

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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Palm Sunday READINGS YEAR B 24th March 2024

24th Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mark 14: 1-15: 47	
31st Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 10:34,37-43 2Col 3;3-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8 Mark 16:3-8	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 27 th Mar	6:30 pm	Early Morning Mass for Lent
	7:30 pm	Chrism Mass at St Teresa's Church Karori
Thur 28 th Mar - Sat 30 th Mar		See Holy Week Timetable later in newsletter

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.



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. 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**.

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

MINISTRY VOLUNTEER'S FOR HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Members of the Liturgy Committee are 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.



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>

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it? Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?



We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

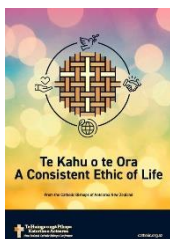
For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence?

LIVING STONES UPDATE

The parish property portfolio valuations from Colliers is expected to be received by the end of the month. When this is received and reviewed, the various options will be sent to the parish community for consideration.



We are seeking a few more parishioners to join our committee to assist in the facilitation of the next steps. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Fr Tony or one of the other members of the group.



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](http://www.olv.org.nz/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.

FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION - GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT!

Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organisation focused on parish renewal. Fr James Mallon, DR's founder, introduced DR to NZ in 2018 at the national clergy assembly in Christchurch. Since then, the model has continued to inspire and facilitate renewal parishes all over the world. The Archdiocese is delighted to welcome Mr Dan O'Rourke (D.R's current president) to Wellington for an evening specifically focussed on strategies for renewal in our parishes. Parish Pastoral Council members and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes.

Thursday 18 April - 6:30pm (Cup of tea) 7.00pm- 9.00pm **Venue:** St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville, Wellington. [Click here for a one-minute intro to Divine Renovation](#)

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'In this historical and social situation, what is God doing? He takes up the cross... And we? What should we do?... Along the daily way of the cross, we meet the faces of so many brothers and sisters in difficulty: let us not pass them by, let us allow our hearts to be moved with compassion, and let us draw near. At first, like the Cyrenian, we might think: "Why me?". But then we will discover the gift that we have received, without our own merit.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 28 March 2021

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 Veronica Butler, Margaret Wysocki, Pat McMenamin, Trena Jacomb, Wendy Lee Frampton, and Colleen Hussey. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



PALM SUNDAY



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • John 12:12-16

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 11:1-11



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