


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
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32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		YEAR A READINGS	12 th November 2023
12 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Wisdom : 12-16 1 Thess 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13	
19 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Prov31: 10-13,19-20,30-31 1 Thess 5: 1-6 Matthew 25: 14-30	

UPCOMING EVENTS		
Wed 15 th Nov	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thurs 16 th Nov	01.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest home, SV
	07.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting

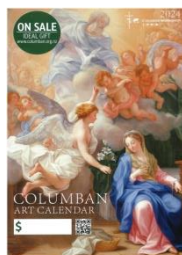
Please note there will be no mass at SFX on 15th November and at OLOG on 16th November

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley

Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters

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



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.

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.





THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What

were the consequences for you?

Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?

We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 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.

UNIFORM FOR ST PATS COLLEGE SILVERSTREAM

If you have any St Pats uniform for sale, could you please ring Kate on 021374335.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2024

Enrolments for the 2024 Sacramental Preparation Program are now open for those candidates who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Enrolments can also be submitted on-line at

www.olv.org.nz/sacraments/. Enrolment forms are also available in the foyer of both churches and the School.

Though enrolments close on 2nd February 2024 **please endeavour to enrol before the 15th December** as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on February 18th as the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Debby Morgan, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.

MEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

To be held on Friday the 1st December starting at 5.30 pm at the Presbytery in Heretaunga. The approximate cost is \$12 per head.

There is a clipboard in the foyer of each church to put your name in if you are going to attend. Contact Roger Wasson for further details on 021 116 2653



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'With this parable, Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works. As the Apostle Paul says, the faith that truly unites us to Jesus is, "faith working through love" (Gal 5:6).'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 8 November 2020.

LIVING STONES - UPDATE

Have you noticed the poster in the church foyer? This summarises the parish consultation feedback and a copy is attached.

The committee has engaged Colliers to undertake a full market valuation of the parish property portfolio. When this is completed and reviewed the various options will be sent to the parish community for consideration.

Meanwhile please talk to any of the committee members if you have questions.



CATHOLIC BnB

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics . To purchase a book of details of hosts, contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

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.

YOUNG CHURCH MASS

The final Young Church Mass for 2023 is happening on the 26th of November. This Mass will be hosted by Life Teen Wellington, 5pm at St Anne's, Newtown. All youth and young adults are invited to celebrate with us! We hope to see you there! Follow @ADWyoungchurch on social media for more updates on what's happening in the young church.

MASS FOR LIFE

You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 1 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023

Sunday, 19 November marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4:7). Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Commitment Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works tirelessly to empower communities. They partner with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their mission aligns with Pope Francis' call to make a positive change in the world. Get Involved! Consider what you can do to recognise the World Day of the Poor 2023. Together, we can create a more just and compassionate world. Find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand! Caritas Website: caritas.org.nz

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON



The Archdiocese is seeking a Marriage Ministry Coordinator in the Church Mission team. The role involves coordinating pre-marriage programmes, providing formation for volunteer marriage educators and developing opportunities for marriage enrichment in the Archdiocese. Apply today with your resume and cover letter to c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz Applications close on Monday 20 November 2023.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

You're invited to love them both by attending the seventh annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday, 2 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life that also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. www.marchforlife.nz



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 enrolled in our Book of Remembrance and whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Change is Coming



Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

Thank you for sharing your feedback, including your hopes, aspirations, concerns and issues for our Parish in our recent consultation. Your insights will support shaping the future of our Parish.

Key themes have emerged, and they are listed below.

Now, we are excited to engage with our youth.

We will keep in touch with progress!
livingstones@olov.org.nz



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Matthew 25:1-13 • 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



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