

# 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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**Newsletter**

**Newsletter 13 June, Term 2 2023**

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**READINGS**

**YEAR A**

**18TH June 2023**

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Gospel

Jeremiah 20: 10-13  
Romans 5: 12-15  
Mathew 10: 26-33

**25th June**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Gospel

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16  
Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11  
Mathew 10: -42



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00 am	Coffee morning at Silverspoon Cafe, Silverstream
Sat 1st July	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre

## CONFIRMATION MASS 10:30AM SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE OLOG

Please keep the young candidates for Confirmation in your prayers this weekend. We congratulate them on the step they take on their journey of faith.

We also offer a warm welcome to Archbishop Paul Martin who is joining us this weekend for the conferring of the gift of the Holy Spirit



## PARISH MORNING TEA

You are all invited to our last Wednesday of the month morning tea at the Silverspoon Cafe in Silverstream village at 10am on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.

## 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, Sacristans for Sat 5.30 pm Mass.

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



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next gathering will be Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm, at the Petit Centre, behind Our Lady of Grace Church.

The speaker will be Grant Avery who will talk about his two winters spent in the Antarctic. His talk is entitled "Messages from a quiet land - reflections on adventure and living in Antarctica, Aurora, Silence and Ice". There may be some men who would like to hear Grant's talk and you will be made most welcome.

As usual a gold coin or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated and please feel free to borrow or donate a book to our book swap table. We will end the afternoon with a cuppa and chat.



## 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 # 020772 0070279 00 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.

## ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER

In the Parish information at the top of this page is a link to the School's fortnightly newsletter. To read the newsletter please click on the hyperlink.



## HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 June at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Many many thanks to the people who generously contributed food for Robert's funeral on Wednesday, 21st June. Your generosity was deeply appreciated and a witness as to the depth of our loving community at Our Lady of Grace. Thanks to those who organised and transported the food for this event. RIP Robert.



*Josephine Eynon.*

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage in speaking his message and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows. How has trust in God been a source of strength in life for you?



The body/soul terminology presupposes an anthropology in which the soul represents one's real self and the body is the perishable shell. For Jesus the important thing is to be true to one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain. When you have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you?

There is no such thing as secret discipleship. It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that his followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this resonate with your experience?



### 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.**

*Come and See*

PRIESTHOOD VOCATIONS MORNING

**SATURDAY 1ST JULY, 9AM - 12PM**

ST THERESA'S, PLIMMERTON

*Starting with Mass in the Church @ 9am*



## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### Why confirm?

As the name implies, the Sacrament of Confirmation confirms or strengthens the new life received at Baptism. Symbolically, the bishop or priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead using an oil calls chrism. As he does so he says, '(Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

Although the Holy Spirit is received at baptism, confirmation focuses on this gift by recalling the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit. In the case of youth, confirmation is often regarded as a sign of maturity in Christ. Having been baptised as a baby and raised in the Christian life, the youth is now called upon to make a more mature commitment to the Gospel. In particular, confirmation underlines our commissioning to be bold, apostolic witnesses to the Gospel.



**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 Robert Eynon, and Mary Quin . We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

**"Walk in love, as Christ loved us  
and gave Himself for us"**  
*Ephesians 5:2*



Wellington, New Zealand

**Join us!**  
**Christian Life Programme**  
1 July 2023, 2.00 – 4.30 pm  
Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga, Upper Hutt  
Wellington, New Zealand



**Contact for  
further details:**  
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12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:26-33

PUZZLE FOR YOU

# You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



God Cares for You

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

STUDENT	GROUND	FOLLOW	PENNY	HAIRS
SPARROWS	FALL	TEACHER	WORTHY	SOUL
WORTH	LIFE	HEAD	MASTER	CROSS
NUMBERED	ABOVE	SERVANT	BODY	AFRAID