


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

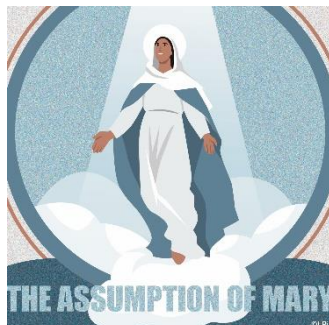


Parish Priest	Father Tony Kearns	
Churches	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)	
Sunday Eucharist	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)	8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
Weekday Eucharist	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	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
Website	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
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19 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	11 th August 2024
Time		YEAR B	
11 th August	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	1Kings 19: 4-8 Eph 4: 30-5:2 John 12: 24-26	
18 th August	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Proverbs 9: 1-6 Eph 5: 15-20 John 6: 1-58	
UPCOMING EVENTS			
Wed 14 th Aug	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
15 th Aug	9.30 am	Feast of Assumption mass at OLOG	
	7.30 pm	Mass at St Francis Xavier Stokes Valley	
	1.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV	

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 15TH AUGUST AT SFX

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.

PARISH AGM 4th AUGUST – FOLLOW UP

Many thanks for those who attended the AGM last week. It was good to see a large number of interested parishioners attending. At the meeting only one nomination was received for a new Parish Councillor – Prue von Keisenberg. Congratulation and thanks to Prue. The Council was given the authority to appoint people to the other two places still vacant. The new Parish Council will be commissioned at the 8:30am at St Francis Xavier Church in Stokes Valley.





THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We must be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?

When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?

'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love today is mediated to us through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of a sacrament?

The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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



Catholic Women's League Soup Lunch

It was lovely to share our fundraising soup lunch on Wednesday with so many of you. Over \$300 was raised for our Mission projects. We are always grateful for the support and generosity of the Parish. With thanks and blessings to you all.



JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Final days! Saturday 17th August, Men's One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion starting at 8:30am with registration.

Theme: 'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...'

Retreat leader: Brendan Woodnutt (Christchurch)

Want to know more? Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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'Let us not forget that the Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are weary and hungry along the way. A Church of the pure and perfect is a room with no place for anyone. On the other hand, a Church with open doors, that gathers and celebrates around Christ, is a large room where everyone – everyone, the righteous and sinners – can enter.'

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), 6 June 2021





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

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.

"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.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Last Saturday our gathering enjoyed a most informative talk given by Stephanie Hoy, Learning support Coordinator in Upper Hutt area.

We thanked her for opening our awareness of the challenges many young people face in their education and in life beyond the school years.

Neurodiverse people can go on to be incredible in their chosen fields simply because they think differently from most people, and successfully enrich our lives in many ways with their God given talents.

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.



Proclaiming THE Gospel of Life IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

Monday 26 August | 7pm – 9pm | Home of Compassion, Wellington
Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear Fr. Shenan Boquet (USA) give an informative and engaging presentation about *Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture*. He will discuss the dignity of the human person and address the life and family issues of concern today. For more info contact Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz or visit fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Having been nourished through the scripture readings at the Liturgy of the Word, we turn to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. At this part of the Mass, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar and we begin the Eucharistic Prayer which is one of the most ancient prayers from our tradition. We ask the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. We also ask that, in receiving Jesus, the entire assembly will be transformed as the body of Christ. By re-enacting the Eucharistic words and actions of Jesus we remember and live anew the great events of his death and resurrection.



NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email please advise the Parish Office of your email address: office@olov.org.nz

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 Teresa Long, Donald Lumsden, Alesana Launiuvao, and Kathleen White. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Lazarus David. May they rest in peace.



19TH 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.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:41-51

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Perfect Role Model

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.
Ephesians 5:2a (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 4:25-5:2



W E K Q A S C E G D D P W P E
P W C G K Q R X O R T P E V C
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STEALING	ENCOURAGE	DEVIL	WORDS	LOVE
IMITATE	FORGIVING	THIEF	KIND	WORK
TRUTH	LIES	ABUSIVE	HELPFUL	GOOD
LANGUAGE	FOUL	EXAMPLE	ANGER	SIN