


# 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 Office</b>	Heretaunga	
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
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25 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18 Eph 5: 21-32 John 6: 60-69	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8 James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23	
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>			
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea at Silverspoon café	

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST AT OLOG AND ON 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST AT SFX AS FATHER TONY WILL BE AWAY AT A CLERGY GATHERING IN WELLINGTON**



## 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.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2025

In Limited numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$13 each (sorry the price has gone up) please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



A wonderful opportunity to meet the King of Kings. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Every Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00pm. He waits patiently for YOU to come and visit Him. Tell Him your problems; request His help in any situation, ask for strength and courage in your difficulties. He is always there for you! Love and Adore Him. Please contact the office for available time slots. 972 4282



## MAORI PASTORAL CARE

A reminder that this week is Māori Pastoral Care. As usual your donations can be made through Automatic Payment, or envelopes which you have been provided with. For those who wish to make a donation but do not have the envelopes these are available in the foyer of both churches.

The Māori Pastoral Care team provides advice and support for Māori and faith communities within the Archdiocese of Wellington.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

### Fun Quiz



Teams 6-8 people for an evening of fun and enjoyment St Brendan's School Hall, Palmer Crescent, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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



### Movie fundraiser

Catholic Women's League is hosting a movie fundraiser at 11.30am (come any time from 11am) on Wednesday 4th September at Miro Street Cinema. The movie is "Whisky Galore", a lighthearted story set on a Scottish Island during the 2nd World War.

Tickets are \$20 and include a tea or coffee, a sandwich and a slice.

We only have a few tickets left so please ring Chris on 0276462318 if you are interested.

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others ....' (*Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, No. 10*)



'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?

'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?

'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life'. Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

## MAINTENANCE OF PARISH ASSETS

If you notice any issues in or around our church buildings and other assets, please let the Parish Office or any member of the Finance committee know. Arrangements can then be made as soon as possible to address the issue. With thanks from the Finance Committee





## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

‘Jesus affirms that the true bread of salvation, which transmits eternal life, is his very flesh; him, in his incarnation. This means that... God... must be recognized in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.’ *Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 22 August 2021*

### WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

#### Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our ‘Sunday best’ clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The colour of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.



### 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.



### 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



### **MARIA CLARA & CRISOSTOMO IBARRA - THEIR LOVE STORY"**

OLOV's Melanie Avery and the Philippine community are producing a play "Maria Clara & Crisostomo Ibarra - Their Love Story" playing at the Upper Hutt Wesley Centre (1 Benzie Avenue) 2pm and 6pm on Saturday 31 August. Tickets are \$20 each and are available from Melanie Avery phone 0274 27 26 34

### **LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO**

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Send us an enquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)



### **ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL – GRANDPARENTS CELEBRATION**

Everyone welcome grandparents, family, friends and parishioners on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am in the School Hall. There will be prayer, song, reflections and performances by students followed by morning tea. You can spend time with the students and visit their classrooms.

**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 Pat Pihema, Joyce Owen, Catherine Richardson, Teresa Long, Donald Lumsden, and Alesana Launiuvao. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



21ST 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.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:60-69

# PUZZLE FOR YOU

## To Whom Shall We Go?

“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:67-68 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 6:60-69



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ETERNAL	TURN	BACK	BELIEVE	JESUS
LEAVE	KNOW	TEACHING	FOLLOW	HARD