


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
St Brendan's School Newsletter	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A READINGS 26th November 2023

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	
3 rd Dec	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Is 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8 1Cor 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 33-37	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 29 th	10:00 am	Coffee morning at Silverspoon Cafe, Silverstream
Sat 2 nd	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2024 - HURRY GOING FAST!!

Limited numbers. Available at the Parish Office or in the Church foyers 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.



NEWSLETTERS

Recently we upgraded the computer in the office and there were a few stumbling blocks. We have been alerted that some of you may not be receiving the newsletter and other notices. If so, please inform the office via a call or email. Sorry for the inconvenience caused. If on the other hand you do not wish to get these emails please advise us.



RITE II RECONCILIATION

At our Lady of Grace Church on Sunday 10th December at 4:00 pm
If you would like Rite I Reconciliation please contact Fr Tony for an appointment 04 972 4282

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One surprise is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Being a disciple of Jesus is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sin-avoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?



Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centred (about my personal sanctification) but other-centred (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up in yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others?

Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?

The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?



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.

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.



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

Hello ladies our next gathering will be our Christmas HighTea, on Saturday 2 December at 2pm, at the Petit Centre.

Could you please bring a pretty cup, saucer and plate to use. Also, a small plate of Christmas food to share. Come along and enjoy our Christmas celebration. There will be a Christmas quiz, some carol singing, and friendly fellowship.

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.



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.

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

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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you to all the people that leave food for the needy in the basket I am now making an extra request to all our parishioners for help to fill the boxes for the needy for Christmas we like to give them a little extra for Christmas but this year's funds are short and are in need of help to put a little extra in the boxes the following is what we would love to be able to give them -biscuits tins fruit salad pks sweets sugar cholate jellies Xmas mince pie chippies tins of salmon the basket is at the front of the church thank you all in anticipation

Kindest regards Pat O'Grady



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8TH DEC

As has been the custom for many years now an Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated on our Diocesan feast day at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, Karori at 7.00pm on Friday 8th December. The Archdiocese will again be entrusted to the care of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception at this Mass.

https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_welcom/the-feast-of-the-immaculate-conception-8-december/



SAVE THE DATE – QUIZ FUNDRAISING EVENING The Parish Pastoral Council have begun organising a quiz evening. The date for this event is Friday, 5th April, 2024, at 7:30 pm. Save the Date!



HOUSE CLEANER NEEDED

Elderly parishioners require the services of a house cleaner for three hours a week in Pinehaven. Phone 5286257

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Those who have experienced in their own lives the Father's mercy cannot remain indifferent before the needs of their brothers. The lesson of Jesus that we have heard does not allow escape routes: I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was naked, displaced, sick, in prison and you assisted me. You cannot stonewall a person who is hungry: he must be fed. Jesus tells us this! The works of mercy are not theoretical ideas, but concrete testimonies. They oblige us to roll up our sleeves to alleviate suffering.'

Pope Francis [Jubilee Audience](#) 30 June 2016

VACANCY

Executive Assistant to the Archbishop. The Archdiocese of Wellington is seeking an Executive Assistant to Archbishop Paul. For people interested in the role, and to obtain a role description, they should contact Ngan Nguyen from McLaren Associates on 04 472 8095.



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.

CHRIST THE KING





You are invited to

St Brendan's Giving Gratitude Celebration

Tuesday 28th November 2023, 2:15pm
in our school hall.

This is an opportunity for us to say thank you to all those people who have helped us throughout the year.

We are grateful for your generosity which has enabled our tamariki to participate in a number of activities and events.

Change is Coming



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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 25:31-46 • Christ the King

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Sheep and the Goats

All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Matthew 25:32



The puzzle is based on Matthew 25:31-46

C H I T R U T H N S M V Z C P
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