

# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father Tony Kearns	
<b>Churches</b>	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)	
<b>Sunday Eucharist</b>	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)	8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	Wednesday/Friday	9:30 am (Heretaunga)
	Saturday	9:00 am (Heretaunga)
<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>	Friday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	By appointment with Parish Priest	
<b>Presbytery and Parish Office</b>	5 Palmer Crescent	<b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary      READINGS      10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44	
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

12 <sup>th</sup> Nov Tue	7.00 pm	Safeguarding Workshop at the Pettit Centre
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov Thur	7:30pm	Parish Finance Committee



### EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

## 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 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.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

A few 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.





## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2025

Enrolments for the 2025 Sacramental Preparation Program are now open for those candidates who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. **Enrolments can also be submitted on-line at**

[www.olv.org.nz/sacraments/](http://www.olv.org.nz/sacraments/). Paper enrolment forms are available in the foyer of both churches and the School.

Though enrolments close on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 **please endeavour to enrol before the 13<sup>th</sup> December** as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on March 2<sup>nd</sup> as the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Debby Morgan, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2025

**Limited (less than 5)** 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.



## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The scribes are presented as ostentatious and devious, acting more out of self-interest than the love of God or people. There can be an element of self-interest in each of us. Perhaps there have been times when you have been disturbed by glimpsing in yourself 'other motives' in your doing good. Recall when you were awakened to this fact. Where was the good news for you in that awakening?

In material terms what the widow had to offer was very little. Recall when you felt yourself called to give and gave even though you apparently had very little. Perhaps you have had the experience of finding that what you thought was little and insignificant meant a great deal to another person. Recall some of those moments.

At this critical moment for the church Pope Francis has called a synod and has invited all believers to make a contribution. It's easy for us to see this as a call to professional church people, clergy and religious. They have always taken care of this kind of thing. Now the call is that the voices of the little ones can also be heard. How can you help this to happen in your church community?



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Last Saturday the 36 folk who attended, enjoyed a very informative and entertaining afternoon to hear Grant and Melanie Avery recount their experiences while on their recent Camino walk in Spain. Their very professional presentation included many beautiful photos on a wide screen, with some video clips included. There were fact sheets, maps and props of the equipment needed for the pilgrimage, and thought-provoking recounts of the wonderful 'awe inspiring' spiritual experiences shared.

We are very grateful for their kindness in putting this presentation together for us, and offer our sincere thanks, blessings, and best wishes to them both.

The afternoon concluded with lots of chatter and fellowship over 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.



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HOPE APPEAL

1 – 30 November 2024. Bringing hope to our communities since the 1960s through social work, parenting programmes, hospital chaplaincy, prison chaplaincy, community facilitation and advocacy. Make an impact and donate your time, talents or treasure: [catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate](https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate)



## JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Last meeting for 2024 for Joshua Wellington in Connolly Hall, next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm meeting start followed by supper.



Speaker: Jeff Drane SM on “Recognise your opportunity”

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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*



## ST BRENDAN'S BAPTISM MASS

We are thrilled to invite you to join us for a very special occasion at St Brendan's. Our inaugural Baptism Programme is underway, and a wonderful group of students is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. The baptism will take place at Our Lady of Grace on **Friday, November 29th, at 9.30am.**

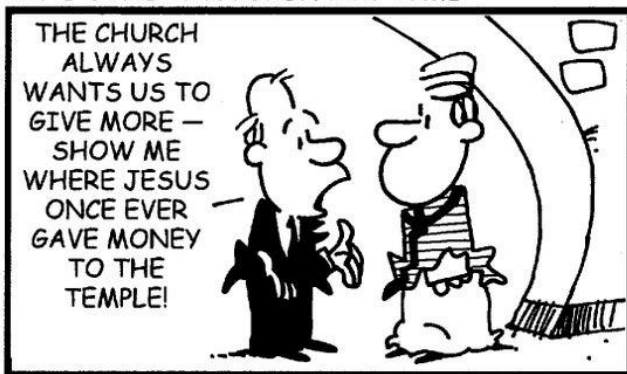
This is a significant milestone for these students and their whānau as they take this important step in their faith journey. We warmly invite you to come along to the mass to support and welcome them into our Parish and the wider Catholic community. Your presence and prayers would mean a lot to these young ones as they embrace their faith.

We hope to see you there!

**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. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially John McDiarmid.



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY 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.

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

### The Widow's Mite

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Mark 12:42

Based on Mark 12:38-44



G F O E A E L L L A M S B L D  
E K N R E V D T X A N O S Y T  
W G L R L E Q R C I R Y N G E  
G A O K H R O G O G C G N E K  
J M O P T Y P C Y W T I E O Y  
W I D O W T E I Z A R P V W U  
K D J F H H N U L E E L I A H  
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A R O J C G O I E J U E D U E  
T N J P E I P O V E R T Y N A  
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K U C A E F R S E C P O O R H  
D Y H X I Y M W A S H L C E S

PENNY  
JESUS  
MORE  
LARGE

PLACE  
TREASURY  
WIDOW  
WEALTH

TRUTH  
MONEY  
COINS  
EVERYTHING

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POVERTY  
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