


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/Friday	9:30 am (Heretaunga)
	Saturday	9:00 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	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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B READINGS 28th January 2024

28 th Jan	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Deut 18: 15-20 Cor 7: 32-35 Mark 4: 35-41	
4 th Feb	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39	

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 rd Feb	2:00 pm	Women's Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
6 th Feb	9:30 am	Waitangi Day Mass at St Francis Xavier

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AND GRATITUDE GOES OUT TO THE MARIAN COURT AND COLUMBAN PRIESTS FOR THEIR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS.



ALTAR SERVING

For those younger members of our parish interested in the altar serving ministry, there will be a training session this Sunday 28th January - straight after the 10:30am Mass at Heretaunga. We are also looking for servers for our 8.30am Mass at Stokes Valley, so please reach out and we can arrange training.

Please contact Conor Healy (conorhealy26@gmail.com) to register your interest or to find out more information.

FAREWELL TO LONG TRANH KIM TAN

This weekend is the last for the Vietnamese student Long, who has been in the Parish since October 2022 is moving soon to Karori. We wish Long blesses as he moved to Wellington City on his journey to ministry. He will be farewelled at the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Grace this Sunday 28th January.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that *'he taught as one having authority'*. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.



Jesus' combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?

The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?

It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit – jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

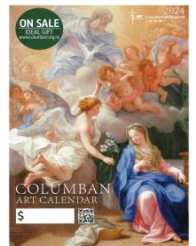
If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll.



We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email office@olov.org.nz

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2024 – JUST 3 LEFT!!

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.



NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email please advise the Parish Office of your email address: office@olov.org.nz

ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



Parishioners are invited to bring their Palms from previous year's Palm Sunday service (if you have them) to leave in the basket in the foyer of the Church ready for Ash Wednesday. These will be burnt to provide the Ashes used to mark the beginning of Lent on 14th February. Thank you.



VOLUNTEER STOKES VALLEY – PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We have run out of volunteers from Stokes Valley for writing out the prayers for the Sunday Mass. This needs to be done just for two consecutive Sundays 4 times in a year. If you could help, please contact the office and you will be given all the information.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A wonderful opportunity to meet the King of Kings. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Every Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00pm. He waits patiently for YOU to come and visit Him. Tell Him your problems; request His help in any situation, ask for strength and courage in your difficulties. He is always there for you! Love and Adore Him. Please contact the office for available time slots. 972 4282. Adoration will begin for 2024 early February and continue for each Friday of school term time.

LIVING WATERS CAFÉ



Sundays after 10:30am Mass at the Pettit Centre Heretaunga. All parishioners are welcome. The café is held in the Pettit Centre behind the church and operates most Sundays from 11:30 until 12:30. The café is run by volunteers. Tea, coffee and a light snack are served. Children are catered for also. Gold coin donation is welcome but not essential.

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. 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.



SILENT MEDITATION/CONTEMPLATION

Our Christian Meditation Group will resume meeting every Monday afternoon from 29th January 2024. at Marian Court Prayer Room 1 Perry St. from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm v- A talk and half hour meditation is offered followed by a cup of tea. We welcome anyone interested to join us.

Contact Sr Annette at Marian Court
534 2155.

Ph 5271216 or 022

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP GATHERING - 3 FEBRUARY, 2:00PM

Hello ladies, and a very happy new year to you all. I hope you had a great Christmas.



Our next circle of Friendship gathering will be on Saturday 3rd February at 2:00pm, at the Petit Centre behind Our Lady of Grace Church. As it is our first gathering of the year, we thought it would be nice if those who have an interesting story to share with us all can have the opportunity to do so. Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations are always gratefully accepted. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa. It will be great to see everyone again.

SAVE THE DATE- QUIZ FUNDRAISING EVENING: RE-GIFTING

The Quiz Evening on the 5th April needs prizes. Please would you consider re-gifting unwanted Christmas presents? You may win them back, perhaps! More details on where you can drop off your gifts will follow in the New Year. See you there. Money raised by the quiz will go towards the Petit Centre refurbishment.



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.

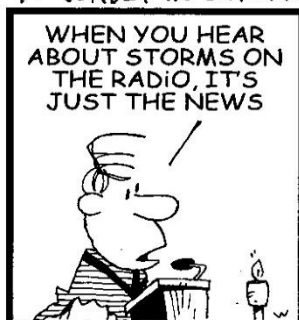
VISITING THE SICK

Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs an ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office on 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, especially Mary Daly, Ursula Poczwa, and Thomas Cardinal Williams. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:21-28

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Who's In Control?

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27

Based on Mark 1:21-28



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