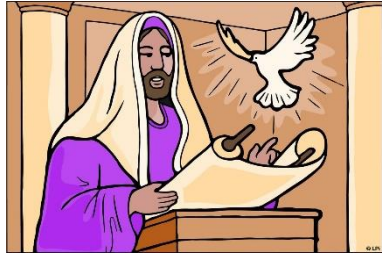


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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	Heretaunga	
Website	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
St Brendan's School Newsletter	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909
	www.stbrendans.school.nz	

3 rd Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	26 th January 2025
Time		YEAR C	
26 th Jan	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12: 12-30 Luke 1: 1-4 4: 14-21	
2 nd Feb	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Malachi 3: 1-4 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Wed 29 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea at Silverspoon café
Sat 1 st Feb	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the 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/>



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, 29th January.

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) to register your interest or to find out more information.



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.

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.



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)

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

2nd 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**

2nd February at St Joseph's UH is a Mass to farewell Fr Maleko.

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

9th 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.

16th 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.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our first gathering for this year will be on 2 February, 2pm at the Pettit Centre.

We will have a sharing afternoon - tell us about your Christmas, or a great book you read, or did you see a movie to recommend? Or any other story you would like to share.

As usual please feel free to bring along a gift of toiletries or a small donation for our charities.

The book swap will be up and running also. We will finish the afternoon with our usual cuppa and chat. If you have any friends who would like to join us they will be most welcome so please bring them along.





THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?

His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you.

The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is also being fulfilled even as we hear it **NOW**. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?

This is the Sunday of the Word of God, the word that gives life. The written word of God is not always easy to understand. What has helped you to be more at home with the Bible so that you could find in it encouragement, hope, inspiration, meaning and purpose in life?

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



TE ARA O TE TŪMANAKO - THE WAY OF HOPE

Every 25 years the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope". Bishop Steve Lowe will be leading a jubilee pilgrimage this year, departing 29th September for 17 nights with Harvest Journeys. The pilgrimage "Our Way of Hope" will begin in Lyon, the mother Church for the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and journey to Rome. On the way pilgrims will meet pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church, and who will inspire hope as the group prepares to pass through the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and receive the Jubilee blessing.



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

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




Celebration of the
Sacrament of Holy Orders
Ordination to the Priesthood

Deacon Matthew White

Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Wellington

Saturday 22nd February
11:00 a.m.




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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT
CHOSEN
POOR

FREEDOM
SIGHT
SUFFERS

LORD
JESUS
TRUE

I	A	M	J	L	U	I	T	L	A
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MISSION

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



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