


# 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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19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		YEAR A READINGS	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
13 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 22-23	
20 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28	

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	09.30 am	<b>Mass at OLOG along with St Brendan's School</b>
	07.30 pm	<b>Mass at SFX</b>
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11.00 pm	Anointing Mass in the Pettit Centre
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	01.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
	07.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting



## MASSES SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

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**

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

**Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga**  
**CAFE VOLUNTEERS, CLEANERS,** Altar Society (flower arrangements and brass polishing)

**St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley**

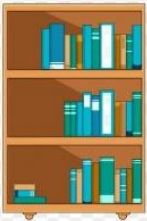
Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters

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



## LITURGY COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP

Our Lady of the Valleys Liturgy Committee is a very small group of committed parishioners, who share their talents, time and treasures to oversee and support the liturgical celebrations in the Parish. **Current members** are Liz McCaul, Josephine Eynon, Trish Leahy, John O'Malley, Chris Henley, Stella Stowers and Fr Tony They would welcome anyone who would like to join us in planning and delivering these important Liturgical Celebrations, or the other parish ministries who also serve our Parish. Contact Fr Tony or the Parish Office.



## 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 story illustrates the power of faith. Have you noticed that when you believe in someone, or something, you can do things that would not be possible when you are full of doubts? Recall moments when your faith gave you strength and courage? Name for yourself the different kinds of faith that had this effect: belief in yourself, trust in another, faith in God.

When Jesus got into the boat the winds ceased. Who has been a Jesus person for you and helped to calm a storm that frightened you or made you anxious?

The experience of Peter gives encouragement to us when we waver in our trust and belief in God. In his doubt and fear Jesus reached out to him. Who has reached out a helping hand to you when you felt you were sinking?

The story ends with a profession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Have you had experiences of being rescued from some hazard or danger: experiences which deepened your faith in the presence and compassion of God for you?



## 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](http://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](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FAQ_SYNTHESIS_IL_ENG-v2.pdf)



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

The on-line google form for personal responses to the questions posed at the two Living Stones Consultation meetings held recently will be closed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August. If you want to comments, give your thoughts please do so before then.

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 will be accepted in the Parish Office until then. *Thanks*

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

## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Faith in the Lord and in his Word does not open a way for us where everything is easy and calm; it does not rescue us from life's storms. Faith gives us the assurance of a Presence, the presence of Jesus who encourages us to overcome the existential tempests, the certainty of a hand that grabs hold of us so as to help us face the difficulties, pointing the way for us even when it is dark. Faith, in short, is not an escape route from life's problems, but it sustains the journey and gives it meaning.'

*Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 13 August 2017*



**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](http://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.



## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### Why do we take up collections each Sunday?

The simplest answer is that, as with any organisation, it costs money to run the Church: schools, hospitals, maintenance, wages, and projects for the spread of the Gospel and caring for those-in-needs, crisis appeals in the wider community...

But the Church is more than an organisation. It is a community with a familial character and operates as such. There are no membership fees. No one is excluded from church services because they cannot pay. Rather, Catholics are asked to 'pitch in' according to their means. Normally the Sunday collection is devoted to the living costs of the priest and the presbytery, the various Church ministries and building projects. A second collection is sometimes included for a special appeal.

## ROOM 9 ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL NEWS

*'If we work together, we can succeed.'*  
Aubert

Suzanne



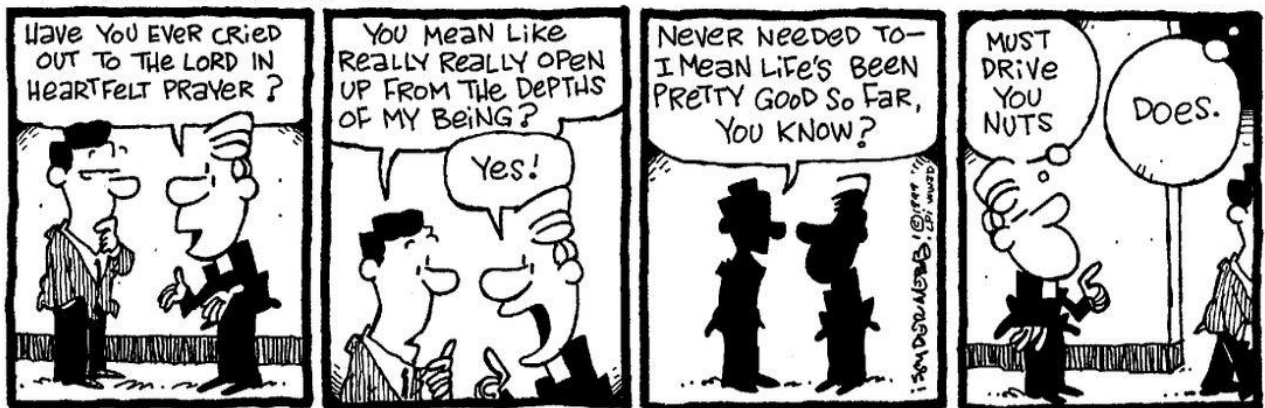
Last week the Y2/3 classes went for a visit to The Home of Compassion Island Bay. We are learning about how Suzanne Aubert always helped others and showed her kindness every day. She treated everyone with respect and compassion.

Our Art this week represents the different cultures within our class and how we are all important to this world, walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

**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 Dennis O'Grady, Nadine Herrick, and Gabrielle Worthington. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



19<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.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 14:22-33

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

# Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



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

HAND  
AFRAID  
WALKING  
COME

DOUBT  
SAVE  
BOAT  
WATER

WAVES  
SINK  
WIND  
ALONE