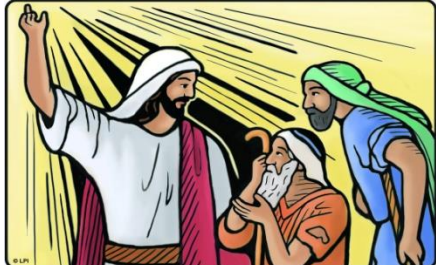


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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
Website	www.olv.org.nz E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School Newsletter	56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909 Newsletter 22 August 2023

22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		YEAR A READINGS	3 rd September 2023
3 rd Sept	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27	
10 th Sept	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Luke 6: 6-11	

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 5 th Sept	5:30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
	7:30 pm	Living Stones Group in Presbytery
Wed 6th Sept	9:30 am	Classes from St Brendan's at Mass - OLOG
	1.30 pm	Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga

A huge **THANK YOU** to those of you who have stood up to volunteer.

St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley

Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, **Sunday morning Cafe**

Please contact the office on 972 4282 if you can help out.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Blessing on those who take the role of **FATHERS** in our world today

BOOK-SWAP

Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner a bookcase has been placed in the PETTIT CENTRE. This is to allow those who use the Centre to drop off and/or take for free a book. Please feel free to make use of this opportunity to share the of books and reading material with one another.



CHURCH LIFE SURVEY 2023

From today until Sunday 24th September we will participate together in the 2023 Church Life Survey. It's a nationwide survey of church attendees and a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church! Members of the Parish Pastoral council will be at Masses to answer any questions. To complete the survey, scan this QR code in the church, click the link in the online parish bulletin or St Brendan's school newsletter, or pick up a paper copy in the foyer after Mass. Completed surveys can be left in the box in the church foyer.



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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women of the Parish are welcome to join us at our next monthly gathering on Wednesday 6th August at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre.



Bring along your favourite baby photo of yourself for a "Guess Who?" competition or if you prefer just come for a cup of tea and a chat.

We are still collecting rosary beads and smaller sized toiletries for the Chaplain at Hutt Hospital to give to people who are unprepared for their stay in hospital.

We are always grateful for the support we receive from the Parish.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain, as a student studying, or an athlete training, can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?

Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. His friend, Peter, would have none of it. Sometimes friends have a mistaken idea of what is for our good. What lessons have you learned about handling bad advice from a good friend?

Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die. In spite of this, he trusted that the power of God would overcome evil. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?

Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward for faithful discipleship. What have these rewards been?

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 3-9 September

'Imagine Peace for all: Peace begins with you! Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence.' Pope Francis.

We hope people will begin their journey by reflecting on their own personal peace and how to seek the peace of God in all areas of their lives. For resources and more information visit

www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week .

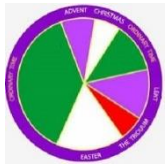
If you wish for a copy of the reflections let us know in the Office.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 5th September at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish. Any enquires please call Roger Wasson on 528 7847



MEN'S GROUP



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.

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. 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

The task of "taking up the cross" becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world. Considering this, let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 30 August 2020

FULFILLED: THE PROMISE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Registrations are now open! This course by Christopher West takes you on an eye-opening tour of the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – beginning with the “ache” of human longing and ending with a vision of the Creed not as a list of rules or prohibitions, but a set of foundational truths that demonstrates that Christianity is a religion of desire that holds out to us the hope of infinite bliss and fulfillment.

When: Saturdays, 16 and 23 September 2023 from 8am- 5pm

Where: St Mary of the Angels Parish, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central, Lunch Provided. Registration: \$60.00 Early Bird: \$50.00 (by Sept 6). There will also be a FREE TOB Training on Sunday, Sept 24 from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm at the Collective Community Hub, 33 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037. Register at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz. For details, contact, info@marriageandfamily.org.nz.

SEASON OF CREATION EVENT

How well do we know our Awa – the Hutt River?

Everyone is invited to an interesting and informative afternoon to hear from a range of speakers about caring for, protecting and restoring Te Awa Kairangi – the Hutt river. Sunday 10 Sept from 1-3.30pm followed by afternoon tea at St Peter and Paul’s Church Hall, Lower Hutt. This event is being organized in conjunction with an Ecumenical River Prayer walk on Sunday 24 September. More information on public group facebook *Te Awa Kairangi Prayer walk*.

FUNDRAISER

Tess (Wasson’s granddaughter) and Sadie (O’Brien’s granddaughter) have been selected for the NZ under 20’s Ultimate Frizbee team for the Trans-Tasman series in Sydney in late September.



A fundraiser is the highly rated, newly released movie “Scrapper” at Lighthouse Cinema on Monday 4th September at 5.30 pm. Cost is \$20 pp with giveaways and raffles with great prizes. Internet payment is available. Please contact Chris (0276462318) or Heather (0276427158)



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

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 16:21-27

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Take Up Your Cross

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:22-28 (NIV)



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