 3: 15-18
John 14: 15-21

21st May

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Acts 1: 1-11
Ephesians 1: 17-23
Matt 28: 16-20



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 16 th May	9.30 am	St Brendan's Feast Day Mass at OLOG School attending
	7.30 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Wed 17 th May	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thur 18 th May	01.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Resthome, SV
	07.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting

MOTHERS' DAY



Prayerful blessings to all those who fulfil the role of **MOTHER** in our world

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 17TH MAY AT SFX AND AT 9.00 AM ON 18TH MAY AT OLOG

St BRENDAN'S FEAST DAY 16th May

St Brendan's School is celebrating its patronal feast day at **9:30am on Tuesday 16th May**. The day will begin with a School Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga, followed by a day of events at the school. Parishioners are invited to celebrate the day with the School. For more details see the poster in the foyer of the both churches.



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.**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga

Cafe, Cleaners, 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

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?

Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. 'He is with you, he is in you'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?

Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.

How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?

The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that 'I live and you will live'. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

A Mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no-one else can take.

*On behalf of the **Catholic Women's League**, we wish all mother's a Happy Mother's Day.*



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 PROCESS - "One Parish - One Community"

Recent newsletters have outlined the purpose, background and considerations of Living Stones.

It involves gathering information and feedback to develop options for the parish community to decide on the future of parish buildings in our community.

To reiterate the broad options are:

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

Thank you for the feedback to date. This has been collated and will form a part of the ongoing considerations.

Next Steps:

The group is currently establishing a number of channels to allow for full parish feedback commencing in June. This will include a survey (Google Forms), open forum meetings, and a dedicated e-mail address.

In the meantime, please reflect on the following question:

What would you like to see in a new or redeveloped site that will take our parish into the future?

Fr Tony, Grant Avery, Julie Stewart, SeuSio, Pat Hoult, Tino Aukusitino, Chris Henley, Conor Healy, Colin Braddock.

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.



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.



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.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



FOR THE YOUNG ONES



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PUZZLE FOR YOU

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV).



John 14:16

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

COUNSELOR
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TRUTH

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