

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) Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
Weekday Eucharist	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 Heretaunga Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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4th Sunday of Easter READINGS 21st April 2024 YEAR B

14 th April	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 4: 8-12 John 3: 1-2 John 10-11-18	
28 th April	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 9: 26-31 1 John 3: 18-24 John 15: 1-8	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 24 th Apr	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea at Silverspoon Cafe
Thur 25th Apr	9:30 am	ANZAC Memorial Mass at St Francis Xavier Church
	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting

IN REMEMBRANCE



ANZAC DAY MASS – THURSDAY 25th APRIL 9:30am SFX

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend the ANZAC DAY Mass celebrated on Thursday 25th 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.

PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The Tax receipts along with the new envelopes are now available in the foyer of both Churches. Kindly ensure that you pick up your receipts and the new envelopes. If your Donation Receipt/Envelopes are not in the foyer of the church please advise the Parish Office and it will be relocated for you.



FOUND

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

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INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

You're all invited to morning tea at the Silverspoon Cafe, Silverstream, at 10am on Wednesday 24th April. We plan to do this on the last Wednesday of every month. We'd love to see you there.



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.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.



The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When have you known another to do this for you? Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?

What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 April at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

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.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'In prayer, let us ask for the grace of a pastoral heart, an open heart that draws near to everyone, so as to bear the Lord's message as well as to feel Christ's longing for everyone. For without this love that suffers and takes risks, our life does not work.

If we Christians do not have this love that suffers and takes risks, we risk pasturing only ourselves. Shepherds who are shepherds of themselves, instead of being shepherds of the flock, are people who comb "exquisite" sheep. We do not need to be shepherds of ourselves, but shepherds for everyone.'

Pope Francis, General Audience, 18 January 2023.



WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why is Saint Anthony regarded as the saint for finding things?

To be honest I don't really know but I'll chance this answer. Anthony was an Augustinian in his native Portugal who travelled to Padua, Italy, to join the new Franciscan Order. He served the community in household tasks. At an ordination ceremony they were stuck for somebody to give a talk. Somebody suggested that Anthony had more education than the rest of them. Everybody was amazed at the knowledge and sanctity of his discourse. He was a talent waiting to be found. Maybe that is why he helps us to find what we have mislaid.

HUTT VALLEY SINGERS

Perform John Rutter's Requiem, Soprano: Mei von Keisenberg on Sunday 28th April at 2.30 p.m. (Door sales from 2.00 p.m.) at St Patrick's College Chapel Silverstream Adults - \$20 Concession - \$15 Under 18 Free



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.



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 Dennis Fairfax, Jill Hawthorne, Pauline Prince and Margaret Gray. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll.

We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email office@olov.org.nz



LIVING WATERS CAFÉ



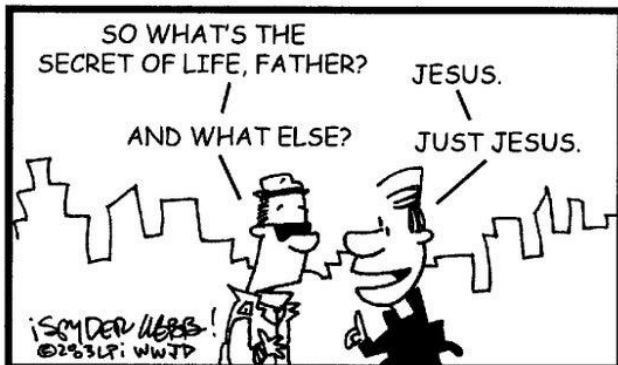
Sundays after 10:30am Mass at the Pettit Centre Heretaunga. All parishioners are welcome. The café is held in the Pettit Centre behind the church and operates most Sundays from 11:30 until 12:30. The café is run by volunteers. Tea, coffee and a light snack are served. Children are catered for also. Gold coin donation is welcome but not essential.

Visiting the sick

Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs an ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office on 972 4282.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:11-18

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



P E P F E L D W S R L G F T T
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N B G I S C U T E Q R A Y B S
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LISTEN

SHEEP

LOVES

WOLF

FLOCK

ATTACKS

CARES

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