

# 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

**Tel** (04) 972 4282

**Parish Office**

Heretaunga

**Parish Administrator**

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Website**

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**Tel** (04) 939 1909

**Newsletter**

[St Brendan's School Newsletter, 27 June, Term 2 2023](#)

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**READINGS**

**YEAR A**

**9th July 2023**

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

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

**16<sup>th</sup> July**

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

Isaiah 55: 10-11  
Romans 8: 18-23  
Matthew 13: 1-23



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

|                            |          |                                       |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> July   | 12.00 pm | Parish Lunch at the RSA Stokes Valley |
| Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July  | 7.30 pm  | Bible Study Group at OLOG             |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> July | 7.30 pm  | Parish Finance Committee              |



**PARISH LUNCH TODAY 9th JULY 2023 NOON  
RSA Stokes Valley \$22.**

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

## 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.**



## LENDING LIBRARY

We would like to offer a lending library of novels, books magazines etc in the Pettit Centre. If anyone has a suitable bookcase that is spare we would be willing to take it off your hands and place it in the Pettit Centre. Contact the Parish Office





## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

For Jesus the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?

Jesus was dealing with a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity, and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created so that all would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.

In v.27 Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result, he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?

Recall and give thanks for people who, like Jesus in the story, were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and understanding. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.

## PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DATE CLAIMER

The 2023 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 12:00 noon in the Pettit Centre. Please mark this date.

It is a chance to celebrate the wonderful ways the mission of Jesus is working in our Parish, the election of new Parish Councils and a chance to bring ideas and issues to the attention of the various parish organisations and committees. Our Annual Report to the Parish is available on our webpage <https://olov.org.nz/publications/olov-annual-report/> or printed copies are available in the foyer of both churches.



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

We all thoroughly enjoyed Grant Avery's amazing talk last Saturday, on his reflections on adventure and spirituality from 2 winters in Antarctica on a government funded science programme and observer of Antarctic tourism, and Manager of Scott Base (near Mt. Erebus).

His talk was very informative and peppered with beautiful slides of this Southern-most Continent, a cold dry, windy, remote area of such natural beauty.

Living and coping with 24/7 hrs darkness in winter and daylight in summer, he amused us with anecdotes of how they coped mentally and physically.

His published book is titled " Programme Management, Denial and the Death Zone"

We hope to have Grant return to speak to our group again, as many requested... he has a lot more insights to share.

We congratulate Grant on his achievements and offer huge appreciation, blessings and thanks for an enjoyable afternoon.



## NOMINATION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS AT 2023 AGM

With an eye of the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023, a number of current Parish Councillors' term of appointment have come to an end. Currently Parish Councillors stand for a two-year term with the right of renewal for two more terms.

We are therefore opening nominations for new Parish Councillors from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023. From this weekend nomination forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These should be filled in and returned back to the Parish Office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July. This time frame allows time for the nominated candidates' names to be advised to the Parish before the Annual General Meeting.

Please take the time to prayerfully discern who you think might be a suitable person to serve our Parish on the Parish Council. If you would like more details on the role of Parish Councillors and the function of the Parish Council please feel free to speak to one of the existing Parish Councillors or Father Tony.



### LIVING STONES PROCESS - "One Parish - One Community"

Recent newsletters have had items from the Living Stones Group. To re-invigorate reflections, prayer and conversations about the future of Parish assets the group would like YOUR feedback on a series of questions

These questions while posed now will be given a public forum at **TWO MEETINGS OF THE PARISH**

- ❖ **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9:45 am** in the Koraunui Marae hall at the rear of our Stokes Valley site (the old St Francis Xavier Church)
- ❖ **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11:45 am** in the Pettit Centre at the Heretaunga site

Opportunities will be given at both these meeting for attendees to express hopes and aspirations, their concerns and issues relating to the property holdings in the Parish. This is a step along the way to see where and what the Parish's future development might look like.

The key questions at the meeting will focus on

- ❖ What are the treasures we currently have across the Parish?
- ❖ What are the treasures we lack across the Parish?
- ❖ How do you see the needs of the Parish in 15-years' time and the resources/properties to ensure a nurtured faith?
- ❖ Of those resources/properties identified, what do you think should be the highest priority?

If you would like to provide a direct response to these questions please either follow the link <https://forms.gle/h3PTJ5ikRS5hMPmH9> to the online form; got to [www.olv.org.nz](http://www.olv.org.nz) clicking the link on the home page or emailing comments to [livingstones@olv.org.nz](mailto:livingstones@olv.org.nz)

**Fr Tony, Julie Stewart, Seu Sio, Pat Hoult, Tino Aukusitino, Chris Henley, Conor Healy.**

## QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT April – June 2023

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Operating Income                    | 47,136          |
| Less Expenditures                   |                 |
| • Pastoral Costs                    | (26,435)        |
| • Property Costs*                   | (6,114)         |
| • Administration Costs              | (8,063)         |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>  | <b>(40,613)</b> |
| <b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>  | <b>6,524</b>    |
| Balance Sheet Flows                 |                 |
| • Balance Sheet Inflows             | 4,810           |
| • Balance Sheet Outflows            | (4,473)         |
| <b>Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr</b> | <b>6,861</b>    |



### ROSA MYSTICA CELEBRATION

On July 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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.



### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends for 2023 are on 19 & 20 August, and 25 & 26 November at Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road. Registrations close 2 weeks before. For more details go to the website <http://www.ceewellington.co.nz>

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



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## FOR THE YOUNG ONES

### A Bride for Isaac



## PUZZLE FOR YOU

### A Bride for Isaac

Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her.  
Genesis 24:67



L O W I S A A C F F T E S S I  
F K Q U M A I D E N A P F H W  
N S E C A M E L S Q N M U Z P  
S E B D T T K U K G W W I Y X  
I R H B L N H E N R J A K L X  
D V B G I E K I K D W T L W Y  
G A O R P C R N W S W E Q D M  
K N D A N P E G I B P R E A H  
G T Z D S S S H F E G I H A R  
S D Y E O N T C E Z R A K P S  
G O T H A F G E Q R R E V D O  
M Z C K Z X H B A B B S T T N  
X R K F F R V M A E A Y L C Y  
L J H Q P L U F R Z L N Y K M  
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| FAMILY | WIFE    | MARRIED | CAMELS | SERVANT |
| DRINK  | ABRAHAM | WEALTHY | SPRING | MAIDEN  |
| WATER  | SON     | CHOSEN  | ISAAC  | REBEKAH |