


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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22 nd Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	1 st September 2024
Time		YEAR B	
1 st Sept.	1 st Reading	Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8	
	2 nd Reading	James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27	
Gospel	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23		
8 th Sept.	1 st Reading	Isaiah 35: 4-7	
	2 nd Reading	James 2: 1-5	
	Gospel	Mark 7: 31-37	
UPCOMING EVENTS			
Tue 3 rd Sept	5.30 pm	Men's Group at the Silverstream Bowling club	
Sat 7 th Sept	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre	



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Blessing on those who take the role of FATHERS in our world today

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2025

In really 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

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday the 3rd of September 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

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



Movie fundraiser

A reminder to our CWL members that there is no monthly meeting this
Wednesday 4th September as we are going to a movie at Miro Cinema at
11.30am instead. We only have a few tickets left so if you would like to come
please ring Chris on 0276462318.

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.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday 7 September at 2pm, at the Pettit Centre.

This month our guest speaker will be Daniel Talbot who is the man
behind the development of the big new weather station that has been erected
in the grounds of St Joseph's school. This promises to be a fair weather event.
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 chat and cuppa



LEADERS AND PROCLAIMER'S WORKSHOPS

These will take place on Sunday 8th October after the 8:30 am
Mass at St. Francis Xavier and again after the 10:30 am Mass at
Our Lady of Grace Churches. These sessions will be about 20
minutes.

These workshops are intended for new and existing Leaders and Proclaimers
of the Word. There will be an opportunity for new readers to practise at the end
of the sessions.

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

Season of Creation Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

"To hope and act with creation means above all to join forces; to walk
together with all people of good will...to extend this harmony between human
beings to creation.... with responsibility for a humane and integral ecology. "

(*'To Hope and Act with Creation' Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World
Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024*)



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.



This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "**Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?**" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "**There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person**" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— *Father John Muir*

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why pray?

Relationships thrive on good communication. Married couples especially will attest to that. To grow in love and friendship we need to communicate, not just honestly but often! When we pray, we express our desire to grow in relationship with God. We use our human capacities to open ourselves to a profound mystery. Through prayer we can praise, thank, ask, cry, argue and express many emotions. We can speak, listen, sing, chant, dance, smile, embrace or just sit with our God. As Christians, our prayer takes on a very specified character. We approach God through the person of Jesus Christ and with a consciousness of being part of a Spirit-led community, the Church.



What do you think of those prayers which are supposed to guarantee a favour if said so many times and the leaflet passed on to a certain number of people?

Usually, the words of the prayer are okay but tying it up with numbers of leaflets is superstitious nonsense. It gives religion a bad name by turning God into a slot machine who pays out when you hit the required number. Some people feel blackmailed to spread these leaflets in fear of offending God.

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.

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 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

NET RECRUITING



Young people deserve to know the hope that Jesus brings. God has a plan for their lives!

NET are accepting applications from 18-35 year olds for ten months of life-changing mission in Australia and New Zealand for next year. Are you good at running camps? Are you interested in building up youth groups? Will you step out and share your

story of how Jesus has impacted your life?

NET ministries in Australia and New Zealand do this in teams, fostering authentic relationships, being peer with peer on this journey of life together – sharing that faith 'fully alive' is possible.

If you want to take up the call with mission NET, express your interest at www.netaus.org. NET will be excited to hear from you!

OR – if someone you know comes to mind – encourage them to check NET out.

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



22ND 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.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Clean or Unclean?

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" Mark 7:5 (NIV)

Based on Mark 7:1-7; 14-15; 21-23 (NIV)



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LAW	WORSHIP	UNCLEAN	FOOD	TEACHERS
HANDS	HEARTS	PHARISEES	HYPOCRITES	DISCIPLES
RULES	EATING	LIPS	HONOR	WASH