


# 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	Tel (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter READINGS 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 YEAR B

14 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1John 2: 1-5 Luke 24: 35-48	
21 <sup>st</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts 4: 8-12 John 3: 1-2 John 10-11-18	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30 pm	Bible Study meeting at OLOG
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	11.00 am	Anointing Mass in the Pettit Centre
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	1.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
	7:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>ANZAC Memorial Mass at St Francis Xavier Church</b>

**Please note there will be no mass at OLOG on 17<sup>th</sup> April and at SFX on 18<sup>th</sup> April**



### PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The New Tax year began on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Over the next couple of weeks, the Parish Office will be preparing and checking the Inland Revenue Charitable Donation receipts for 2023-24 year.

These will be available by end of April /early May along with the envelopes for the year 2024-25.

Your contributions are much appreciated and support the life and ministry of your Parish. We do encourage parishioners to contribute by Automatic Payment.

Please note that the 2023-24 Tax Receipts produced record donations given by parishioners that are **BANKED** between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. **The cash collections received last weekend for Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Dues were banked on Tuesday 2nd April and so will be recorded in the 2024-25 tax year.**



## ANZAC DAY MASS – THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 9:30am SFX

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend the ANZAC DAY Mass celebrated on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30 am in St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley Church. We remember those who have given their lives for our country and especially pray for the conflict currently being played out in Ukraine and Gaza.

### FOUND

A set of keys outside the Pettit Centre. If they belong to you please contact the Parish Office.



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### OLOV FUN QUIZ NIGHT



Thank you to those who supported the Fun Quiz Night last Friday night. An enjoyable social night with many raffles and prizes. Over \$2500 was raised that will go towards the refurbishment of the Pettit Centre. Big thanks to St Brendan's School for the use of their hall for the night.

### 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



### 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 plastic 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 plastic recycling business.

### 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. 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](#)

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?



Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend, or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?

Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.

The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?



## LIVING STONES UPDATE

The parish property portfolio valuations from Colliers has been received last week. It is being reviewed by various committees in the Parish to help identify various options to 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.

## WANTING TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MASS

Fr Patrick Bridgman is presenting an interactive workshop which will explore "What do we believe?" 10am-12pm on **Saturday 20 April @ St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, Johnsonville.** Everyone welcome



## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days - just over seven weeks - from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time - about six weeks - Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an 'advocate' or 'counsellor' when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await 'power from on high' - the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

## LODGING AVAILABLE IN HERETAUNGA.

Quiet off-street room in Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt, available April 20th. Share with the owner. There are several areas for solitude apart from the bedroom: sun-room, outside deck, garden, etc. \$290/week, includes power. Twice weekly cleaner is included in cost. The house is shared with my mother who is elderly and of limited mobility, but is sociable and good company. She has her own ensuite, a second bathroom is available for the lodger. Carers visit morning and evening every day; there are no care expectations whatsoever for the lodger. Please contact Nick Taylor (021) 428392, or email [taylorncb@hotmail.com](mailto:taylorncb@hotmail.com).



**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 Pauline Prince, Margaret Gray, Veronica Butler, Margaret Wysocki, Pat McMenemy, and Trena Jacomb. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Ron Gillies. May they rest in peace.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER





FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Easter • Luke 24:35-48

# PUZZLE FOR YOU

## Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Luke 24: 36-48

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

RISE	JESUS	PEACE	FISH	WITNESSES
GHOST	FRIGHTENED	FLESH	FEET	DEAD
BONES	DOUBTS	ATE	HANDS	TOUCH