

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)
Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)

Weekday Eucharist

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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TRINITYSUNDAY READINGS

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4TH June 2023

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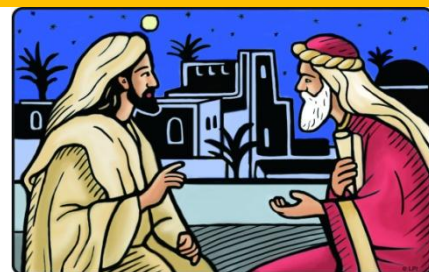
1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Acts 2: 1-11
1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13
John 20: 19-23

11th June

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16
1Cor 10: 16-17
John 6: 51-58



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sat 3 rd June	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
Tues 6 th June	5.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
	7.30 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Wed 7 th June	1.30 pm	Catholic Women' League at the Pettit Centre



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.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women of the Parish are invited to our Birthday afternoon tea on Wednesday, 7th June at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre. One of our members, Kathleen Emerson, who has just returned from Rome and a conference in Assisi, will share some of her experiences with us. Please feel free to bring a friend.



MEN'S GROUP

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The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 6th June 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



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga

Cleaners, Readers, 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.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

2pm, Saturday 3 June 2023, at the Petit Centre. Our guest speaker will be Helen Daisley, who will talk to us about her experiences as a "Cottage Parent", fostering children in Melbourne, Australia, for several years.



Our book swap table has many interesting books. Please feel free to take a book. If you have any books to add you are welcome to bring them along.

As usual a gold coin donation or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated.

Please place your items in the donation basket which will be on the welcome table at the gathering. We also have a regular collection towards worthy community causes (gold coin). We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

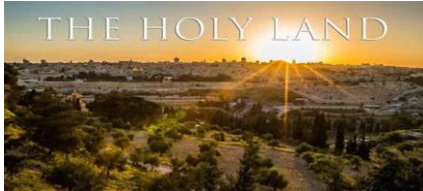
God in today's Gospel is described to us as one that is very close, as one that loves the world so deeply that he was willing to give everything to it. It is hard to comprehend these statements. Why would someone love in such a way? Why would someone sacrifice in such a way? John's Gospel today tells us that it is because we are loved so deeply and so that we would come to know this love which brings life. It is not a one-off event; it is continuous and ongoing in each of our lives. Neither is it to make us feel guilty; we are told that this outpouring of God's love is not to condemn us in any way. This giving from the Father is so that we might be free from our own brokenness, that we might know how infinitely loved we are and so live a life that is full and everlasting. God rescues us from our own brokenness and offers a life that is a fuller and deeper experience.

Trinity Sunday invites us to reflect on the impossible; on the utterly mysterious. Yet we can know something of what it means to experience God's love in our lives; to have a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and to feel God's Spirit dwelling within ourselves. We can experience that same Spirit in each person that we meet, that Spirit of God indwelling in all of creation. The Trinity speaks to us of relationship, community, of fully giving and receiving.

'God has fallen in love with us – quite literally. God has come down to earth, and opened Godself to all the raw brutality, as well as the warm tenderness, of human life.'

NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists,

psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. Next event: Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz For general inquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee).



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a 12 day tour to some of the most important Christian and historical sights in Israel and Jordan, beginning in Amman on April 9th and concluding in Jerusalem on April 20th

2024. During this amazing tour you will enjoy comfortable accommodation, great food, as well as experiencing the rich cultural and religious history of this region. For full itinerary and details please contact Peter Fleming at Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland on 0800 356 728 or visit www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz.

DISCOVER THIS TREASURE IN CATHOLIC TEACHING!

What are we here for? What is my purpose? What will make me happy? Get to know the answers to these questions. Join the **Theology of the Body course (TOB): Discovering God's Master Plan for your life**. Dates: 17 (SAT) & 24 June (SAT), 8:00 am- 5:00 pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington. Limited spaces! Register now at www.marriageandfamily.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.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

"The Holy Spirit, gift of the Risen Jesus, conveys divine life to us and thus lets us enter into the dynamism of the Trinity, which is a dynamism of love, of communion, of mutual service, of sharing. A person who loves others for the very joy of love is a reflection of the Trinity. A family in which each person loves and helps one another is a reflection of the Trinity. A parish in which each person loves and shares spiritual and material effects is a reflection of the Trinity."

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 15 June 2014

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we celebrate Trinity Sunday?

God is love. That is the simple and profound truth at the heart of Trinity Sunday. Consider a husband and wife who have loved each other for many years. They approach life with a sense of 'we' rather than 'I'. Paradoxically, instead of losing a sense of self-identity, each spouse discovers a greater sense of uniqueness through the love of the other. This analogy helps us to glimpse the unity of the three persons of the Trinity. God is persons in a relationship of perfect unity; unique persons, but completely one. In a society full of isolated individuals crying out 'Who am I?' on a restless search for self-identity, the feast of the Trinity calls us to ask another question: Whose am I? To whom do I belong? Through relationships of love, we discover God.



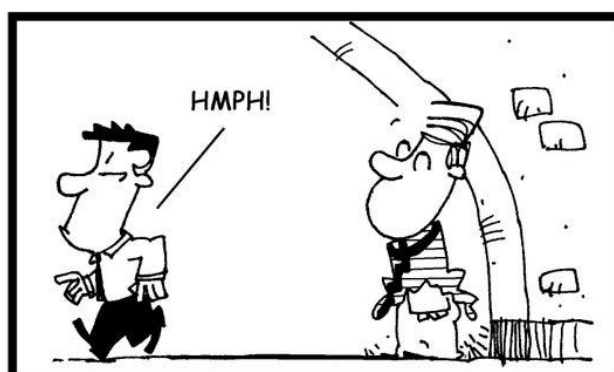
LIVING WATERS CAFÉ

Sundays after 10:30am Mass at the Pettit Centre Heretaunga. All parishioners are welcome. The café is held in the Pettit Centre behind the church and operates most Sundays from 11:30 until 12:30. The café is run by volunteers. Tea, coffee and a light snack are served. Children are catered for also. Gold coin donation is welcome but not essential.

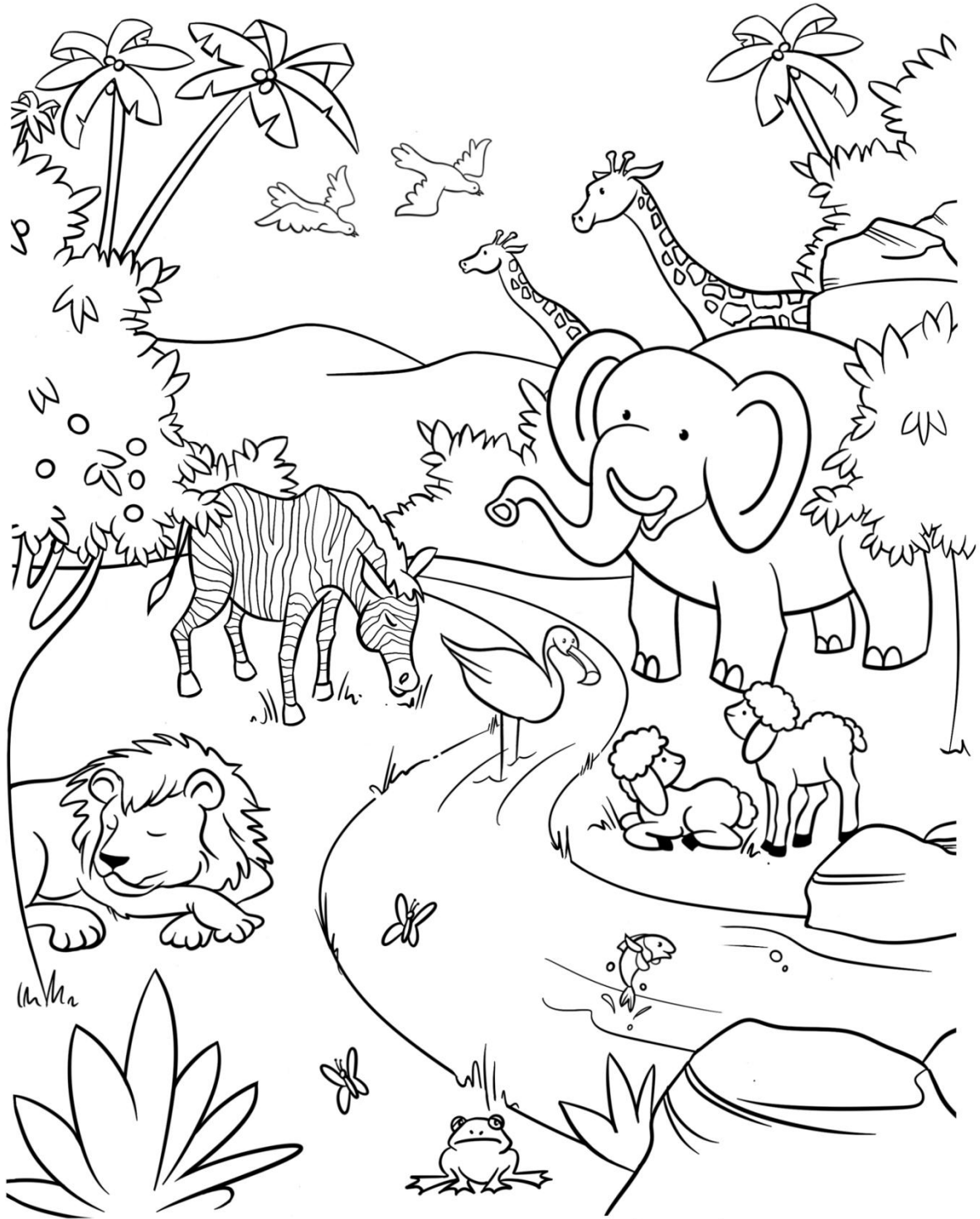


PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, including Josie Ryan, and Jan Fletcher. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

TRINITY SUNDAY



FOR THE YOUNG ONES



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Creation: In the Beginning (Genesis 1)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

PUZZLE FOR YOU

And It Was Very Good

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a (NIV).



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NIGHT	DAY	WATER	FISH	SKY
TREES	DARKNESS	BIRDS	FEMALE	GOD
LIGHT	ANIMALS	BEGINNING	MALE	LAND