

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

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Newsletter

Newsletter 13 June, Term 2 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS

YEAR A

2nd July 2023

2nd July

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16
Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11
Mathew 10: 37-42

9th July

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Zech 9: 9-10
Romans 8: 9, 11-13
Mathew 11: 25-30



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 4 th July	5.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
	7.30 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Wed 5 th July	1.30 pm	Catholic Women' League at the Pettit Centre

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 4th July 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



MEN'S GROUP



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women of the Parish are invited to our monthly meeting which is on this Wednesday, 5th July, at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre.

After being unable to be with us last month Kathleen Emerson is going to share some experiences of her recent visit to Assisi.

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 1st 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 9th July at 12 noon at Stokes Valley RSA, Hawthorn Crescent

Cost \$22 pp.

Please pay by 5th 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.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

At a first reading the demand of Jesus sounds selfish 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.' It only makes sense when we realise that Jesus will never be outdone in generosity.



Jesus never wanted suffering for anyone but he knew that if we are going to follow in his footsteps, promoting love and respect for every person, we will meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also rewards. Would you agree?

The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?

'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

ROSA MYSTICA CELEBRATION

On July 13th we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosa Mystica. This will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary church, Waiwhetu, from 12.10-1.30pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr Jeff Drane at 12.30pm. We will also have Adoration (during which the Rosary will be recited and Reconciliation available) concluding with Benediction. Please join us and stay for afternoon tea! Any queries phone Lucia 021 022 89544 or Stephen 027 243 5119.



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, Julie Stewart, Seu Sio, Pat Hoult, Tino Aukusitino, Chris Henley, Conor Healy, Colin Braddock.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we sign ourselves before the Gospel?

The Church distinguishes between the 'large' sign of the cross (made with the right hand outstretched on the forehead, chest and shoulders) and the 'small' sign of the cross (made with the thumb on the forehead, mouth and chest). By performing this latter action just prior to the reading of the Gospel, we are asking God's blessing upon our thoughts, words and desires. Next time you make this sign, be aware that you are praying to open yourself to God's Word.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

"Following Christ is not an inward-looking fact: without proclamation, without service, without mission, the relationship with Jesus does not grow."

Pope Francis, [General Audience](#), 15 February 2023

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll.

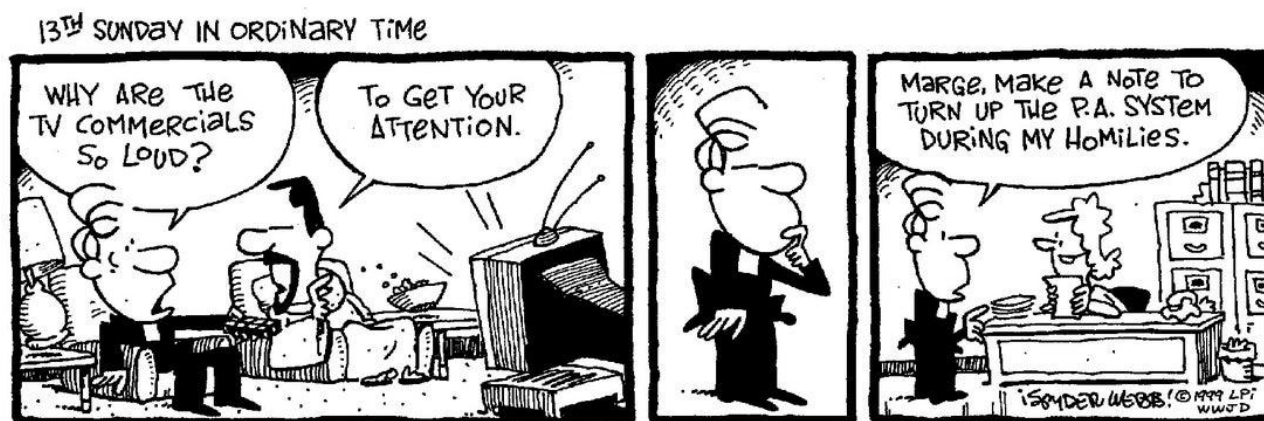
We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email office@olov.org.nz



PARISH KEYS AND SECURITY

We are doing a checklist of keys loaned out. If any of you have Parish keys that you no longer need please do return them to the office as we can then give them out to people who do require them.

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.



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

Abraham and Isaac



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PUZZLE FOR YOU

Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)



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