


# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father Tony Kearns	
<b>Churches</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)
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	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	<b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Heretaunga	
<b>Website</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>St Brendan's School Newsletter</b>	<a href="http://www.olv.org.nz">www.olv.org.nz</a>	<b>E-mail</b> <a href="mailto:office@olv.org.nz">office@olv.org.nz</a> <a href="mailto:pp@olv.org.nz">pp@olv.org.nz</a>
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## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary READINGS YEAR B 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

9 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 3: 9-15 2Cor 4: 13-5:1 Mark 3: 20-35	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Ezek 17:22-24 2Cor 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Parent Meeting Sac Program in Pettit Centre
13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Parish Finance Meeting OLOG

## 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.



## PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DATE CLAIMER

The 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 12:00 noon in the Pettit Centre. Please mark this date. It is a chance to celebrate the wonderful ways the mission of Jesus is working in our Parish, the election of new Parish Councils and a chance to bring ideas and issues to the attention of the various parish organisations and committees. Our Annual Report to the Parish will be available shortly.

## 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](mailto: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

'He has gone out of his mind'

In the gospel today we hear that Jesus made a visit home. Word about this radical teacher had gotten around and the religious leaders are not happy. In an effort to protect their son and brother, Jesus' family try to restrain him in order to protect him. The people who have gathered try to dismiss Jesus' teachings saying that he has 'gone out of his mind'. The religious leaders even go so far as to say that he is possessed by a demon! Perhaps their way of explaining away someone that they could not cope with. Who in our society today is explained away? Who do we wish would stop speaking out because it makes us uncomfortable? Who do we know who is speaking the truth and yet is dismissed by those in authority? Who tries to silence others?

One of the criticisms of Christians today is that we are not Christ-like or we are no longer challenged by the gospel message. Sometimes it is easier to 'keep your head down'. But Jesus knows that in order to bring change, to work for God's kingdom of love and justice and peace, this involves sticking your head above the parapet, whether that be in our communities, our families or in our church.

*'I began to wonder if anyone still believed Jesus meant those things he said. I thought if we just stopped and asked "what if he really meant it?" it could turn the world upside down. It is a shame Christians have become so normal.'*  
Shane Claiborne *The Irresistible Revolution*

Jane Mellett



## 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.

## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

‘Let us lift up our hearts to Christ, and become *singers of hope* in a culture marked by much despair. By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope, so that its melody can touch the heartstrings of humanity’



*Pope Francis, [Homily](#), Ascension, 9 May 2024.’*



## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn’t have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behaviour. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus’ incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God’s image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbour is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn’t remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives!

## COME WORK FOR US – Advocacy Lead at Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand



Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic bishops’ agency for justice, peace and development. We’re on the hunt for an Advocacy Lead to join our team and bring about positive social justice through education, advocacy, and Māori engagement. The ideal candidate will have strong writing and research skills, experience in an advocacy and/or policy position, and a relevant tertiary qualification. Reporting to the Chief Executive of Caritas NZ, and the Regional Coordinator of Caritas Oceania, they will be responsible for contributing towards the establishment of the advocacy function and framework for Caritas Oceania and Caritas NZ, and coordinating

programmes aligned to the Caritas mission. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. Visit <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4240637>

### 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/>



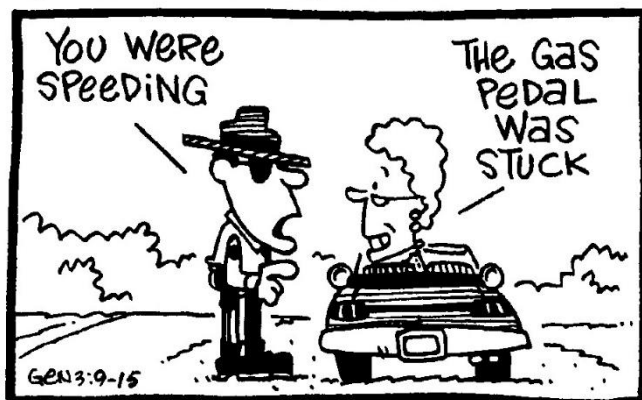
### NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email please advise the Parish Office of your email address: [office@olov.org.nz](mailto: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 Mary Fitzgerald, and Rex Smith. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 3:20-35

# PUZZLE FOR YOU



## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

DEMONS

SATAN

FIGHTS

SINFUL

FORGIVEN

HOLY SPIRIT

MOTHER

BROTHERS

OBEYS

A I H Y C **D** O I H U N  
B R O T H **E** R S O H Y  
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U B I D L G U C I N F  
S O V M O T H E R Y I  
Y C E I G W Y N I V O  
S I N F U L S A T A N  
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## MISSION

Write a thank you note to your doctor. Then say a thank you prayer to Jesus, the best doctor ever.



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