


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
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4th Sunday of Lent 17th March 2024

READINGS YEAR B

17 th Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9 John 12: 20-33	
24 th Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mark 14: 1-15: 47	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 17 th Mar	3:00 pm	Rite II Reconciliation at St Francis Xavier Church
Wed 20 th Mar	6:30 pm	Early Morning Mass for Lent
	11:00 am	Anointing Mass in the Pettit Centre
Thu 21 st Mar	1:30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
	7:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 22 nd Mar	7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross at SFX

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**RITE II**) will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Church **on this 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

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.



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

Jesus is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.



Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life.

Repent and believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?

There is an immediacy about the call of Jesus: *'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'*. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'?



OLOV FUN QUIZZ 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 via email conorhealy26@gmail.com or phone 0212361782.

We will also be selling tickets after each mass this weekend. No door sales.

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!



FLOWERS FOR EASTER




The florists at Stokes Valley and Heretaunga are requesting parishioners if they would like to provide flowers in **white or gold** and foliage suitable for decorating the Church for Easter. Flowers etc can be given at the Presbytery or the front porch of SFX by 10 am

Thursday 28th **March**

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.



TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK		   
Tuesday 26th March	9:30 am	Mass - St Francis Xavier Church
Wednesday 27th March	6:30 am	Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church
	9:00 am	Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church
	7.30 pm	Chrism Mass at St. Theresa's, Karori
Holy Thursday 28th March	7:30 pm	Mass of the Last Supper Our Lady of Grace Church
Good Friday 29th March	3:00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord St Francis Xavier's Church
Holy Saturday 30th March	8:00 pm	Vigil Light Service St Francis Xavier Church
Easter Sunday 31st March	8:30 am	Mass of Easter - St Francis Xavier Church
	10:30 am	Mass of Easter - Our Lady of Grace Church



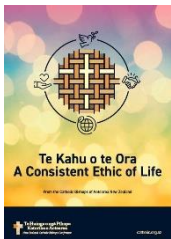
THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE WELLINGTON

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 1:00 pm and Sunday 17th March starting at 9:00 am. 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

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. Please click on the link below for a copy of the statement from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand regarding the Caritas Lent Appeal <https://olov.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Bishops-Statement-Caritas-Lent-Appeal-13-March.pdf>



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.

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 Trena Jacomb, Wendy Lee Frampton, Colleen Hussey, and Ted Bennett. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Lent • John 12:20-33

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



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