


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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31st Sunday in Ordinary READINGS 3rd November 2024

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3rd Nov	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Deut 6: 2-6 Hebrews 7: 23-28 Mark 12: 28-34	
10th Nov	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44	

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Nov Fri	10:00 am	Mass for Feast of All Saints Day OLOG
2nd Nov Sat	2:00pm	Women's Circle of Friendship Pettit Centre
5th Nov Tue	5.30 pm	Men's Group at the Silverstream Bowling Club
6th Nov Wed	1.30 pm	Catholic Women's Leage in the Pettit Centre
7th Nov Thur	7:30 pm	Living Stones Meeting OLOG Meeting Room



EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

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.



MEN'S GROUP

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The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday the 5th of November 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.



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 10) 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.



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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

We'd like to invite all women of the Parish to our monthly meeting in the Pettit Centre on at 1.30pm next Wednesday, 6th November. As this is our AGM there will be a few minutes of business and then a cuppa and a chat! Could members please bring a small plate for afternoon tea.

CWL Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch is to be held at Te Marua Golf Club on Wednesday 27th November and is \$40 per person.

If you would like to join us please ring Trisha on 5285161.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Where danger is, precisely there is the saving power'.

Pope Francis, Let Us Dream

Reflection: The great beauty of a crisis is that the danger it threatens is never total, there is always a way out.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced the power of love given, and received, as a source of life and vitality?

If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life? Jesus praises the questioner as one who had answered wisely. Recall some of the wise people you have known, people who in their words and actions impressed you with their capacity to see and treasure what is important in life.

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

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

November is called the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?



November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.



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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, especially Margaret Keigan, Anne Travers and Joan Corcoran. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Feast Celebration of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal

Our Lady of Grace Church Heretaunga
24th of November 2024
10.30 - Holy Mass ; 11.30 - Fellowship

Rosary and Novena Prayers

1st - 4th day Novena
St. Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley
15th—18th of November 2024
7.00 PM

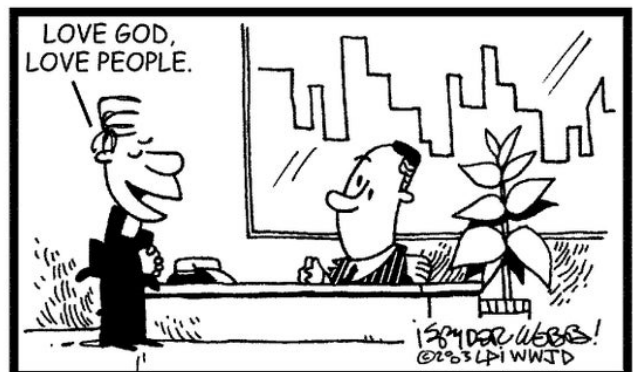
5th - 8th day Novena
Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga
19th—22nd of November 2024
7.00 PM

LIVING ROSARY (9th day Novena)
Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga
23rd of November 2024, Saturday
6.00 PM



O Mary conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

31st 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.



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 12:28b-34

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



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MIND	SOUL	YOURSELF	ANSWER	QUESTIONS
NEIGHBOR	IMPORTANT	STRENGTH	TEACHER	KINGDOM
GREATEST	LOVE	LAW	SECOND	HEART