

# 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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2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	19 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
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19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 62: 1-5 1 Cor 12: 4-11 John 2: 1-11	
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12: 12-30 Luke 1: 1-4 4: 14-21	

## UPCOMING EVENT

Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan | 7.30 pm | Parish Liturgy 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/>

**OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AND GRATITUDE GOES OUT TO THE MARIAN COURT AND COLUMBAN PRIESTS FOR THEIR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS.**



**WELCOME BACK FR. TONY**

## 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.

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.



## ALTAR SERVING

For those younger members of our parish interested in the altar serving ministry, there will be training sessions on Sunday 26th January:

- straight after the 8:30am mass at St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley
- straight after the 10:30am mass at Our Lady of Grace, Heretaunga.

Please contact Conor Healy ([conorhealy26@gmail.com](mailto:conorhealy26@gmail.com)) to register your interest or to find out more information.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN FEBRUARY 2025

As you're aware, Fr Tony is sadly finishing his placement with us at Our Lady of the Valleys in early February. Please put these dates in your diary (and note the mass times)



**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February** Fr Tony's last weekend at OLOV. Usual Mass times.

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 10:30 am at OLOG** Mass will be celebrated as a **Farewell Mass for Father Tony followed by a morning tea in the Pettit Centre**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February at St Joseph's UH** is a Mass to farewell Fr Maleko.

**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> February** Fr Maleko's first weekend Mass in OLOV. Normal Mass times apply.

**9<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00 am** is an **Installation Mass of Welcome** for Fr Tony at St Joseph's followed by morning tea in the foyer.

**16<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00 am** at Our Lady of Grace is the **Installation Mass for Fr Maleko** as our Parish Priest with Archbishop Paul in attendance. This also **celebrates 10 years since the Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys was established in February 2015**. This Mass is followed immediately by our annual Parish picnic event on the church lawn. **Note - usual 5:30pm mass on Saturday but no 8:30am Sunday mass at St Francis Xavier; and a change to 10:00 am Mass at OLOG.**

We'll provide more information on the 16 February event soon.



## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.

The *hour* of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed, yet even so something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the *signs* that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.

Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?

## ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll.

We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email [office@olov.org.nz](mailto:office@olov.org.nz)



## LIVING WATERS CAFÉ



Sundays after 10:30am Mass at the Pettit Centre Heretaunga. All parishioners are welcome. The café is held in the Pettit Centre behind the church and operates most Sundays from 11:30 until 12:30. The café is run by volunteers. Tea, coffee and a light snack are served. Children are catered for also. Gold coin donation is welcome but not essential.

## RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.





## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email please advise the Parish Office of your email address: office@olov.org.nz



### Visiting the sick

Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs an ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office on 972 4282.

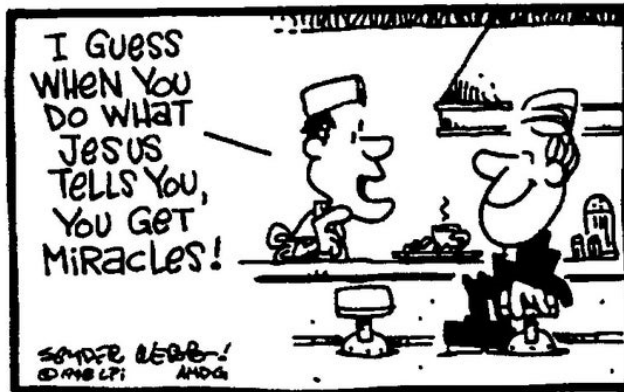
## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A wonderful opportunity to meet the King of Kings. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Every Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00pm. He waits patiently for YOU to come and visit Him. Tell Him your problems; request His help in any situation, ask for strength and courage in your difficulties. He is always there for you! Love and Adore Him. Please contact the office for available time slots. 972 4282



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and unwell, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 2:1-11

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

# Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).



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 U E K G A L I L E E K L E U D  
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 W D B E S T P U W N P N E M D  
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 G G Z W A X I S S T Q F A L S  
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wedding	faith	best	last	Cana
Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
wine	disciples	servants	master	water
saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous