


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	Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator	Heretaunga	
Website	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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	Newsletter, 17 October, Term 4 2023	

30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		YEAR A READINGS	29 th October 2023
29 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 22: 20-26 1 Thess 1: 5-10 Matthew 22: 34-40	
5 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Malac 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10 1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13 Matthew 23: 1-12	

UPCOMING EVENTS			
Wed 1 st Nov	9.30 am	All Saints Day	Mass at OLOG St. Brendan's attending
	1.30 pm		Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre
Thur 2 nd Nov	9.30 am	All Souls Day	Mass at SFX
	7.30 pm		Mass at OLOG – Memorial Mass
Sat 4 th Nov	2.00 pm		Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley
Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters,

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



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.

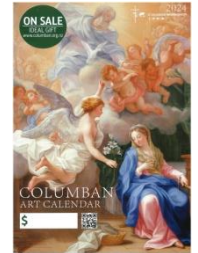


NEW VESTMENTS

A couple of weeks ago four vestments were received in the Parish for use during Masses. These vestments had been commissioned about 18 months ago but delays overseas has meant that they have only just arrived. The vestments were commissioned as a result of funds raised during our 60/70 Jubilee celebrations in February 2021. Our prayerful thanks go to Josephine Dela Torres of the Philippines who created them for us. Fr Tony blessed the vestments last week at the Sunday Masses

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2024

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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women are invited to join us at the Pettit Centre at 1.30pm this Wednesday, 1st October for afternoon tea and a chat.

Could members please bring along a nonperishable food item suitable for a Christmas raffle.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next gathering will be 2pm, on Saturday 4 November 2023, at the Pettit Centre.

This month our guest speaker is Margaret Simmons, a retired nurse who will tell us about her work in the burns and plastics unit in the Hutt Hospital. A gold coin donation or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated. Also, check out our collection of books in the beautiful bookcase. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. Have you every felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did they say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?

If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how they could live a full life? In the unusual circumstances of recent years social life was disrupted by Covid. We had to find unusual and creative ways of showing love to our neighbours. What ways of reaching out to others did you find were most appreciated?



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.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Love for God is expressed above all in prayer, particularly in adoration. Adoring God is precisely the heart of prayer. And love for neighbour, which is also called fraternal charity, consists in closeness, listening, sharing, caring for others. And so often we neglect to listen to others because it is boring or because it takes up our time, or [we neglect] to accompany them, to support them in their suffering, in their trials... '

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 25 Oct 2020

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 KOTAHITANGA ANNUAL APPEAL

The annual appeal is running from 1 November – 30 November. We engage with all people and communities to help empower them as they live their lives. We connect with parishes, schools, faith-based groups and other community organisations to respond to the immediate needs within our communities. To find out more about Catholic Social Services and our mahi go to <https://bit.ly/45x1OFv>. You can make a donation via our bank account 02-0560-0213864-00 with your surname & Initials, Code CSS23, & phone number or by using this link [wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate](https://www.wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate).

TE KUPENGA - CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Is now accepting enrolments for 2024. Programmes offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, NZ Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies. With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, our programmes will empower you to analyze complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable. Enrolments close on Friday 24th November. For more information go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.



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.

CHURCH LIFE SURVEY INTERIM RESULTS



It was awesome to get the results back from the Church Life Survey. While analysing what this means for us and helping guide the Parish Council's vision, we will also be looking at the best way of making the results available for our community. It was heartening to see that 131 parishioners took part from a typical weekly attendance across the whole Our Lady of the Valleys' community of 361. There is certainly a lot to help guide us even where much of the information is already known, for example that we need to work harder to provide for children and youth along with providing more Church activities that bring people together. As a Council we look forward to diving deeper into this and helping create actions that will make us a Church that better reflects the needs and desires of its community. More information will be provided around accessing the survey results.



PRESENTATION OF PALLIUM

On Sunday 5th of November, 5pm at St Mary of the Angels a Mass will be held for the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa who will invest Archbishop Paul with the Pallium. The Pallium is a white woolen band with pendants in front and back worn over the chasuble by the Pope or a Metropolitan Archbishop. It symbolizes the close relationship between the Bishop of Rome and the local Church. The Pallia for all newly appointed Metropolitan Archbishops were blessed by Pope Francis in Rome on 29 June 2023, the feast of Ss Peter and Paul. The bishops of New Zealand will be present as the bishops' conference starts in Wellington the following day. This invitation is extended to all members of the Church in the Archdiocese of Wellington. All are welcome to a cup of tea in the hall following Mass.

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



30th 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 22:34-40 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" Matthew 22:37

Based on Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)



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