


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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time READINGS YEAR B 22nd September 2024

22 nd Sept.	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 James 3: 16-4:3 Mark 9: 30-37	
29 th Sept.	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Numbers 11: 25-29 James 5: 1-6 Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 22 nd Sept	10.30 am	First Holy Communion at OLOG and Breakfast at St Brendan's School Hall. NO CAFÉ IN THE PETTIT CENTRE
Wed 25 th Sept	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea at Silverspoon café



EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

CONGRATULATIONS

The Parish congratulates the candidates who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday the 22nd of September. Thanks go out to their parents, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinators and all those who helped to make this event a success. May the Lord bless each candidate and lead them on His path.



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, 25th September.

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.



MISSING - BIBLE

A Bible is missing from the Sacristy at OLOG. If someone has borrowed it, could you please return it as soon as possible – the Bible belongs to a private collection.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with an Introductory/Welcome session. These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. The **Introductory Session is scheduled on Wednesday 30th October 2024 in the Meeting Room at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga.** This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program, please phone: Fr Tony 972 4282.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE Season of Creation



“We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival.” (#22 *Laudate Deum*)

Action: Consider the ways in which our power and our technological progress are turning against us.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL



Jesus uses the time they are travelling along the road to teach his disciples what it means to follow him. Think of the wisdom you have acquired about life, about faith, about what it means to be a Christian. Who have been your teachers? Remember them and give thanks for them.

One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That was the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life. When have you found that by dying in some way you came to a fuller life?

The sacrifices made by front line health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic were an inspiration to many. Likewise, the example of medical personnel and NGO staff helping refugees in Gaza and elsewhere They put themselves at risk to care for the sick, and some of them died. Are there other people who have inspired you by their service of others.

Achievement, affirmation, recognition, and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. Who are the people whose support and assistance help you now? What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others?

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our last gathering was well attended by our guest speaker, Daniel Talbot who helped to fund raise \$150,000 (by crowd funding since 2017) for the new meteorological station in the St Joseph's school grounds. The new station is 10 metres high in line with international standards, and an asset for the Upper Hutt community. Solar panels that produce the power needed also will benefit the school's electricity needs. Met Service will now maintain the station and engage with the school community regularly.



Daniel was a most interesting, enthusiastic and entertaining speaker who impressed us with his ethics of making a difference to the wellbeing of others by contributing to community projects, (eg Wellington Children's hospital) through his Recycling for Charity workplace.

We wish him well for his future projects. For further information Daniels website is www.WSWR.co.nz



Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 September beginning at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NZ

One day mission in Wellington – Sacred Heart Church Petone On October 14, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Lead by Fr Augustine Vallooran VC with Glen & Teresa La'rive from the Divine Retreat Centre Potta, India

Everyone is welcome. See the noticeboard for more information.



SACRED HEART & REDWOOD COLLEGE NELSON PAST PUPILS & STAFF HISTORIC REUNION

In December 1982, the doors of the 100-year-old, five-story building closed for the last time, the end of an era for the school and convent.

Join us as we celebrate and commemorate the special moments that shaped our lives. We warmly invite all past pupils and staff to attend.

Date: 15th, 16th, 17th November 2024 Location: Manuka Street, Nelson

This is the last call for registrations, so please don't miss out! Register now at www.RedwoodSacredHeart.com

Contact: Bernadette King-Turner Email: SHReunion2024@gmail.com

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO? Is it a sin to miss Mass on Sunday?

To miss Sunday Mass, without a reasonable excuse, may reveal a disregard for the commandment to keep the Lord's Day holy; a lack of appreciation of the sacred Eucharist; disobedience to the law of the Church; or a failure to join with the Christian community in worship. To fail in any of these areas shows up how one is falling short of a full response to God's majesty and goodness. Any such failure should be regarded as sinful.



Why do we celebrate the Eucharist?

For Catholics, the sacrament of the Eucharist, the sacred meal whereby we break bread and share the one cup, is the paramount sign of our unity with and in Christ. It has been described as the source and summit of the Church's life. When we receive the Eucharist, we believe that we receive Jesus in an extraordinarily intimate way: we take him into our very beings in the form of food and drink. In doing so, we remember the way he died for us and rose again to lead us into eternal life. The Eucharist not only commemorates past events, it draws us into the mystery of Christ in the here and now and ultimately towards our eternal life with God.

TH502 WHAT IS THEOLOGY?

Course Wed-Fri: 9-11 October 9am-4pm CTC Thorndon, Wgtn with Dr

Christopher Longhurst- Enrol now – call (04) 819 8380 or email office@ctc.ac.nz or visit www.tekupenga.ac.nz

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PILGRIMAGE WITH THE SAINTS TOUR 2025

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or phone 0800 99 7788.



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 Rae Cameron, and John O'Sullivan. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

25th 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.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 9:30-37

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Who Is the Greatest?

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 9:30-37



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Q E P I G M E T E A T A X Y P
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WELCOMES	SERVANT	FIRST	GREATEST	JESUS
LITTLE	ARMS	CHILD	ARGUING	LAST
WHOEVER	ROAD	TWELVE	QUIET	HOUSE