


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
Website	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School Newsletter	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909 www.stbrendans.school.nz

18 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	4 th August 2024
Time		YEAR B	
4 th August	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 Eph 4: 17, 20-24 John 6: 24-35	
11 th August	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	1Kings 19: 4-8 Eph 4: 30-5:2 John 12: 24-26	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 4th Aug	12:00pm	Parish AGM in Pettit Centre
Tue 6 th Aug	5.30 pm	Men's Group at the Silverstream Bowling club
Wed 7 th Aug	12.00pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DATE CLAIMER

The 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday 4th August at 12:00 noon in the Pettit Centre.

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/

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday the 6th of August 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

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



Care For Our Common Home

"Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society."



(Pope Francis # 71 Laudate Deum)



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

A key phrase in this chapter is that the work of God is to 'believe in the one whom God has sent'. Faith in Jesus is the gateway to vitality now and to life hereafter. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched

your thirsts?

Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?

Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?

As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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



Fun Quizz

Teams 6-8 people for an evening of fun and enjoyment St Brendan's School Hall, Palmer Crescent, Friday 6th September 2024. 7.15pm for 7.30pm Start Hosted by Upper Hutt & Heretaunga CWL

Tickets \$10.00 per person available from:

- Susan 970 3730 or Kathleen 027 659 0702

Lucky Ticket Prizes & Raffles. Yummy Supper



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.



JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Only 2 weeks to Men's One-Day Retreat on Saturday 17th August at Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Starts 8:30am. All refreshments provided. Koha to defray costs - \$30 if able to.

Leader: Brendan Woodnutt (Christchurch)

Theme: 'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...' (Micah 6:8)

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9995 or email:

joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



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
- 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 6th 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

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.

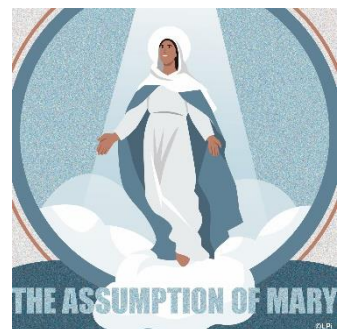
Please register at: <https://forms.gle/cBysnYz5i9a2PmZG8>

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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION.15th AUGUST

Thursday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption, is marked as the Patronal Feast of New Zealand. Masses. The Mass times are different from a normal Thursday. The morning Mass will be celebrated at **9:30am at Our Lady of Grace Church**, when we will be joined by students and staff of St Brendan's School.

There will be an **ADDITIONAL Mass at 7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Church** for those we are unable to join us at the morning Mass.



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/

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 Donald Lumsden, Alesana Launiuvao, Kathleen White, and Lepula Asovale. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Ken Lawrence. May they rest in peace.

18TH 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.



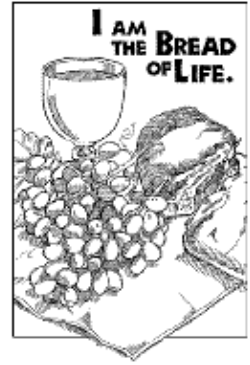
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:24-25

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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P C E L K K A F L W U A G C E
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LIFE	HEAVEN	LOAVES	TRUTH	FATHER
ETERNAL	TRUE	MANNA	DESERT	MOSES
SIGNS	FILL	THIRSTY	LAKE	BREAD
RABBI	BELIEVE	LIFE	HUNGRY	FOOD