

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

Tel (04) 972 4282

Parish Office

Heretaunga

Parish Administrator

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Newsletter

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**YEAR A
READINGS**

20th August 2023

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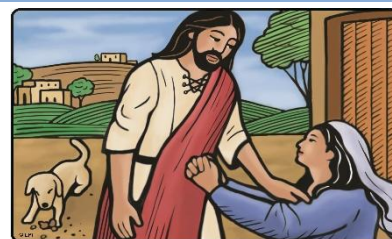
1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7
Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15: 21-28

27th August

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 22 nd Aug	7:30 pm	Bible Study Group OLOG Meeting Room
Thur 24 th Aug	7.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Committee at Stokes Valley
Sun 27 th Aug	7:00 pm	Parent Meeting Sac Programme in Pettit Centre

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 UPDATE

The Government earlier this week removed mandatory seven-day isolation and wearing a mask when visiting a healthcare of aged care facility were no longer required by law. While this is no longer required parishioners are encouraged to continue to make good personal health choices around keeping themselves and other safe in this time of flu and colds.



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 22 August** at the **Connolly Hall Chapel** beginning at **7.30 pm** to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Having met with rejection from the Pharisees Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?



The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you? In our days of widespread migration welcoming the stranger can be a challenge. We are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made, to you and to others, when you were able to offer a friendly welcoming face to a stranger?

Who are the 'Canaanite women' who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?



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.

MAORI PASTORAL CARE COLLECTION

A reminder that the Annual Collection in support of the Maori Pastoral Care is to be taken up next week Sunday 27th August. Those who are part of the Planned Giving Programme can use the provided envelopes. If you are not part of the Planned Giving please feel free to support this collection by placing your donation in an envelope marked 'MAORI PASTORAL CARE' and placing the sealed envelope in the collection baskets over the next few weeks. Thanks



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.

ROOM 9 ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL NEWS

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

Recently 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.



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.

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>



WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

How is the Assumption of Mary different to any other person being taken to heaven after death?

In Mary's case we believe that she was taken up body and soul into heaven. It was not fitting that the body of her who was preserved free from sin by God's grace should suffer decay in the grave. The bodies of holy saints were held in deep veneration from, earliest Christian times, but it is significant that there is no record of veneration of the body of Mary. The reason — her body was not left here below.

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 Philomena McCabe, Nadine Herrick, Gabrielle Worthington. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



20th 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.



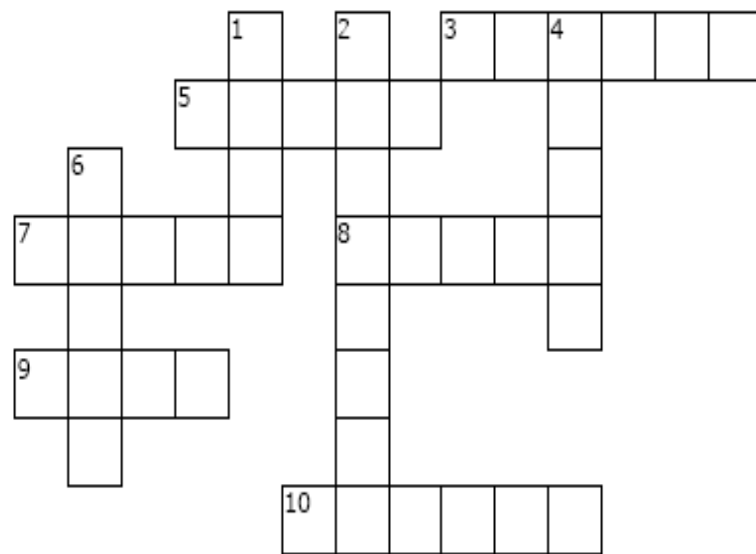
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PUZZLE FOR YOU

Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To experience physical or mental pain
5. An adult female human being
7. The Son of God
8. An very large amount of something
9. Unable to be found
10. Small pieces of bread or cake

DOWN

1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
2. A female child in relation to her parents
4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
6. An evil spirit

JESUS	DAUGHTER	SUFFER	CRUMBS	DEMON
WOMAN	GREAT	FAITH	DOGS	LOST