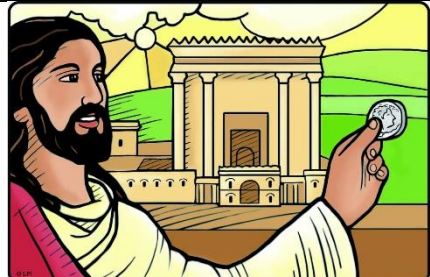


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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 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 Newsletter	56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909 19 September Term 3 2023 (schoolwebsites.school.nz)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	YEAR A READINGS	22nd October 2023
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22 nd Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thess : 1-5 Matthew 22: 15-21	
29 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 22: 20-26 1 Thess1: 5-10 Matthew 22: 34-40	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 25 th Oct	10.00 am	Coffee morning at Silverspoon Cafe, Silverstream
Thurs 26 th Oct	01.30 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting SFX Meeting Room

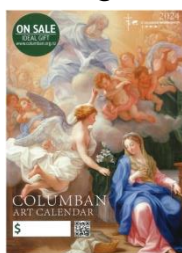


VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley
Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, **Sunday morning Cafe**
Please contact the office on 972 4282 if you can help out.

MISSION NZ

Today is Mission Sunday and we celebrate 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>



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2024

In Limited numbers are fast running out. Available at the Parish Office for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



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)



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.



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

The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?



Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a Catholic?

Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right?

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'From the question posed to him by the Pharisees, Jesus draws a more radical and vital question for each of us, a question we can ask ourselves: to whom do I belong? To family, to the city, to friends, to work, to politics, to the State? Yes, of course. But first and foremost — Jesus reminds us — you belong to God. This is the fundamental belonging. It is He who has given you all that you are and have.... Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in the human and social spheres without comparing "God" and "Caesar"; comparing God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist approach. Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in earthly realities, but illuminating them with the light that comes from God. The primary entrustment to God and hope in him do not imply an escape from reality, but rather the diligent rendering to God that which belongs to him. This is why a believer looks to the future reality, that of God, so as to live earthly life to the fullest, and to meet its challenges with courage.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 22 October 2017

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.

GREENSTONE DOORS

Quiz Evening on Saturday 4th November 7pm at Boulcott's Farm, 33 Military Road, Lower Hutt. Tickets are \$25 per person, tables of 6-8 people. Email Jennie office@greenstonedoors.co.nz to book a table!



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

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:**

- 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
- gather some likeminded people together and start
- 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Help Us to Help Others !



Please donate quality furniture and household items to support the Society of St Vincent de Paul Petone shop which helps the most vulnerable in our community. Drop off items to the shop at 316 Jackson Street Petone or call (04) 568 6408 for collection.



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 October 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.

HEALING & EVANGELISATION – BROTHER JOHNSON SEQUIERA

“Brother Johnson Sequiera is the most amazing minister I have ever met. Full of healing gifts and understanding of the scriptures.” Fr Dr Kevin Connors. With the approval of Archbishop Paul, International Catholic Healing Evangelist, Brother Johnson Sequiera will be ministering at St Joseph’s Church, Upper Hutt on Tuesday 24th October at 7:30pm and Wednesday 25th October at 7:10pm. Brother Johnson will also be in the church foyer on Tuesday from 4pm–6:30pm and Wednesday 3pm–6:30pm.

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



29TH 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.



Matthew 22:15-21 • 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



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CAESAR	TAXES	AMAZED	REPLIED
WAY	PLANS	GIVE	TRAP
PHARISEES	TEACHER	INTEGRITY	TRUTH