


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	Heretaunga	
Website	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
St Brendan's School Newsletter	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
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BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST READINGS YEAR B 2nd June 2024

2 nd June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 24: 3-8 Hebrews 9: 11-15 Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26	
9 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 3: 9-15 2Cor 4: 13-5:1 Mark 3: 20-35	

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 st June	2.00pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
4 th June	5.30pm	Men's Night at Charltons Silverstream
5 th June	1.30pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre
6 th June	7:30 pm	Living Stones Group OLOG Meeting Room



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, and Readers for the 5.30 pm Saturday evening mass. Please come forward and get in touch to help out.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 4th June at **Charlton's Bar**, Silverstream 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. Any enquires please call Roger Wasson on 528 7847



MEN'S GROUP

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 1 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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN LEAGUE

All women of the Parish are invited to our birthday celebration in the Pettit Centre at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 5th June. Come and join us for afternoon tea and be entertained by some children from St Brendan's School.

Members a plate please. Also, subs are now due.

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

The symbolic gesture of breaking and sharing bread and sharing the cup, that Jesus made at the Last Supper, symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely?

In his encyclical letter *Deus Caritas Est* Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented.' What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle?

Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these special experiences that you can bring with you to the routine Sunday Mass?

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'And thus, with simplicity, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament. His is a humble gesture of giving, a gesture of sharing. At the culmination of his life, he does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the multitudes, but breaks himself apart at the Passover supper with the disciples. In this way Jesus shows us that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that the greatest thing is to serve.'



Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 6 June 2021



WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

This feast (*Corpus Christi* in the Latin) focuses on the Eucharist as a symbol and sacrament of unity. Although we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday, today we pause to give special consideration to the Bread of Life nourishing our lives. When we break bread and share the one cup we recall that sacred meal between Christ and his disciples just before he sacrificed his life on the cross. We know that, like those disciples, Christ's death and resurrection has bonded us in a love relationship. For this reason, the Eucharist is never a private affair but always a call to unity. As you receive communion today, be conscious not only of Christ's presence in the Eucharistic host, but his presence in those who are receiving with sea

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.



TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

A new consultation document prepared by the bishops as part of the Holy Father's Synod 2021-24 process has been sent to Rome. This document, titled Towards October 2024, follows the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference being asked to establish a consultation process to discern responses to specific questions related to the Vatican's Synodal Church in Mission report. That report was published after the First Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held in Rome last October. National Catholic lay organisations, agencies of the bishops conference, religious, diocesan bodies, educational institutions, young people's groups, parish groups and groups involved in previous synodal processes took part in the consultation, between February and April this year. A statement about the document, and the document, are online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-4/>



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.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email please advise the Parish Office of your email address: office@olov.org.nz



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 Rex Simth, and Sr Margaret McDonald RSM. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

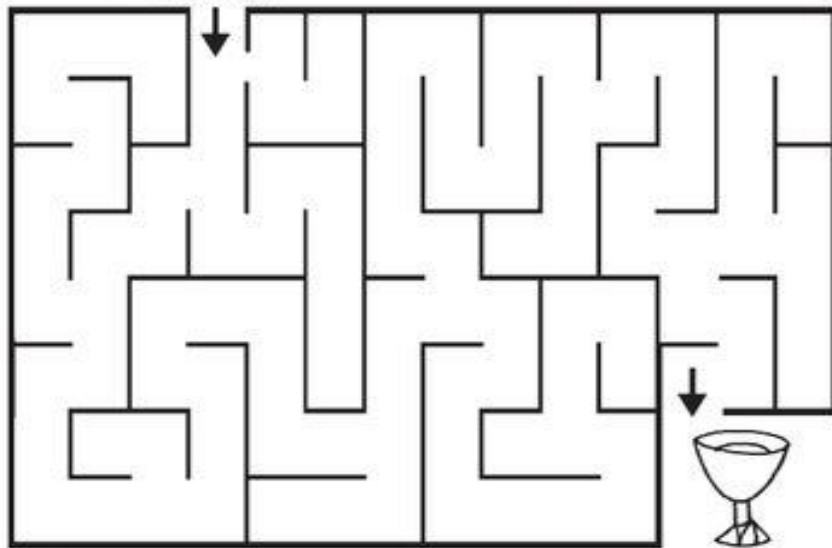


Body and Blood of Christ • Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

PUZZLE FOR YOU

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Find your way from Jesus to the cup.



MISSION

Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up the word "Passover." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Sometimes Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God, or the Lamb sacrificed for our sins. Talk about how Jesus took our sins away when he died on the cross.