


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
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909
Newsletter	www.stbrendans.school.nz	

26 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	29 th September 2024
Time		YEAR B	
29 th Sept.	1 st Reading	Numbers 11: 25-29	
	2 nd Reading	James 5: 1-6	
	Gospel	Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48	
6 th October	1 st Reading	Gen 2: 18-24	
	2 nd Reading	Hebrews 2: 9-11	
	Gospel	Mark 10: 2-16	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 1 st Oct	5.30 pm	Men's Group at the Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 2 nd Oct	10.30 am	CWL Regional Mass at OLOG
Thu 3 rd Oct	7:30 pm	Living Stones Group OLOG Meeting Room
Sat 5 th Oct	2.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre



EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

PLEASE NOTE MASS ON WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER AT OLOG WILL BE AT 10.30 AM INSTEAD OF 9.30 AM

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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2025

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.



MEN'S GROUP

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The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday the 1st of October 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.



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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We'd like to invite all women of the Parish (and friends) to our monthly meeting on Wednesday 2nd October in the Pettit Centre. As this is our annual Regional Day, we also welcome some of the members from Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt, starting at 10:00am with a cup of tea, then Mass at 10.30 am. There will be a time for some business before lunch (a small plate to share please) followed by a speaker from Plunket who are our At Home Appeal for this year. We would love to see you there.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 5 October 2024, at the Pettit Centre. This month we will have a sharing day - Christmas is just around the corner and we thought we could discuss Christmas traditions and how our families celebrate this wonderful day.

- What traditions does your family keep?
- What food do you cook? Any special recipes saved for Christmas Day?
- Do you have special decorations? Do you make your own decorations?
- Do you celebrate Christmas on the actual day, or perhaps the night before, or even another day altogether?
- Do you have anything else you would like to share about Christmas in your family?

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.

XLT Youth Worship Night

Calling all teens and young adults. Join us for the last two XLT (eXaLT) worship nights of the year! XLT is a night of fellowship, prayer, food, live praise & worship, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, all centred around a theme and aimed at college students and young adults. Join us at 7pm on Friday 18th October and 29th November at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. Follow our page on Facebook and Instagram!

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL



In the second reading from St James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on to the gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down “the little ones’. It is a lesson in tolerance.

As we approach the end of this annual celebration of the Season of Creation let today’s gospel be a call to care for the weak and vulnerable.

Through our exploitation of the earth’s goods, it is the poorest of the world who suffer. Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be stewards of creation, to connect more deeply with the wonderful world around us, to take action against all that threatens our natural environment.

In a few days we celebrate the Feast of St Francis, patron saint of ecology. Perhaps by doing a local clean up, or trying to go plastic free, we can make this special time in some way and embrace our role as stewards of creation.

‘God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.’

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



Season of Creation

“Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things. (# 222 *Laudato Si*)



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

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.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Please clear this up for me: is our faith based on the Bible alone or on the teachings of the Church?

It is misleading to set a case of the Bible or the Church as the basis of faith as if one excluded the other. The bible is part of the Church. The believing people were there before a word was written. The Jewish believers wrote the Old Testament and the Christian community wrote the New Testament. The bible is part of the Church's heritage. Every dogma or official teaching of the Church is based on the Bible, drawing out a clearer understanding of the inspired teaching.



What is meant by *Lectio divina*?

Literally it means a '*divine reading*'. It is an old, revered way of steeping oneself in a text of the bible so that one's thinking, attitudes, values and behaviour are increasingly Christ-like. Pope John Paul II describes it as a living encounter with God's word which questions, shapes and directs life. One first reads or studies the text, then meditates on its message for life and then moves to pray to God who is newly seen in the light of the word. Contemplation is what remains in the heart and mind when the prayer is completed.



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 Pam Wasson, and Rae Cameron. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

26TH 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.



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PUZZLE FOR YOU

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Find 10 differences.



MISSION

Pray for missionaries around the world who teach others about Jesus.