

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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13th Sunday in Ordinary READINGS YEAR B 30th June 2024

Time	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
30 th June	Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2:23-24	2Cor 8: 7-9, 13-15	Mark 5: 21-43
7 th July	Eze 1: 2-5	2Cor 12: 7-10	Mark 6: 1-6



UPCOMING EVENTS

30 th June	10:30 am	Confirmation Mass at OLOG
2 nd July	5:30 pm	Men's Group at the Silverstream Bowling club
3 rd July	1:30 pm	Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre
6 th July	2:00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre

CONFIRMATION MASS 10:30AM SUNDAY 30TH JUNE OLOG

We offer a warm welcome to Archbishop Paul Martin who is joining us this weekend for the conferring on the 32 young candidates the gift of the Holy Spirit

Please keep them in your prayers. We congratulate them on the step they take on their journey of faith.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday the 2nd of July at the Silverstream Bowling Club 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.

MEN'S GROUP

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This Wednesday, 3rd July starting at 1:30pm, we have a special treat in store for us. Pupils from St Brendan's will be making and serving us with afternoon tea. Look forward to seeing as many members as possible to join us in this happy occasion. If a ride is required, please call Marilyn on 021 142 9482. ☐ 🏠



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.
- 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.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 6th July at 2pm, at the Petit Centre. Anna Young, formerly from Upper Hutt, now residing on the Kapiti Coast, is coming to speak to us about Riots and Revolutions from Upper Hutt to Libya and Wadeye. It will be a very interesting afternoon.

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

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.



WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we bless ourselves with holy water?

From the earliest days of Christianity (and, even earlier, in Judaism and other ancient religions), water was used in baptismal rituals as a symbol of life and cleansing. Today, when Catholics sprinkle themselves from that little bowl of holy water at the church door and make the sign of the cross, they do so as a reminder of their baptism. The holy water itself is simply water that has been blessed by a priest.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Like this woman, have you had the experience of a cure, an improvement, a success, after a long period of nothing happening? What was that like for you? What made the difference? On that occasion was there anything different in you, in others, in the circumstances – something that paved the way for the change or improvement?

‘Who touched me?’ Jesus asked. It seems a strange request with crowds milling around. Many people brushed against him, but the woman made contact in a different way. The same can happen in our relationships. We brush against many people but make real contact only with a few. Who are the people you have touched, and who has touched you? What difference has this made to you and to them?

Jesus said to the woman, ‘Your faith has made you well.’ What difference does it make to you that you have faith? In what ways does your faith make you well?

When Jairus asked Jesus to come and cure his daughter, some thought there was no point. Sometimes a situation can look like a lost cause. Has it ever happened to you that subsequent events showed there was hope where you thought there was none?

Some people have the gift of infusing new life and energy into individuals, or into groups, or into a cause. Perhaps you yourself have done this at times? Recall these experiences and the lessons you have learned from them.

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.



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, please 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.

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



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'In today's gospel 'the little girl's father and the sick woman are not disciples of Jesus yet they are satisfied through their faith. They have faith in that man. From this we understand that all are permitted on the Lord's path: no one should feel as an intruder, an interloper or one who has no right. To have access to His heart, to Jesus' heart, there is only one requirement: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him. I ask you: do each of you feel that you need to be healed? Of something, of some sin, of some problem? And, if you feel this, do you have faith in Jesus?'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 1 July 2018

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.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

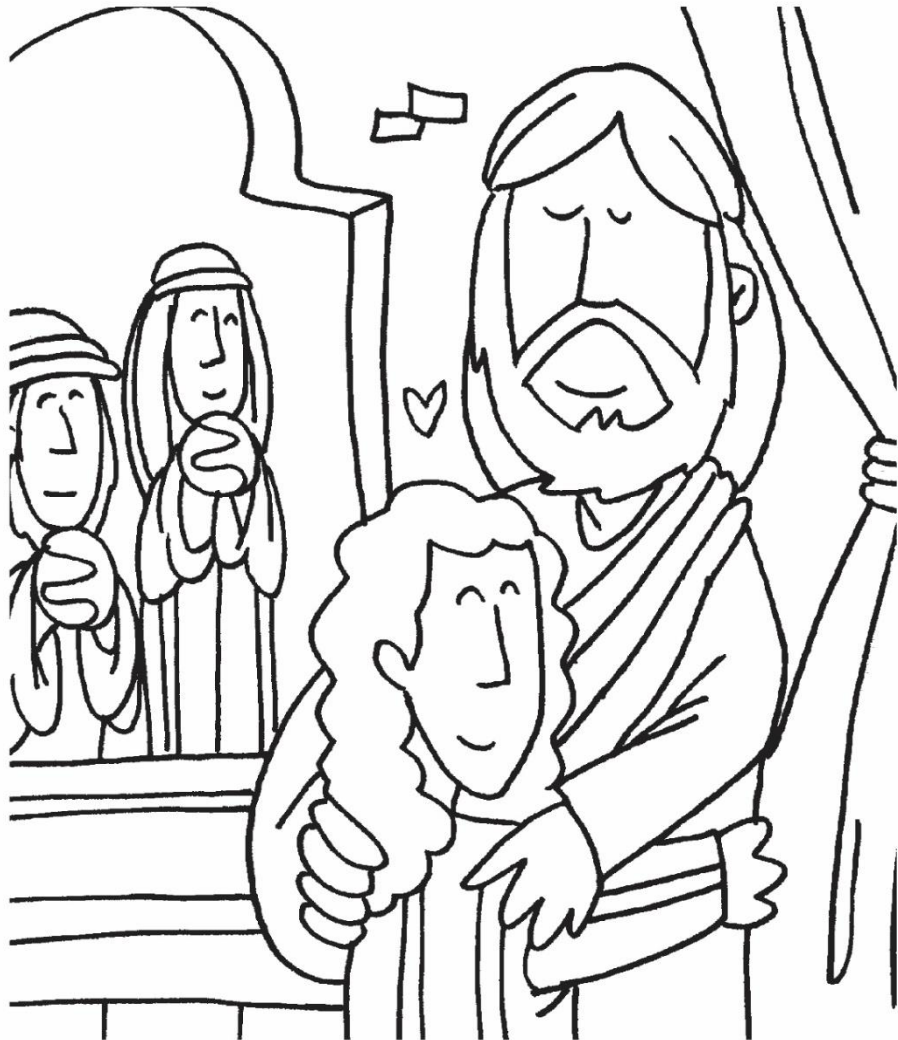
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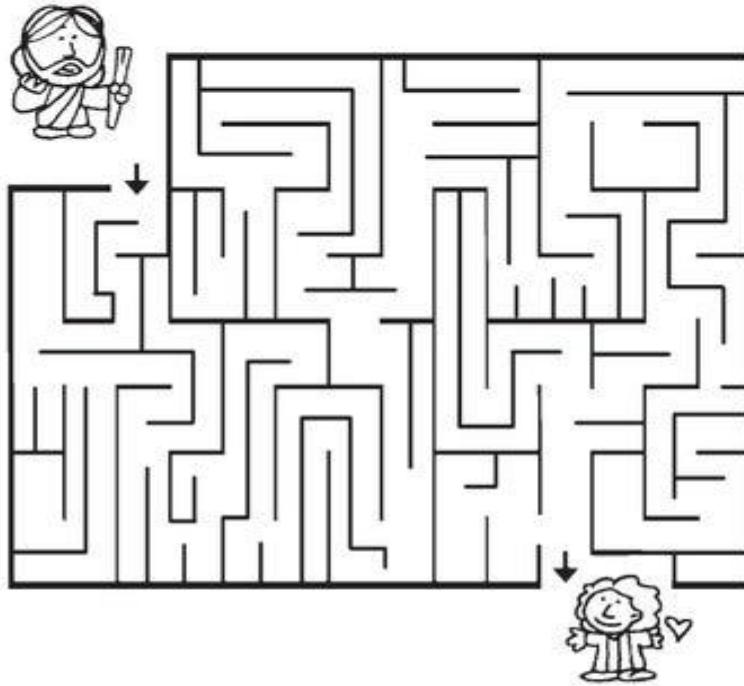


13th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 5:21-43

PUZZLE FOR YOU

PUZZLE

Help Jesus get to the sick little girl.



MISSION

Jairus knew that Jesus could help him. Write down three things that you are afraid of, and ask God to help you.