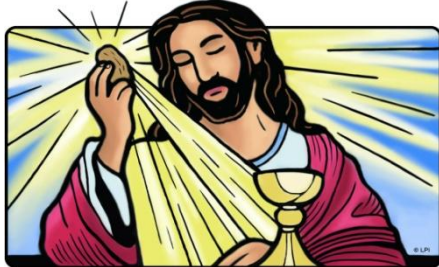


# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father Tony Kearns
<b>Church</b>	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)
<b>Sunday Eucharist</b>	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)      8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG) Tuesday / Thursday      9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	Wednesday /Saturday      9:00 am (Heretaunga) Friday      9:30 am (Heretaunga)
<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>	Friday      10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	By appointment with Parish Priest
<b>Presbytery and Parish Office</b>	5 Palmer Crescent <b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282 Heretaunga
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday      9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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## BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST READINGS YEAR A 4<sup>TH</sup> June 2023

<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16 1Cor 10: 16-17 John 6: 51-58	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Exodus 19: 2-6 Romans 5: 6-11 Matt 9: 36-10:8	

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30 pm	Family group Pot Luck Dinner at the Pettit Centre
	7.30 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> June		Parish Council Meeting

**Please NOTE** there will be **NO** Mass at 9.30am at SFX on 13<sup>th</sup> June as this is replaced by the Anointing Mass at 1:30 pm – Stokeswood Resthome



### 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 VOLUNTEERS, 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

Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you?



Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life, death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you?

Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day to day living what are the practices which support your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus?

The Eucharist is one of the ways in which we draw life from Jesus. Recall with gratitude how the Eucharist has been a source of nourishment and life for you.

Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one another. From whom have you drawn life? Who has been able to draw life from you?

## PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 9th JULY 2023



The annual Parish lunch is for all people in our parish.

Everyone is encouraged to book in – it is a chance to enjoy each other's company and a lovely meal.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon at Stokes Valley RSA, Hawthorn Crescent**  
**Cost \$22 pp.**

Please pay by 5<sup>th</sup> July.

- Pay by internet banking to the Parish a/c but ensure that your name is there in the Particulars column and in the Reference LUNCH is mentioned.
- You could drop an envelope with your name and LUNCH written on it in the collection box at Mass OR
- drop the money in the drop box at the Presbytery door OR at the Parish Office in a named envelope.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Another successful afternoon last Saturday at our monthly get together as we gathered to hear Helen Daisley share her experiences as a Cottage Parent fostering 8 State Wards in Melbourne Australia. She related the pros and cons over her 4 year tenure. The children ranged from 18mths to 16years and gradually bonded to become one big happy family.



Sadly, by law no future contact was permitted after leaving, and she often wonders what life had to offer them as they grew up.

The afternoon finished as usual with cuppas and chat. Hearty thanks for generous donations to the Wellington Free Ambulance.

Next month Grant Avery will be our guest speaker sharing his experience and photos of 2 winters in Antarctica. His talk is called "Messages From A Quiet Land".

## 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](http://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](http://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

"In the Eucharist Jesus... draws alongside us, pilgrims in history, to nourish the faith, hope and charity within us; to comfort us in trials; to sustain us in the commitment to justice and peace. [His] supportive presence... is everywhere: in cities and the countryside, in the North and South of the world, in countries

with a Christian tradition and in those newly evangelized. In the Eucharist he offers himself as spiritual strength so as to help us put into practice his commandment—to love one another as he loved us—building communities that are welcoming and open to the needs of all.”  
 Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 18 June 2017

**WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?**

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

This feast (*Corpus Christi* in the Latin) focuses on the Eucharist as a symbol and sacrament of unity. Although we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday, today we pause to give special consideration to the Bread of Life nourishing our lives. When we break bread and share the one cup we recall that sacred meal between Christ and his disciples just before he sacrificed his life on the cross. We know that, like those disciples, Christ's death and resurrection has bonded us in a love relationship. For this reason, the Eucharist is never a private affair but always a call to unity. As you receive communion today, be conscious not only of Christ's presence in the Eucharistic host, but his presence in those who are receiving with you



**PLANNED GIVING**



*“Everything – time, talent and treasure – given to the parish is a gift.”*

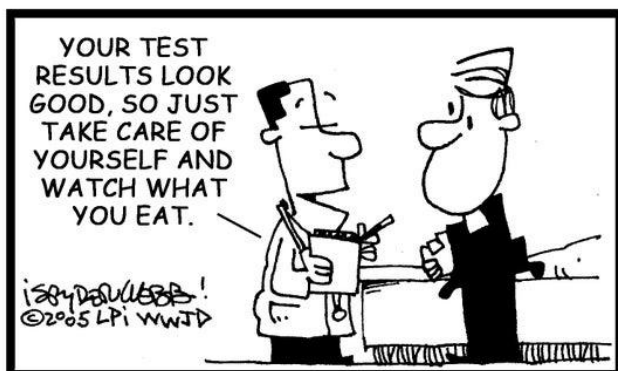
Have you ever considered going on the Planned Giving system here at Our Lady of the Valleys Parish? You can do this by Automatic Payment or the weekly envelope system.

Your donations entitle you to a 33% tax rebate and a receipt will be provided to you at the end of the financial year. Planned Giving forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These can be completed and placed in the collection baskets. If you have any enquiries please ring Jovena in the Parish Office 528 2028

**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. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Body and Blood of Christ • John 6:51-58

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

# The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."  
Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



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F J U S E C G I S X T K U N E  
N Q B N A N O E G U H O T O N  
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DISCIPLES  
SACRIFICE  
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MATTHEW  
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