

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	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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15th Sunday in Ordinary READINGS YEAR B 14th July 2024

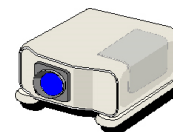
14 th July	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Amos 7: 12-15 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 7-136	
21 st July	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Eph 2: 13-18 Mark 6: 30-34	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 17 th July	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thu 18 th July	1:30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun 21 st July	12:00 noon	Parish Luncheon at RSA Stokes Valley

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 17TH JULY AT OLOG NOR AT 9.30 AM ON 18TH JULY AT SFX

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.

PARISH LUNCH NEXT 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.

FUNERAL PREPARATION/PLANNING

Some parishioners have approached the Parish Office over the last month or so for advice around preparing a Funeral Service for themselves for some later date, or just to have a chat about what is possible etc. If any parishioner would like to have such a chat with Fr Tony, please feel free to contact him or the Parish Office to make an appointment 04 972 4282.



TIME AND TALENT SURVEY 14th JULY THIS WEEKEND



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 Paris **THIS 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.

LIVING STONES UPDATE

As previously advised, the parish property portfolio valuations were received from Colliers. The potential current value for both Heretaunga and Stokes Valley sites has been advised at around \$7 million.

Please note that the valuation number itself is a moment in time and is obviously subject to a number of variances that are changing all of the time.

Each of the parish properties presented different opportunities and challenges, and the Living Stones will continue to work on formulating options and a timeline for the Parish to consider.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus gave the disciples a share in his mission by sending them out ahead of him. It was a gesture of trust and confidence on his part, even though they did not fully understand his mission. Have you ever been surprised by the trust shown in you by others to speak or act on their behalf?



Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Perhaps your experience gives you examples of the value of having another with you when engaged in an important task.

The apparently strange instructions given by Jesus were intended to counteract practices by bogus preachers who used preaching as a mask for money-making. True disciples of Jesus focus on the mission and not on their own comforts. Is it your experience that vested interests can impede a task, whereas having the right motives makes your mission more effective?

The task of the disciples was to call people to repent, (metanoia = conversion, change the way we look at God and at other people). Who have been the people in your life who have prompted you to be more trusting in God or more compassionate to people? To whom have you given this call?



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.

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.

BECOME PART OF A WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP PROJECT

Are you a locally-connected woman who would like to get to know women from a community who have recently settled in Aotearoa? We will be meeting once a month for 6 months. There will be activities to get to know each other with friendships growing over time. The women you will meet live throughout the Greater Wellington region. Initially they will be mostly mothers although the group may extend to the range of life stages over the project, so all expressions of interest are welcome. We will begin with monthly gatherings on a Saturday afternoon in Lower Hutt with the first scheduled for 3-4:30pm Saturday 27 July. Your children are welcome to come too.

Interested in becoming a locally-connected CSS volunteer for this project? Would you like more information? Please contact Deirdre at Catholic Social Services: d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz or call 021 2213944.



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



Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 18th July at 7:30pm to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul followed by supper.

Speaker: Fr Dyson Tharakan, Holy Trinity parish about "Awake and exult in the Lord" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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 Lepula Asovale, Tom Ryan, and Chris Gordon. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



15TH 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.

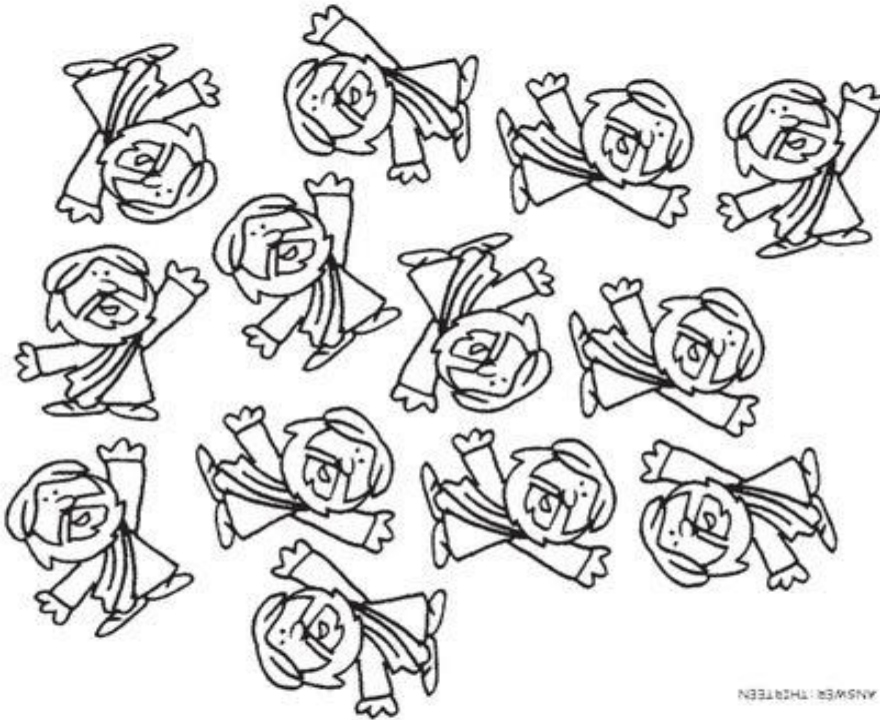


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PUZZLE FOR YOU

PUZZLE

You can count on Jesus for sure, but can you count how many are shown here?



ANSWER: THIRTEEN

MISSION

Ask God to bless your family so that they will be able to obey God's commandments.