


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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary READINGS 17th November 2024

Time YEAR B

17 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 12: 1-3 Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Mark 13: 24-32	
24 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 7: 13-14 Revelations 1: 5-8 John 18: 33-37	

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 th Nov Wed	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
21 st Nov Thur	1:30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
	7.30 pm	Parish Council 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/>

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 20TH NOVEMBER AT OLOG NOR AT 9.30 AM ON 21ST NOVEMBER AT SFX

PASTORAL LETTER AND LITANY

In this week of recognition and apology, the New Zealand Bishops have asked that a pastoral letter be read at all Masses this weekend. The letter will take the place of the homily, and be followed by a litany of lament.

Their message is directed to the Catholic faithful who have felt the impact of abuse. The message will reference the apology for the Church's past response, and though the serious issues addressed may be distressing, they are part of our journey of building a strong safeguarding culture within our Church community.



SAFEGUARDING MEETING 12th NOVEMBER



Thanks goes out to all who attended the safeguarding meeting on the 12th. It was well attended by both Parishes.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards **almost all gone** 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 (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.



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/.** Paper enrolment forms are available in the foyer of both churches and the School.



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



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart, but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new possibilities. Our church is in crisis, and the world is facing climate disaster. Where have you seen something new and hopeful emerge in the midst of all this, e.g. some action arising from better eco awareness (less waste, a community garden, et al)? The parable of the fig tree. Even in winter it begins to put forth leaves which give a hint of the fruit to come. Where have you found signs of hope in a wintry situation – in your own life, in the life of some group, in the life of the Church, in our world?

Jesus proposes no clear time-scale for the events being foretold, so the final sentence (v.32) is a call to alertness, because God can come to us in different ways each day. What difference does it make to you when you are able to live the present moment to the full?

MEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

To be held on Friday the 6th December starting at 5.30 pm at the Presbytery in Heretaunga. The cost is \$16 per head. There is a clipboard in the foyer of each church to put your name in if you are going to attend. Contact Roger Wasson for further details on 021116 2653



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Christmas Hamper

CWL are raffling a Christmas hamper full of delicious goodies for you and your family. There's also a second prize of a beautiful homemade Christmas cake. At \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5 you won't want to miss out!

We will be selling tickets at all Masses this weekend and next weekend. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 27th November.

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.



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!

HĪKOI TO PARLIAMENT IN SUPPORT OF TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

On Tuesday, 19th November, a hīkoi will travel through central Wellington to Parliament to voice concern about current legislative proposals around the Treaty. A short prayer time will be held before the hīkoi at the portrait of Mary Mother of God, at St Mary of the Angels church to pray for the good of Aotearoa New Zealand. The artwork includes an image of Te Tii marae, a reference to Bishop Pompallier's presence at Waitangi in 1840. Prayer will be led by Mons. Gerard Burns, 8.30-8.45am. Hīkoi leaves Waitangi Park at 9am. All welcome.

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NZ WELLINGTON UNIT

The Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Marlon Maylon SVD will be leading a midday Advent retreat at Sacred Heart Church in Petone on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. We'll conclude this special gathering with a Holy Mass as we get ready for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We warmly invite you to join us for this significant event to celebrate and worship the Lord as we spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MASS FOR LIFE

Friday 6th December 7 pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street to pray for babies, mums, dads and families. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday 7th December. Join people from all over NZ in a celebration of life while also peacefully protesting the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Parliament Grounds from 1 pm. March goes out from the grounds at 2 pm.

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 Mary Powlesland, Geraldine Sims, Margaret Keigan and Anne Travers. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Robyn Colley.



33rd 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.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 13:24-32

PUZZLE FOR YOU

There's a Great Day Coming

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Mark 13:32 (NLT)



The puzzle is based on Mark 13:24-32

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

GATHER
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