


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
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Newsletter [St Brendan's Newsletter, Term 3, 25 July 2023](#)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time		YEAR A READINGS	6th August 2023
6th August	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 7 : 9-10, 13-14 Peter 1: 16-19 Matthew 17: 1-9	
13th August	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 22-23	

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun 6th Aug 12.00 pm **Parish Annual General Meeting**
Thur 10th Aug 07.30 pm **Parish Finance Committee**

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.



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 – IS TODAY!!

The 2023 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 6th August at 12:00 noon in the Pettit Centre. Our Annual Report to the Parish is available on our webpage <https://olv.org.nz/publications/olv-annual-report/>



MASSES SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY 15th AUGUST

This year the celebration of the Assumption of Mary on the 15th August occurs on a Tuesday. In order to allow the students and staff of St Brendan's to attend Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation a change (for that day only) has been made to the regular timetable



Mass at 9:30am will be celebrated at **Our Lady of Grace Church in Heretaunga**

An **ADDITIONAL** Mass will be celebrated at **St Francis Xavier Church at 7:30pm**



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

The transfiguration experience was one which, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. It was also a moment of deep revelation for the disciples. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, which for you have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God? The disciples were prepared for the experience by getting an invitation from Jesus to come apart, to withdraw to the mountain. Have there been times when going apart has been an important element in preparing you for a deep experience?



On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship or in your relationship with Jesus?

The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him'.

After their special experience the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble?



SOUP LUNCH

CWL would like to thank all those who joined them for soup and rolls on Wednesday. The good company and delicious soup was enjoyed by all. Your kind donations helped us raise \$190.

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>

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 clicking the link on the home page or emailing comments to 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.



BISHOPS URGE ALL CATHOLICS TO STUDY 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." More information including links to *Instrumentum laboris*: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/> Link to a PDF of *Instrumentum laboris*: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/ENG_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS.pdf Link to a PDF FAQ and Synthesis with detailed information about *Instrumentum laboris*: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FAQ_SYNTHESIS_IL_ENG-v2.pdf

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'How many bright faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us! Let us learn to recognize them and to fill our hearts with them. And then let us set out in order to bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love, diving into our daily affairs more generously, loving, serving, and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness. The contemplation of God's wonders, the

contemplation of God's face, of the Lord's face, must move us to the service of others.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 5 March 2023.



THE FRUIT & VEGE CO-OP provides a pack of local, fresh, seasonal produce every week for \$15 across the greater Wellington region. There's over 40 pickup locations in the region with four in Upper Hutt and one in Stokes Valley. Find out more and join now at www.hauorakai.nz

PRISON CHAPLAINCY DIRECTOR NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

The Prison Chaplaincy Director is a full-time national role, providing pastoral and professional leadership and support to the Catholic chaplains who provide chaplaincy services in New Zealand prisons. This is a critical role, leading an important national ministry of the Church. If you or someone you know has experience as a prison chaplain (or in other pastoral or chaplaincy roles) and team leadership experience combined with theology and pastoral qualifications, please visit <http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/mediareleases/prison/> for more information. Role closes Monday 28 August.

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, and Wayne O'Connor. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

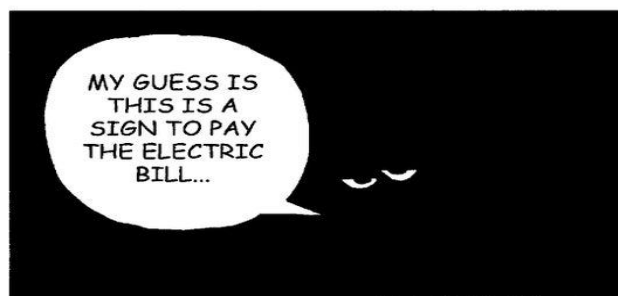


WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we have a Prayer of the Faithful?

In these prayers (also called the General Intercessions) the congregation intercedes for all humanity. We pray that the Church will be a life-giving sign of salvation to the world. We pray for Church leaders and public authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, and for all people. In making these petitions we are conscious that the Church exists for others rather than simply for its own sake. United at the Eucharistic table as the body of Christ, we are powerfully equipped to reach out as a loving and liberating force in the world.

TRANSFIGURATION



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Transfiguration of the Lord • Matthew 17:1-19

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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SIX	PETER	CLOTHES	VOICE	JOHN
LOVE	MOSES	GOOD	WHITE	ELIJAH
JAMES	DAYS	APPEARED	MOUNTAIN	HIGH