


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 Office	Heretaunga	
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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3rd Sunday of Lent 3rd March 2024

READINGS YEAR B

03 rd Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 20: 1-17 1Cor 1:22-25 John 2:13-25	
10 th Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Samuel 16: 1.6-7, 10-13 Eph 2: 4-10 John 3: 14-21	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 1 st Mar	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at SFX
Sat 2 nd Mar	2:00 pm	Women's Circle of Friendship - Pettit Centre
Sun 3 rd Mar	7:00 pm	Parent Meeting Sac Prep Programme Pettit Centre
Tue 5 th Mar	5:30 pm	Men's Group at the Silverstream Bowling Cub
Wed 6 th Mar	6:30 am	Early Morning Mass at OLOG (additional)
	1:30 pm	Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**RITE II**) will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Church on Sunday 17th March at 3:00pm. An invitation is offered to all in the Parish who wish to experience God's loving grace and forgiveness to join us at this celebration. We will be joined at this liturgy by the Junior Sacramental Preparation Programme young candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time. If you would prefer to have the Sacramental privately under the **RITE I** format, Father Tony is usually available after the weekday Masses at St Francis Xavier or Our Lady of Grace Church or you can ring him at the Presbytery (972 4282) to arrange a time at your convenience.



WEDNESDAYS OF LENT FROM 14th FEBRUARY

On each Wednesday in Lent there will be an additional Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 6:30 am for those who might like to choose this as a Lenten Observance.

PARISH PICNIC 25th MARCH

Last Sunday after the 10:30am Mass parishioners and friends gathered on the lawn in front of the Presbytery enjoyed fine weather, picnic food, entertainment games and good social time. A huge THANK YOU to the Parish Council who organized the event and those who helped out on the day. Looking forward to next year.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley. ALL WELCOME

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

‘A certain fiery and starry light shone from his eyes and the majesty of Godhead gleamed in His face.’ St Jerome



What gives you the right? Who do you think you are? In our world, it can be difficult to work out who has authority to speak on certain issues. There are ‘experts’, both qualified and unqualified, at every turn, telling us how we should spend or invest our money, how we should bring up our children, how we should eat, exercise or dress. We usually manage to tune a lot of it out. But when unsolicited advice or criticism is aimed directly at us, we can feel under attack and react accordingly. ‘What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life?’ is a common response. We sometimes need to hear someone’s credentials before we are willing to give them a fair hearing.

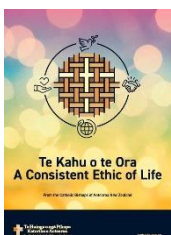
The Temple scene in today’s gospel sparks a debate about Jesus’ authority. When the Jews question him, asking for a sign to justify what he has done, it is as if they are saying ‘Who do you think you are, coming in here, criticising our activities and telling us how to run things?’ In calling the Temple ‘my Father’s house,’ Jesus has already identified the source of his authority, but his interrogators do not seem to understand, nor indeed do his disciples. This scene offers much more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation by Jesus that he is the authoritative Son of God, and a foreshadowing of his death and resurrection.

BIG THANK YOU

In the days leading up to Christmas the Filipino community organised for the Parish a Simbang Gabi – a series of Masses leading up to Christmas Eve. At these Masses collections were taken up. The funds generated have been gifted to the Parish. It will be put towards the refurbishment of the Pettit Centre.



The Parish is grateful for the generous donation provided to us and the effort put in to organise the event.



A CONSISTENT ETHIC FOR LIFE - NZCBC

The landmark new Catholic bishops' teaching document Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life has been reprinted, with paper copies available to schools, parishes, Church organisations and individuals for just \$3 each.

It contains a succinct overview of eight key moral areas including creation; the beginning and end-of-life; discrimination and abuse; poverty; war and peace; justice and correction; and information technology and artificial intelligence. Published by the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference last

September, it is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 Bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God.

There is a link to the document on our webpage www.olv.org.nz or you can click on this link [Te Kahu o te Ora - A Consistent Ethic of Life - New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference.](#)

If you would like to order a printed copy please provide your name, postal address and number of copies required to communications@nzcbc.org.nz with *Te Kahu o te Ora* in the subject line. Copies cost \$3 per copy.

Limited copies of the document have been printed off (as it runs to 60 pages) and are in the foyer of both churches. Please feel free to take a copy and return it back for others to read when you have finished.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PRAYER REQUESTS

In the foyer of both churches are cards that have the name of one of the candidates in this year's Sacramental Preparation Program. Parishioners are invited to take one of these cards and pray for the names candidate as they move through program this year towards First Holy Communion. This is a way we all can support these young members of our faith family on their journey of faith.

THE TIME IS NOW – CARITAS LENTEN GIVING PROGRAMME

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive. Lenten Giving envelopes are available from today. This year there is a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once, or weekly – using the same envelope.

NOTE: Donations received by CARITAS in envelopes before 31st March will be included in the 2023/24 tax year.



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE WELLINGTON

Are celebrating 80 years of Faith, Service and Action in conjunction with their Annual Conference at St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Naenae on Saturday 16th commencing at 1pm and Sunday 17th March starting at 9am. Conference Mass is at 5pm Saturday, with the main Celebrant Monsignor Gerard Burns. One of the Keynote Speakers will be Joy

Cowley on the subjects of "The Pros and Cons of Priests being able to Marry" and "Feminine Spirituality". Individual Registration Forms are available. For further information please contact Helen on archdio.sec@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women are invited to our Stations of the Cross liturgy and afternoon tea at 1:30pm next Wednesday, 6th March in the Pettit Centre.

The Chaplain at Lower Hutt Hospital sends a big thankyou to all who have contributed toiletries for patients who are not prepared for their stay in hospital. A few weeks ago, we gave her about \$300 worth of toiletries to help with her work. Small size toiletries are most helpful. We also collect notepads, pens and rosary beads. If you would like to give to this you could bring your donation to our meeting or ring Chris on 0276462318.

FR DAVID DOWLING APPOINTED RECTOR OF HOLY CROSS SEMINARY

Father David Dowling has been appointed as the new rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Fr David is a priest of the Archdiocese of Wellington whose priestly journey began when he entered Holy Cross in 2001



MINISTRY VOLUNTEER'S FOR HOLY WEEK EVENTS

In the upcoming week members of the Liturgy Committee will be looking for people to assist in the celebration of the various services during Holy Week. The services range from Palm Sunday representatives to attend the Chrism Mass to receive the Holy Oils for the Parish; Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Thursday; Readers and Eucharistic Minister for Good Friday through to more decorators and readers for the additional reading at the Easter Vigil; To try to make it easier for these people (and to save some of the ringing around that happens to cover all the events/ministries) lists of the ways that parishioners can assist have been placed in the foyer of both Churches. If you are a minister and know that you will be at a certain ceremony, please indicate your willingness to assist.

OLOV QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 5 April 2024, St Brendan's school hall, from 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Tickets \$10 each. Tables of 8 so get your team together or come along to join a team. Get in quick, tickets sell fast.



To purchase tickets, contact Conor conorhealy26@gmail.com Ph:0212361782. Payment into the OLOV bank account 020772 0070279 00 or cash secures your ticket No door sales.

Bring a plate to share for supper, nothing to be heated please. Tea and coffee will be available. Bring cash for raffles. Funds will go towards the Petit Centre renovations.

RAFFLES FOR THE QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz committee is seeking donations for the raffles. Anything to go in a hamper, vouchers, cash donation, wine, food, we accept it all!! If you have a business, you may want to sponsor a quiz round. We will be in the foyer after each mass collecting donations or if you prefer someone collect it, contact Erin Murphy melkmurphy@outlook.com Ph: 021435400 and she will arrange pick up. Thank you!



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 2 March at 2pm, at the Petit Centre. Norma Sawers will talk to us on the following topic "Travels with my daughter" in which she will share with us some of the adventures they have had in their travels together over the years.

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.

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 Ted Bennett, and Mary (Moir) Dourley. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



3D SUNDAY OF LENT



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Lent • John 2:13-25

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Cleaning House

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. John 2:15 (NIV)

Based on John 2:13-16 (NIV)



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TIME	MARKET	CHANGERS	JEWISH	MONEY
SELLING	HOUSE	TABLES	WHIP	CORDS