


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
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30 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	27 th October 2024
Time		YEAR B	
27 th October	1 st Reading	Jeremiah 31: 7-9	
	2 nd Reading	Hebrews 5: 1-6	
	Gospel	Mark 10: 46-52	
3 rd Nov	1 st Reading	Deut 6: 2-6	
	2 nd Reading	Hebrews 7: 23-28	
	Gospel	Mark 12: 28-34	

UPCOMING EVENTS			
30 th Oct Wed	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea at Silverspoon café	
1 st Nov Fri	9:30 am	Mass for Feast of All Souls Day	
2 nd Nov Sat	10:00 am	Mass for Feast of All Saints Day OLOG	
	2:00pm	Women's Circle of Friendship 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/>



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available. They will be at the foyer of both Churches and in the Parish Office. A pack of 8 cards is \$6 each.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2025

Limited (just 20) numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office and the church foyers for \$13 each (sorry the price has gone up) please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



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, 30th October.



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 7:30pm 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.

MISSING – BIBLE 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.

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 2nd**, 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.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Many of those with Jesus ordered Bartimaeus to be quiet. For such disciples, a person in need was a nuisance along the way, an obstacle unexpected and unforeseen. They preferred their own timetable above that of the Master, their own talking over listening to others. They were following Jesus, but they had their own plans... Yet, for Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge... How important it is for us to listen to life! The children of the heavenly Father are concerned with their brothers and sisters, not with useless chatter, but with the needs of their neighbours'.

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), 28 October 2018

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 12th November at the Pettit Centre, Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga at 7:00pm. 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.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Saturday, 2 November 2024, at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. This month our guest speaker is Grant Avery who, together with his wife Melanie, recently completed the Camino walk (The Way of St James), across the top of Spain to Santiago de Compostela. 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.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

In this story Jesus cures the blind man, Bartimaeus. Recovery of sight in the Bible is often a metaphor for coming to faith. Perhaps during your life you have had moments of insight, of deeper understanding, of appreciating who Jesus is for you. What was it that helped you to see more clearly?

Who was the 'Jesus person' who helped you to see more clearly? Perhaps, as a parent, a teacher, or a friend, you have also been a 'Jesus person' for another and helped her or him to a clearer understanding of the meaning of life, love, and faith.

To get to Jesus, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak so that he would not be impeded. What have you had to discard to be able to see more clearly (e.g., a prejudice, a rigid opinion)?

'Your faith has saved you' Jesus said to Bartimaeus. Recall situations in which you have been grateful for the faith that is yours because in some way it saved you.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS TO SEND OVERSEAS

We have become aware that there may be people who are soliciting privately for money to be sent overseas to personal bank accounts, allegedly to assist with charitable works. If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas. If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer, Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143 or email at e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz



NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NZCMA)

Is an organisation that provides community support and chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa.

We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us. Retreat and Seminar 15-16 November 2024, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

Details and registration: [This link](#)

For updates regarding events, please email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com



Pastoral Care Plan

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our parish Pastoral Care Plan 2024-2029. The parish council have now finalised this and you can read it here: <https://olov.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024-29-OLOV-Pastoral-Plan-FINAL.pdf>

This plan ultimately helps us deliver on our vision: “*We, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish are one community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*” (Parish vision statement).

The council is now working on implementing a range of items from the plan and will share progress on these regularly, and will report each year at the AGM on overall achievements.

Darrell Mellow, Parish Council Chair



WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Liturgy - what's that word mean?

The word liturgy comes from two Greek words meaning the work of the people. We are reminded that when we gather to worship it is the whole community that participates. It is not simply the work of the priest and altar servers with the rest of the congregation looking on.

The term ‘Eucharist’ comes from the Greek word *eucharistia* ('thanksgiving'). It was used in the early Church to refer to the entire celebration as well as to the consecrated bread and wine. The Mass is the greatest act of worship by which Christians give thanks for the salvation God has offered us through Jesus Christ.

First things first

The initial part of the Mass (the Introductory Rites) is an important time of gathering and preparation. The entrance song helps to open the celebration, unite us as a body and lead our thoughts towards the mystery of God's love which we have come to celebrate. The priest's greeting ('The Lord be with you') and the congregation's response ('And with your spirit') affirms that Christ is present in our midst. This is a time for focusing on the importance of the opportunity for worship that lies before us.

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 Anne Travers and Joan Corcoran. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



30TH 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.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:46-52

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Speak Up!

When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:47 (NLT)

Based on Mark 10:46-52



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HEALED	JERICHO	MERCY	FEET	JESUS
SIGHT	FOLLOWED	CROWD	DISCIPLES	CITY
BEGGING	JUMPED	QUIET	RABBI	SHOUT