


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



Parish Priest	Father Tony Kearns	
Churches	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
Website	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School Newsletter	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909
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TRINITY SUNDAY READINGS YEAR B 26th May 2024

26 th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40 Romans 8: 14-17 Matt 28: 16-20	
2 nd June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 24: 3-8 Hebrews 9: 11-15 Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26	

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 st June	02.00pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED AT OLOV

We are looking for volunteers to do the church cleaning at Our Lady of Grace church once every three months. If you could get yourself and two others to help out, please do contact the office and we would be grateful.

SFX

We need volunteers as Greeters, Readers and Sacristans for the 5.30 pm Saturday evening mass. Please come forward and get in touch to help out.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Circle of Friendship gathering will be on Saturday 1st June at 2pm, at the Petit Centre

This month we thought it would be interesting to share what we are watching on TV or a movie we have seen. It would be great to hear recommendations, or even "Don't watch that. It's rubbish!" We should have an interesting afternoon and go home with lots of recommendations.

As usual, a gold coin donation and/or donations of basic toiletries are always gratefully accepted. The most useful items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo or deodorant.

Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa. Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us.

PASTORAL PLAN

The Parish Pastoral Council together with input from a wide group including representatives from the liturgy committee, youth, parish groups, ethnic communities, and St Brendan's School have drafted a pastoral plan for our parish. They reflected on the key themes from the Synod 2021-2023 process adopted in the archdiocese and took on board results from the recent community survey. The plan covers six key areas and like all good plans, it needs feedback from you, the parish community and regular reviews so that it remains a living document that reflects our parish's aspirations.



You can read the draft plan [2024-05-10-OLOV-Pastoral-Plan-2024-2034-DRAFT.pdf](#), pick up a copy from the foyer, or ring/email the office and we will send you a copy.

Parish Council members will meet with various parish groups over June and July to gather feedback, and you can give us your feedback directly by 31 July. Simply:

- email the parish office: office@olov.org.nz
- discuss with Fr Tony or any Parish Pastoral Council member (see list in the church foyer)
- or provide any written comments to the Parish Office

We appreciate you taking the time to have your say. Once we have reviewed and made any updates to the plan, we'll publish a final version and identify action items for the next 12 months. Darrell Mellow, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

It is time for Jesus to return to his Father. He meets his disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, training, the death of a loved one. What was that like for you? Were there words spoken then that gave you direction for your future?

Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life knowing you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his, or her, own way in life?

Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be with them as in the past he would be with them in a new way right throughout their lives. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you?

In parting with his disciples Jesus gave them a mission for the future. Where, when, and how did you get a sense of the meaning and purpose of your own life? How does that sustain you now? Is there any way in which that purpose ties in with the mission given to the eleven to spread the Good News?

Jesus promised to be with his disciples until the end of time. It is a promise he would fulfil through the gift of the Holy Spirit. That promise is also given to us. What helps you to be aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit with you on life's journey?

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. This provided us with the opportunity to celebrate the diverse ethnic groups within our Parish. We would like to thank the many parishioners who read the Prayer of the Faithful in their language, and the many people who were part of this celebration. It was heartening to see the youth involved.



PARISH OF TE AWAIKAIRANGI

On Thursday, the 30th of May at 6 pm, a very special Mass and shared supper for the Executive Committee of the Federation of Catholic Bishops of Oceania will be held at Te Awaikairangi Parish

President: Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay (Australia)
Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Archbishop of Wellington
Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, Archbishop of Suva (Fiji)
Bishop Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin (New Zealand)
Bishop Peter Houhou, Bishop of Auki (Solomon Islands)
Bishop Ryan Jimenez, Bishop of Chalan Kanoa (Northern Mariana Islands)
Bishop Brian Mascord, Bishop of Wollongong (Australia)
Bishop Justin Ain Soongie, Bishop of Wabag (Papua New Guinea)

This will be a special occasion, and it will be held at Ss Peter and Paul Church. We will celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6 pm. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars for this event and let us come together to warmly welcome and celebrate the faith of our community with our Bishops of Oceania.”

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

‘Jesus’ last message to his disciples is the mandate *to depart*. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19). It is a clear mandate, not just an option! The Christian community is a community “going forth”, “in departure”. More so: the Church was born “going forth”.’
Pope Francis, [Regina Caeli](#) 1 June 2014



THANKS

The family of Patricia (Paddy) Byrne would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of the Valleys for their love, care, and support of us before and during the funeral for our Mum. This parish was so important to Paddy and John (whose anniversary of 30 years is in August). This community holds a special place in our hearts. God Bless.



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 28 May 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. This will be the last Holy Hour in Connolly Hall Chapel. From June onwards we will back in the Cathedral. Alleluia!

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.



STUDY THEOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, Ministry, and Pastoral Theology (including Chaplaincy). You can study either on-campus or across Aotearoa New Zealand through our distance study programme.

Semester 2 starts on July 15th and new enrolments are due by June 25th.

For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/>

To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>



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 Sr Margaret McDonald RSM, Roselina Sacote, and Paddy Byrne. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

TRINITY SUNDAY



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



The Most Holy Trinity • Matthew 28:16-20

PUZZLE FOR YOU

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Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

AUTHORITY
ELEVEN
DISCIPLES

MOUNTAIN
GALILEE
NATIONS

BAPTIZE
TEACH
ALWAYS

A J E G S U L E T F A
N U D B A P T I Z E R
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N P O L N A T I O N S

MISSION

When we read the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Father. What have you learned so far about the Holy Spirit? Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up "Holy Spirit." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Talk about each verse. If you have any questions, write them down and ask your pastor or teacher for help.