

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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A READINGS 19th November 2023

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	
26 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Matthew 25: 31-46	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur 23rd 7:30 pm Liturgy Meeting Heretaunga

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY



St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley

Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters

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



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 04 528 5161 if you are interested in attending.

CWL BONUS LOTTO RESULTS - thank you to all who recently took part in our Lotto Bonus. Here are the results: Week one, Peter Mathews \$20. Carole Hoult and Josephine Eynon \$10 each. Week two, Marilyn Keating \$20, Margaret Carson and Rita David \$10 each. Week 3, Tim McMahon \$20, Leola Kelly and Coleen Hickey \$10 each. Week 4, Pat Hoult \$20, Paul Jennings and Trish Leahy \$10 each. Week 5, Rita David \$20, Margaret Carson and Marilyn Keating \$10 each. Thank you again for your support- Marilyn

CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE will be selling raffle tickets for a Christmas hamper at all Masses next weekend, 25th and 26th. Tickets are 3 for \$5 and the lucky winner will be drawn at our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 29th November.

UNIFORM FOR ST PATS COLLEGE SILVERSTREAM

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



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

A gift given in love, is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life?

On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be 'traded' with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it, and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?

Likewise with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?

Pope Francis in his letter wrote, 'I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities. ... The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters.'



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 021116 2653



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

35 women enjoyed a talk by Margaret Simmons at the November gathering of the Circle of Friendship. Margaret is a retired nurse who worked in the Burns and Plastics Unit at Hutt Hospital. She explained, in detail, what the work involved - skill and knowledge along with care and compassion. Grateful thanks to all the nurses in all of our hospitals for their care. The talk was followed by a cuppa and lots of enthusiastic conversation. Saturday, 2nd December, is our Christmas gathering., Details later.

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.



TE KUPENGA - CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Programmes offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, NZ Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies. Enrolments close on 24th November. For more information go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND.

Many are distressed at the ongoing violence suffering and death affecting the Holy Land. Along with any other actions for peace you may be engaged in, St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St, is open during the day for you to light a candle and say a prayer that all who dwell in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza and Israel to live in security and peace. All faiths and none welcome to this central city church.



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!

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. 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

This 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

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

You're invited to attend the seventh annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on 2 December. 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

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.



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 Frances Casagrande, Trevor Dench, Caitriona Clay and Cheryl Park. We pray also for those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance and whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

33RD 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 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 • 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



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JOURNEY	WORTHLESS	TALENT	MASTER
SERVANT	PROPERTY	SHARE	MONEY
ABILITY	WICKED	FAITHFUL	WEeping
GAINED	HAPPINESS	LAZY	ENTRUSTED