

# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father Tony Kearns
<b>Church</b>	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)
<b>Sunday Eucharist</b>	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV) 8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG) Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	Wednesday/Friday 9:30 am (Heretaunga) Saturday 9:00 am (Heretaunga)
<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>	Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	By appointment with Parish Priest
<b>Presbytery and Parish Office</b>	5 Palmer Crescent Heretaunga <b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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## Easter Sunday READINGS YEAR B 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts 10:34,37-43 2Col 3;3-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8 Mark 16:3-8	
7 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts 4: 32-35 1John 5: 1-6 John 20: 19-31	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	5:30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	1:30 pm	Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre



*Father Tony and those working in the Parish extend their prayerful good wishes that the light of the Risen Christ may overcome any darkness in our hearts and minds, bring the joy of Easter to the families of all attending these ceremonies, and find a place in every home in the Parish*

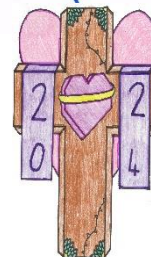
*Fr Tony*

### PASCHAL CANDLE DESIGN

Once again students from St Brendan's have designed a logo of 2024 Paschal Candle. The design chosen for this year is above

The artist supplied this explanation of the design

*I chose the hearts because God loves everyone. The thorns around the cross represent Jesus' crown of thorns and the brown colour of the cross, the wooden cross on which he was crucified. The purple ribbons draped on the cross come from the purple banners on the altar at Lent.*



Thanks to all the students who submitted designs. As in past years ALL the supplied designs will be displayed on the walls of both Our Lady of Grace Church, and St Francis Xavier Church for the next seven weeks of the Easter Season



## OLOV FUN QUIZZ NIGHT

1 more table left! 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.

To purchase tickets contact Conor via email [conorhealy26@gmail.com](mailto:conorhealy26@gmail.com) or phone 021 236 1782.

**We have lots of raffles and prizes, so please bring cash! A small plate for supper would be appreciated (no heated food). 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](mailto:melkmurphy@outlook.com) Ph: 021435400 and she will arrange pick up. Thank you!



## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish. This week there will be **BBQ Sausages** wrapped in bread a change from the normal fish and chips. Any enquires please call Roger Wasson on 528 7847

MEN'S GROUP



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women are invited to afternoon tea in the Pettit Centre at 1.30 pm on Wednesday, 3rd April. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat and if you like you could bring a favourite recipe to share...maybe with a sample for us to taste!

We are still collecting toiletries for the Chaplain at Lower Hutt Hospital.

## Parish response to *Laudate Deum* (04-10-2023) and *Ad Theologiam Promovendam* (01-11-2023) from the Holy Father



The Parish Pastoral Council will make available the recycling of bottle tops in each church foyer from Easter Sunday. Clean plastic tops and jar lids numbered 2 and 5, and clean metal tops, metal jar lids, beer crown tops and can ring tabs can be deposited for recycling. Unlike kerbside and city council recycling systems we can guarantee that the plastic tops and lids numbered 2 and 5 will go to a recycling business.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next gathering will be on Saturday 6 April at 2pm, at the Pettit Centre. The speaker is Helen Daisley and she is speaking on her sub-Antarctic cruise. 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.

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the test.



The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they have placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. In recent years, information in newspapers and on TV is at times dominated by bad news. What was that like for you?

Mary and Peter, and possibly others came and discovered that the tomb was empty. They are left in a state of bewilderment ‘for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that He must rise from the dead’. Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain?

Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple ‘saw and believed’. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seems? ...times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed? Where have you found life in such experiences?



### 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.

### 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

‘Today is Easter, the Pasch, a word that means “passage”, for in Jesus the decisive passage of humanity has been made: the passage from death to life, from sin to grace, from fear to confidence, from desolation to communion. ...



We are not alone: Jesus, the Living One, is with us, forever. Let the Church and the world rejoice, for today our hopes no longer come up against the wall of death, for the Lord has built us a bridge to life. ... May you, the Lord of life, encourage us on our journey and repeat to us, as you did to the disciples on the evening of Easter: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 19:21).'

Pope Francis, [Urbi et Orbi](#), Easter 2023

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MASS

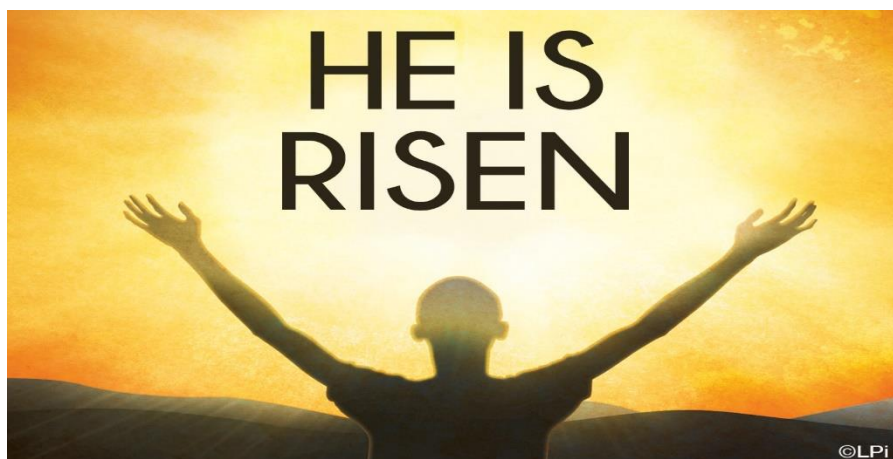
On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at St Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt **1:30pm**  
Reconciliation, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet **2:30pm** Mass

After Mass - Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and Relic followed by Afternoon tea. People are asked to pray the 9-day Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday going through to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. A Plenary Indulgence is offered by the Church on Divine Mercy Sunday. The conditions are (a) That you go to reconciliation in the week before the Divine Mercy Sunday, on the day itself or in the week after Divine Mercy Sunday, (b) receive the Eucharist at Mass and (c) pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

**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 Margaret Gray, 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.



#### EASTER



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Easter Vigil • Mark 16:1-7

# PUZZLE FOR YOU

## The Resurrection Word Search



G W W S O M A G D A L E N E Q  
 T O K C P Z D C C F I R S T D  
 E M B R O T H E R S I Y D M I  
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 Y A A K C D A E T L O G G B N  
 J G R D A Y R S R L N V B S D  
 F X H Y F V V I R A W Q R W Z



Early	first	day	week	dark
Mary	Magdalene	tomb	stone	moved
Angels	white	Lord	woman	crying
Gardener	teacher	Father	brothers	disciples

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"  
 And she told them that he had said these things to her.  
 John 20:18 (NIV)