

# 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 Parish Office** 5 Palmer Crescent Tel (04) 972 4282  
 Heretaunga  
**Parish Administrator** Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
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17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		YEAR A READINGS	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
30 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1Kings 3:5,7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52	
6 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Daniel 7 : 9-10, 13-14 Peter 1: 16-19 Matthew 17: 1-9	

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	05.30 pm	Men's Group at the Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	12.00 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12.00 pm	Parish Annual General Meeting

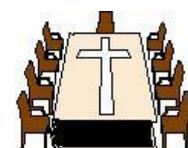
## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

**Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga**  
**CAFE VOLUNTEERS, CLEANERS,** Altar Society (flower arrangements and brass polishing)  
**St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley**  
 Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters  
**Please contact the office on 9724282 if you can help out.**



## SOUP LUNCH FOR ALL

Catholic Women's League would like to invite all parishioners to our monthly meeting on Wednesday, 2nd August at 12o'clock. You're welcome to bring a friend. Come and enjoy our homemade soup with a bread roll for \$5.00. Please note change of time.



## COVID 19 UPDATE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

The wearing of masks by Father and the Eucharistic Ministers during holy communion will now be non-compulsory. You may want to still wear one, but the choice is now yours.

*Darrell Mellow, Parish Pastoral Council Chair*

## 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

On Saturday 5 August at 2 pm, in the Pettit Centre

This month we will have a sit and chat afternoon. Specifically we will talk about knitting - bring anything knitted for a Show and Tell. Maybe some of you might have a story about your knitted items.

Scarf ,hat, gloves, anything - even socks! Get searching for those knitted items. Our book swap table has many interesting books. Also, a gold coin donation or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.



### 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. 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.



### 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.

### WELLINGTON CELEBRATION FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 from 1pm – 8pm at Bishop Viard College, Porirua. Join us for Worship from 1pm, Mass from 1.45pm celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. Followed by events, speakers, workshops and a Youth Rally.



## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?

The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?

In life we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven, knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?



### ST JOSEPH'S LIFECARE (formerly St Joseph's Home of Compassion)

The home urgently requires a volunteer sacristan/s for the Chapel. This would include setting up for Mass Tuesday - Friday at 4.30 pm, assisting with reading the Scriptures and distributing Communion.

Please contact Fr Bernard Carney (resident Chaplain) 021668150 or Alma McNicol (Pastoral Care Coordinator) 0221738247

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

A big thanks to all who participated in the two meetings we had over the past two Sundays. A lot of deep thinking and reflection on the questions were presented at each. These thoughts, concerns and hopes are now being collated and considered by the Living Stones Group.



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 couldn't make the meetings you can still provide feedback via 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). Written submission can also be forwarded to the Parish Office or placed in the collection baskets at Sunday Masses over the next few weeks

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

### UPPER HUTT HOUSING TRUST

The Trust would like your help to buy good quality aluminium thermal blankets and provide one for each of the people living



rough in the bush or their cars. These cost \$80 each.

If you would like to donate \$80 to purchase one, or make a donation towards the cost of one the bank account number is available in the foyer of both churches.



## 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>

## SYNOD'S WORKING DOCUMENT - INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS

All Catholics are being urged to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe says "It is a document that reflects the Holy Spirit speaking to people throughout the world. As such it is a document for the whole Church, and I invite everyone to prayerfully read and reflect on it, and to pray for the Synod's work over the next 18 months." You can find the document on the below website. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>.



## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'The Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things that the world offers; it is the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to expand towards wider horizons. Indeed, those who have found this treasure have a creative and inquisitive heart, which does not repeat but rather invents, tracing and setting out on new paths which lead us to love God, to love others, and to truly love ourselves.'

*Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 26 July 2020.*



**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 Gabrielle Worthington, Jean Munro and Wayne O'Connor. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Ken Lawrence and Kevin O'Donnell. May they rest in peace.

17<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.



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:44-52

# PUZZLE FOR YOU

## The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:44 (NIV)

*Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.*

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

FOUND  
HEAVEN  
JOY

KINGDOM  
SOLD  
FIELD

PARABLE  
MAN  
TREASURE

BOUGHT  
HIDDEN  
FIELD