


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
Website	www.olv.org.nz E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909
Newsletter	19 September Term 3 2023 (schoolwebsites.school.nz)

28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		YEAR A READINGS	15 th October 2023
15 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 25: 6-10 Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22: 1-14	
22 nd Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thess : 1-5 Matthew 22: 15-21	
UPCOMING EVENTS			
Wed 18 th Oct	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre	
Thurs 19 th Oct	01.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest home, SV	
	07.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	

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.



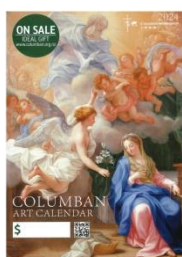
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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.

QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT July – September 2023

Operating Income	50,133
Less Expenditures	
• Pastoral Costs	(25,437)
• Property Costs*	(24,486)
• Administration Costs	(9,058)
Total Operating Expenditure	(58,981)
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(8,848)
Balance Sheet Flows	
• Balance Sheet Inflows	5,048
• Balance Sheet Outflows	(5,099)
Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr	(8,899)



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.



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.

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>



CWL LUNCHEON

On Wednesday 29 November at 12pm at the Te Marua Golf Club \$30.00 per head. You are welcome to bring your spouse along Please phone Trish Leahy on 04 5285161 if you are interested in attending.

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.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. Looking at the first one:

Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts, and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment.' What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'It is a matter of not settling for comforts and the customary ways of evangelization and witnessing to charity, but rather of opening the doors of our hearts and our communities to everyone, because the Gospel is not reserved to a select few. Even those on the margins, even those who are rejected and scorned by society, are considered by God to be worthy of his love.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 11 October 2020



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



HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY

The Hastings Hibernian Education Trust is calling for applications for the 2024 school year. The Hibernian Catholic Education Trust is for all primary and secondary students within New Zealand attending a catholic school. For an application form please contact the Parish

Office.

Please note application deadline is 1 November 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Close@snoopmjb2@yahoo.com or phone 06-879-9040 or 0221 009 754.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP

This project has been running since 2015 and is committed to providing quality household goods and pantry items to newly arriving families being settled in the Wairarapa and Levin. **We really need your help:**

Option 1 – become one of our regular volunteer groups who provide a house pack and pantry items once or twice a year. We will provide you with a list of items

Option 2 – gather some likeminded people together and start

Option 3- Be an ongoing gatherer of good quality electrical goods and kitchen ware to donate over the course of a year. (To be stored at CSS) The following items are the ones most in need : Electric Jug, microwave, rice cooker vacuum cleaner, pots and pans, dinner set, and cooking utensils.



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 Isabel Heenan, Joanna Kathleen Smith, and Lucia Pereira. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

28TH 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 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)



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PARABLES	STREET	INVITED	BANQUET
GUESTS	HEAVEN	KINGDOM	CORNERS
SERVANTS	CATTLE	COME	OXEN
FILLED	REFUSED	WEDDING	DINNER