

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)
Weekday Eucharist	Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley) 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 Heretaunga Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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Newsletter	19 September Term 3 2023 (schoolwebsites.school.nz)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A READINGS

1st October 2023

1 st Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 18: 25-28 Philippians 2: 1-11 Matthew 21: 28-32	
8 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Philippians 4: -9 Matthew 21: 33-43	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 3 rd Oct	5:15pm	Men's Night at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 4 th Oct	1:30 pm	CWL Meeting Pettit Centre
Sat 7 th Oct	2:00 pm	Women's Circle of Friendship

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley

Eucharistic Ministers, **Sunday morning Cafe**

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with an Introductory/Welcome session.

These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. The **Introductory Session is scheduled on Wednesday 25th October 2023 in the Meeting Room at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga.** This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program, please phone: Fr Tony 972 4282.

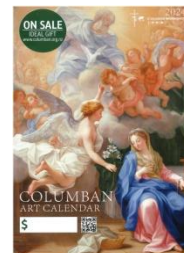


FR TONY AWAY

From Monday October 9th to Friday 13th October (afternoon) Fr Tony will be away from the Parish at a National Assembly for Diocesan Priests in Rotorua. While he is away there will be NO Masses Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th. The Parish Office will be staffed at its regular times. If you need Fr Tony, please ring the Presbytery. Outside office hours he will endeavour to check the answerphone and respond accordingly. Please pray for him and other attendees at this Assembly which is scheduled every five years and provides an opportunity for personal development and pastoral updating.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2024

Limited numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one



MEN'S GROUP

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The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 3rd October 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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We invite all women to our monthly gathering this Wednesday, 4th October at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre. Come for afternoon tea and a chat and to hear Katrina Robinson-Reidy, a dance teacher for 30 years, speak to us of her specialised work with children as a dance therapist.



CWL FUNDRAISER

We are about to start another lotto fundraiser. The cost is \$10 for a number and runs over five weeks with a chance to win \$20 weekly for the winning number and \$10 for the number either side. If you would like to take part please ring Marilyn 0211429482.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

At 2pm, on SATURDAY 7 October 2023, at the Pettit Centre.

This month a representative from Wellington Free Ambulance will be coming to talk about the services they provide in the region.

A gold coin donation or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated. Also, our book swap table continues to run. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Is celebrated in parishes across New Zealand this weekend. It is a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. While we wait and pray for her to be beatified, we continue to unite to promote her message of compassion and love throughout New Zealand and the world.





THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

'It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. Does it not make a huge difference when your heart is in what you are doing? It is so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?

The desire of Jesus for us is that we grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way? Recall times when your relationship with God, or with another person, was something that gave you energy, hope or joy. What lessons do you learn from those memories?

The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.

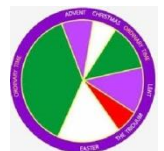
ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Conversion, changing the heart, is a process that purifies us from moral encrustations. And at times it is a painful process, because there is no path of holiness without some sacrifice and without a spiritual battle. Today's Gospel passage calls into question the way of living a Christian life, which is not made up of dreams and beautiful aspirations, but of concrete commitments, in order to always open ourselves to God's will and to love for our brothers and sisters.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 27 September 2020

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.



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CAN YOU HELP?

During the month of December we the Keating's have family arriving from overseas. We need accommodation for a few relatives, either caravan, camper vans or a home for up to six to eight people. We also have 3 children ages 9, 8 and 6 and would like to borrow bikes or scooters. Please ring Marilyn Keating on 5284869

THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region.

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au



Preparing for Your Catholic Marriage

To prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, all couples are required to attend a marriage preparation programme. Our upcoming course, **"Love is a Decision"**, will take place on **5 and 12 November 2023**.

Please note the next course is not until March 2024.

For registration and details, please visit the Archdiocese of Wellington Marriage Ministry's website at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ or email us at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

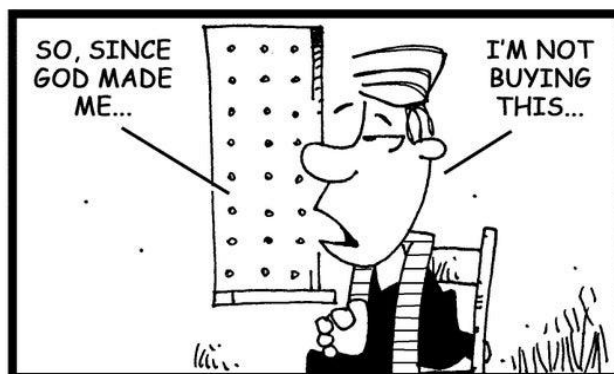
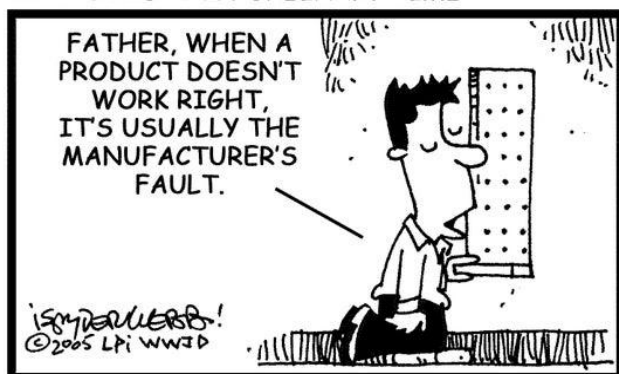
Why do we pray the Rosary?

One might look upon the Rosary as a precious heirloom passed down through generations of our faith family. Essentially, it is a simple, repetitive prayer by which we reflect on the life, death and glorification of Christ through the eyes and heart of his mother. According to a tradition that dates back to the 15th century, St Dominic founded the devotion to the Rosary. Other evidence, however, suggests that it developed gradually, especially under the influence of the Cistercian and Dominican religious orders. The Rosary is one way we can prayerfully contemplate the mysteries of our faith.



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 Joanna Kathleen Smith, and Lucia Pereira. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Margaret Coley and Michelle Fairfield. May they rest in peace.

26TH 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.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 21:28-32

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)



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