


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
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12th Sunday Ordinary READINGS YEAR B 23rd June 2024

23 rd June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Job 38: 1, 8-11 2Cor 5: 14-17 Mark 4: 35-41	
30 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2:23-24 2Cor 8: 7-9, 13-15 Mark 5: 21-43	

UPCOMING EVENTS

23 rd June	10.30 am	Sacramental Program Session at Pettit Centre
	11.30 am	Rehearsal for Sacramental Program in OLOG
26 th June	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea at Silverspoon Café
30 th June	10:30 am	Parish Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Martin

PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 21st JULY 2024



The annual Parish lunch is for all people in our parish including children.

Everyone is encouraged to book in – it is a chance to enjoy each other's company and a lovely meal. Children are going to be catered for. **The menu is on the notice board.**

Sunday 21st July 12 noon at Stokes Valley RSA, Hawthorn Crescent

Cost Adults \$25 pp Children \$12pp

Please pay by **14th July**.

- Pay by internet banking to the Parish a/c # 020772 0070279 00 ensure that your name is there in the Particulars column and in the Reference, LUNCH is mentioned.
- You could drop an envelope with your name and LUNCH written on it in the collection box at Mass OR
- drop the money in the drop box at the Presbytery door OR at the Parish Office in a named envelope.

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.



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Thank you to those who stood up to volunteer.



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DATE CLAIMER

The 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 4th 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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION SUNDAY

The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money – a "pence" - from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. Next weekend, we will take up a special collection for Peter's Pence.



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



PARKING

Parishioners please be mindful when parking your vehicle when you come for Mass which takes approximately an hour. Please do not block people's driveway, park so that another vehicle can also fit in (do not take two parking spots), and do not park on the lawns. – Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why confirm?

As the name implies, the Sacrament of Confirmation confirms or strengthens the new life received at Baptism. Symbolically, the bishop or priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead using an oil calls chism. As he does so he says, '(Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.'



Although the Holy Spirit is received at baptism, confirmation focuses on this gift by recalling the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit. In the case of youth, confirmation is often regarded as a sign of maturity in Christ. Having been baptised as a baby and raised in the Christian life, the youth is now called upon to make a more mature commitment to the Gospel. In particular, confirmation underlines our commissioning to be bold, apostolic witnesses to the Gospel.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and is an image of the inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions we then experience. Has your faith in the presence of the risen Jesus been a help to you? Recall the memory and give thanks.

The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Perhaps a 'Jesus-person' in the group came to your assistance and calmed you down? Remember people who have had a gift of bringing you peace in troubled situations.

The significance of miracles in the gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?



NOMINATION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS AT 2024 AGM

With an eye of the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 4th August 2024, a number of current Parish Councillors' term of appointment have come to an end. Currently Parish Councillors stand for a two-year term with the right of renewal for two more terms.

We are therefore opening nominations for new Parish Councillors from the 16th June 2024. From this weekend nomination forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These should be filled in and returned back to the Parish Office by Friday 26th July. This time frame allows time for the nominated candidates' names to be advised to the Parish before the Annual General Meeting.

Please take the time to prayerfully discern who you think might be a suitable person to serve our Parish on the Parish Council. If you would like more details on the role of Parish Councillors and the function of the Parish Council, please feel free to speak to one of the existing Parish Councillors or Father Tony.

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 bishop's 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/>

HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 June at the newly reopened Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 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.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



'The biblical narrative of Exodus, depicting the Israelites on their way to the promised land, naturally comes to mind: a long journey from slavery to freedom prefiguring the Church's journey toward her final encounter with the Lord... God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation.'

Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024

CURRENT OF GRACE WELLINGTON

Everybody is welcome to the Wellington Prayer event hosted by 'Current of Grace Wellington' on Saturday 27th July 2024 between 1pm and 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Contact Josephine Olsen 027 367 4453.

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. Mary Hepburn RSM, Garry Simpson, Mary Fitzgerald, and Rex Smith. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 4:35-41

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Peace! Be Still

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:39 (NLT)



The puzzle is based on Mark 4:35-41

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JESUS	CALM	CUSHION	WAVES	WIND
DROWN	HEAD	SLEEPING	STORM	STILL