


# 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>	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
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28 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2Kings 4: 42-44	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eph 4: 1-6	
	Gospel	John 6: 1-15	
4 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eph 4: 17, 20-24	
	Gospel	John 6: 24-35	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> July	10:00 am	Parish Morning Tea at Silverspoon café
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	7:30 pm	Living Stones Meeting OLOG
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	2:00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12:00pm	Parish AGM in Pettit Centre



### PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DATE CLAIMER

The 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for next 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.

**The Annual Report for the Parish is now available. It is emailed out to those on the Newsletter Distribution, in printed form in the foyer of both Churches and is also available online [www.olv.org.nz/publications/olv-annual-report/](http://www.olv.org.nz/publications/olv-annual-report/)**

### PARISH MORNING TEA

You are all invited to our last Wednesday of the month morning tea at the Silverspoon Cafe in Silverstream village at 10am on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July.



*" I went along to last month's gathering and was welcomed by a group of friendly parishioners, some of whom I'd never had the chance to chat to before. Will definitely be going again this month." Julie, fellow parishioner.*



## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

At the heart of this story, we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life, with which Jesus feeds us. Can you recall an experience of Eucharist that was especially significant for you? What was it that made it different? How did it influence your understanding of the Eucharist?

*Take, give thanks, distribute.* The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?

From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?

Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?

## 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.



## 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.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 4 August at 2pm, at the Petit Centre, Heretaunga Stephanie Hoy will talk about her role as a Learning Support Coordinator in Upper Hutt schools and how she supports teachers, families and students with Neuro-diversities (e.g. Learning Disabilities, Autism, ADHD, etc.)

Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations are always gratefully accepted. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual cuppa and chat.



## NO HOLY HOUR

There will be no Holy Hour in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for the months of July and August. We will be back in September.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thank you. On July 3 the CWL members were invited to St Brendan's School for afternoon tea. About 20 members attended and we were looked after by 4 students and one staff member. The seniors made the yummy food. So, many thanks to everyone for a very enjoyable afternoon.



**CWL Fundraiser - Soup and Roll.** On August 7th at midday the CWL will once again hold their Soup and Roll lunch. We invite all parishioners to this enjoyable event. You can catch up with friends plus indulge in a healthy lunch. It is a coin donation as we do not have eft/pos. If there is any soup left, we will be selling that for a donation. Marilyn 0211429482



## 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 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

## HOPE and ACT with CREATION

All are welcome to a Season of Creation Workshop to animate Care for our Common Home in our communities. With an inspirational speaker, time to share ideas, and the opportunity to gather practical tips and resources for your community.

The Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission invite you to a workshop on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 6.45pm to 9.00pm at St Peter & St Pauls, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt. Please register with [d.meskill@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:d.meskill@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz)

## KPF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PROGRAMME (KLSP) 2024

Come and experience the joy of encountering Jesus & His life-changing love Saturdays at 1pm, 3rd August to 24th November, 2024 - St. Bernadette's Church/Hall - 194 Naenae Road, Lower Hutt and St. Bernard's College Cafeteria - 183 Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt.

Please register at: <https://forms.gle/cBysnYz5i9a2PmZG8>

For more details, contact: Rey Cabauatan 027 571 2825 or Roy Cabauatan 022 569 2481.

## ROYAL COMMISSION INTO ABUSE IN CARE

On 25 June the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care presented its final report. Church leaders have publicly thanked the Inquiry for the work they have done in preparing this report.

The Catholic bishops and congregational leaders acknowledge the Church's history and the ongoing trauma of those who have been harmed. Over the past 30 years, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa has made significant progress in responding to reports of abuse and safeguarding. Our focus on safeguarding and care is informed by the past and aims to ensure that people are safe in care today. All are encouraged to engage with the work of the Royal Commission via their website -<https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/>

The Church's response has been coordinated by Te Rōpū Tautoko – Visit their website [www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz/](http://www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz/)

The Church takes all complaints of abuse seriously. Complaints of sexual abuse against church personnel in New Zealand are referred to the Church's National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS). Increased public discussion, such as with the Inquiry, can be the catalyst for people to come forward. We encourage anyone who has been abused by a priest or religious to contact NOPS, for your story to be heard and your complaint to be investigated. Alternately you may choose to go directly to the Police, and the Church will support anyone who requires assistance to do this.



### “For I was hungry and you gave me food”.

Thank you to all parishioners who support those in need with gifts of food and clothing. Nearby St Vincent de Paul shop receives any clothing lines suitable for resale, and these can be left in the Church foyer. Any other bulky lines, such as furniture, bedding or other household items would be gratefully received. Please contact the Petone shop Ph 568 6408, to arrange enable a pick up to be arranged.



**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 Alesana Launiuvao, Kathleen White, Lepula Asovale, and Tom Ryan. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Jack O’Kane. May they rest in peace.

17TH 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.



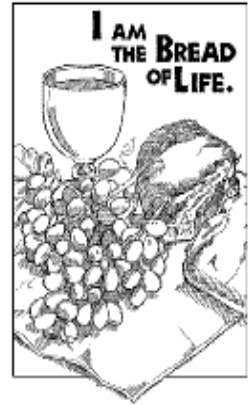
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:1-15

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

### Looking for a Sign

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35 (NIV)

Based on John 6:24-35 (NIV)



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ETERNAL	TRUE	MANNA	DESERT	MOSES
SIGNS	FILL	THIRSTY	LAKE	BREAD
RABBI	BELIEVE	LIFE	HUNGRY	FOOD