

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 Office	Heretaunga	
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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14th Sunday in Ordinary READINGS 7th July 2024

Time	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
7 th July	Eze 1: 2-5	2Cor 12: 7-10	Mark 6: 1-6
14 th July	Amos 7: 12-15	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Mark 6: 7-13



UPCOMING EVENTS

6 th July	2:00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre
11 th July	7.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee meeting

CONFIRMATION MASS 10:30AM SUNDAY 30TH JUNE OLOG

Congratulations to the 32 young parishioners who were confirmed by Archbishop Paul Martin last Sunday in a wonderful prayerful ceremony.



Thanks to all those who helped to make this event a great Parish occasion



DATA-PROJECTORS AT OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Over the past few weeks those who attend Sunday Masses at Our Lady of Grace church will have noticed increasing challenges with using the data projectors. Investigating the system over the last few weeks an AV technician has identified the problem with the data-splitter unit that allows the signal from the laptop to be sent to the two projectors in the building. This splitter has come to the end of its useful life. To allow for some use of Powerpoint presentations at the 10:30am Mass the splitter unit has been removed and we will for the next few weeks be projecting the images onto one screen only. This is a **temporary workaround** until a new splitter can be sourced and installed in the next two weeks, so that **BOTH screens** will be operational again.

We ask your understanding as we await the replacement splitter to arrive from the supplier and be installed.

COVID AND FLU RESTRICTIONS

The Parish Council at its meeting in June decided to continue the current limitations on Communion under both kinds, due to the surge in COVID 19 and the increasing incidents of flu around the Upper Hutt area.

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 \$25.00 pp

Children \$12.00pp

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.

TIME AND TALENT SURVEY 14th JULY



The Parish relies on the ministry of a number of volunteers who share their time and talents with us and undertake a variety of ministries, serve various Committees in the Parish and take part in the wide-ranging social aspects of Parish life.

Over the past few months and especially during COVID gaps have started to appear on the rosters associated with these activities.

The Parish **NEXT WEEK at all Sunday Masses** will undertake a Time and Talent Survey, requesting parishioners to indicate the ministries that they already undertake and also giving an opportunity to explore a new ministry(ies) In the foyer noticeboards of each church is **an A3 copy of the survey** that will be given out at Mass next week for parishioners to look over this weekend to see if there is any new ministry, they would like to take part in.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 6th July at 2:00 pm, 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 sign ourselves before the Gospel?

The Church distinguishes between the 'large' sign of the cross (made with the right hand outstretched on the forehead, chest and shoulders) and the 'small' sign of the cross (made with the thumb on the forehead, mouth and chest). By performing this latter action just prior to the reading of the Gospel, we are asking God's blessing upon our thoughts, words and desires. Next time you make this sign, be aware that you are praying to open yourself to God's Word.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to what another person has to say. Who do they think they are? Perhaps you have experienced this. What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?

It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another but may be unable to because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can 'do no deed of power'. As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity, so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with others?

Religion easily brings up prejudices. Some dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

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.

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

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 Tom Ryan, Chris Gordon, Sr. Mary Hepburn RSM, and Garry Simpson. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



14th 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.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 6:1-6a

PUZZLE FOR YOU

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

Jesus
taught
wisdom

power
miracle
town

prophet
heal
faith

Jseus	<u>J</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>u</u>	<u>s</u>		
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wisomd	—	—	—	—	—	—	
taghtu	—	—	—	—	—	—	
mirclea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
hale	—	—	—	—			

MISSION

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.