


# 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)  
 Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)  
**Weekday Eucharist** 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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27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Time		YEAR B	
6 <sup>th</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gen 2: 18-24	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Hebrews 2: 9-11	
	Gospel	Mark 10: 2-16	
13 <sup>th</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Wisdom 7: 7-11	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Hebrews 4: 12-13	
	Gospel	Mark 10: 17-30	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30 pm Bible Study Group in OLOG meeting room  
 Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 7:30 pm Finance Committee meeting



## EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

## 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.



## BIBLE STUDY GROUP



There will be group bible studies in the meeting room at Our Lady of Grace Church. Is God impressing upon you to share some of the thoughts you get from the Sunday readings, or you want to listen to what others are learning from it? Come let us discuss and reflect the way together. Meetings will start from **7:30 pm -9:00 pm**

**on Tuesday evenings.**



## **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD**

During the month of November, we remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated in the Parish during November.

On All Souls Day, **Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, a Special Mass of Remembrance is being organised. It is to be celebrated in **Our Lady of Grace Church**, Heretaunga, at **10:00 am** for all the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months. All are welcome to attend.

## **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

Marriages can break down, but in this story, Jesus appears as the wise person urging people to seek first the original harmony where possible, rather than seek escape routes when difficulties arise.



When have you found that, in marriage or in other relationships, the bonds have been strengthened when you have been prepared to work through difficulties?

There are other things that we needlessly and wrongly put in opposition: young and old, male and female, people from different cultures, body and soul. Perhaps at times you have discovered the advantages of exploring the richness in combining such apparently exclusive opposites.

The children in the second story can be taken as representing any group of 'little ones' whose opinion we may be inclined to dismiss. When have you found that you have been taught an important lesson about life, about love, or about faith by people whose views you had been inclined to dismiss?

Childrens' curiosity and questioning can also give us a lesson. Their desire to know and understand the world around them can serve as an inspiration for us and we seek an ever deeper understanding and appreciation of how our faith can enrich our lives.



## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

This weekend at our Masses we join with the Sisters of Compassion and all peoples of Aotearoa, New Zealand to celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa. Following her example, we pray that our actions will be a continual prayer that speak of Christ's love for all.

## 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.



## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. We are all challenged to work to develop a Culture of Safeguarding within the Church so that all those we interact with feel comfortable, respected and valued. Kevin Plant, Archdiocese Safeguarding Coordinator, will be delivering a Safeguarding workshop on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Pettit Centre, Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga at 7pm. All those involved in Ministry at Our Lady of the Valleys Parish and at St Joseph's Parish are encouraged to attend as well as parishioners who want to increase their understanding of safeguarding in our Parish communities.

## SYNOD PRAYER

*Come, Holy Spirit, soul of the Church, gather into unity and make fruitful the toil, the hope, and the desire of each one involved in the Synod Assembly.*

*Come, gentle Breath of God, who in Jesus revives the dwindling flame, and restore vigor to the bruised reed.*

*Come, Creator Spirit, who restores parched bones, gathers the lost, and brings into dialogue languages that do not recognise each other.*

*Come, burning fire of God, who purifies every vain thought, burning and transforming every sadness into the joy of new birth.*

*Come, Beauty of the lowly and the poor, build up the beautiful bride of the Lamb through the tears of those who love peace and hunger for justice.*

*Come, God's Forgiveness, and convert us to your breath that reconciles us for a new fellowship.*

*Come, unapproachable Wisdom, and fill us with your synodal gifts.*

*Come, unfailing Hope of the Church, and stir up dreams and desires according to the heart of God which, to the human eye, seems impossible.*

*"Without prayer there will be no Synod" Pope Francis*

## 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](mailto: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 Pam Wasson, and Rae Cameron. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Michelle Ann Fairfield.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL AND ELLIE BLUMSKY ON THEIR 65<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

27th 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.



27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:2-16

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

# Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



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PEOPLE	JESUS	INDIGNANT	GOD	ENTER
BRINGING	TOUCH	COME	BELONGS	ARMS
LITTLE	DISCIPLES	HINDER	TRUTH	HANDS
CHILDREN	REBUKED	KINGDOM	ANYONE	BLESSED