

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 Wednesday/Saturday Friday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley) 9:00 am (Heretaunga) 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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**YEAR A
READINGS**

8th October 2023

8 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Philippians 4: -9 Matthew 21: 33-43	
15 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 25: 6-10 Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22: 1-14	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 10th Oct
TO
Fri 13th Oct

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES

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.

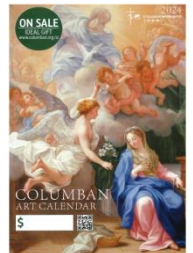


FR TONY AWAY

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

In 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



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available. They will be at the foyer of both Churches and in the Parish Office. A pack of 8 cards is \$6 each.

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.



FUN QUIZZ EVENING

Proceeds to the Wellington Free Ambulance. The Upper Hutt Branch of the Catholic Women's League are supporting Ulysses Club Wellington in holding a Fun Quizz, at the St Brendan's School, Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga. Friday, 27th October 7.15pm for a 7.30pm Start. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Tables of 5-8 persons. Supper and Lucky Ticket number draws included. Raffles available for sale. Tickets available from Susan 970 3730 or 021 068 3065.

MISSION NZ

Mission Sunday on Sunday 22nd October celebrates our being witnesses of God, ready to proclaim, in word and deeds, the joy of the Good News of Jesus. We also express our solidarity to help missionary activities in other parts of the world. Give from your heart. Your gift is your legacy to missions. Donate online: <https://missio.nz/donate>



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching and, as a consequence, losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development, and new life when these were presented to you?



The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others which eventually destroys the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace with yourself and at peace with others?

The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant and reached out caringly for those around you.

'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see.' Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?



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CAN YOU HELP?

During the month of December, we the Keatings, 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 528 4869

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

NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD



During the month of November, we remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated in the Parish during November.

A box is also available to collect specific requests for Masses to be said for their intentions.

On All Souls Day, November 2nd, a Special Mass of Remembrance is being organised. It is to be celebrated in Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga, at 7:30 pm for all the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months. All are welcome to attend.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our 'Sunday best' clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The colour of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.



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 Marcella Loane. May they rest in peace.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A wonderful opportunity to meet the King of Kings. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Every Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00pm. He waits patiently for YOU to come and visit Him. Tell Him your problems; request His help in any situation, ask for strength and courage in your difficulties. He is always there for you! Love and Adore Him. Please contact the office for available time slots. 972 4282



27TH 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.



Matthew 21:33-43 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



the stone that the builders
rejected has become the
corner stone...
Matthew 21:42

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BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY