


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

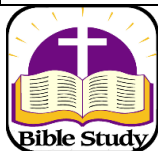


Parish Priest	Father Tony Kearns	
Church	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)	
Sunday Eucharist	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)	8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
Weekday Eucharist	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	Wednesday / Saturday	9:00 am (Heretaunga)
	Friday	9:30 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
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	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909

PENTECOST SUNDAY READINGS		YEAR A	28 TH May 2023
28 th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 2: 1-11 1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23	
4 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exo 34: 4-6, 8-9 2Cor 13: 11-13 John 3: 16-18	

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tues 30 th May	7.30 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Wed 31 st May	10.00 am	Coffee morning at Silverspoon Cafe, Silverstream



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

There will be group bible studies in the meeting room at Our Lady of Grace Church. Is God impressing upon you to share some of the thoughts you get from the Sunday readings, or you want to listen to what others are learning from it? Come let us discuss and reflect the way together. Meetings will start from **7:30 pm -9:00 pm on Tuesday evenings.**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga
Cleaners, Readers, Altar Society (flower arrangements and brass polishing)
St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley
 Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Collectors, Readers for Sat 5.30 pm Mass.
Please contact the office on 9724282 if you can help out.



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, 31st May.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

2pm, Saturday 3 June 2023, at the Petit Centre. Our guest speaker will be Helen Daisley, who will talk to us about her experiences as a "Cottage Parent", fostering children in Melbourne, Australia, for several years.



Our book swap table has many interesting books. Please feel free to take a book. If you have any books to add you are welcome to bring them along. As usual a gold coin donation or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated. Please place your items in the donation basket which will be on the welcome table at the gathering. We also have a regular collection towards worthy community causes (gold coin). We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?

Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.

As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. We inherit this mission today. We live that mission by being a patient, kind, encouraging and compassionate presence wherever we are.

The mission also evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?

In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgave rather than hold sins against others?

CALLING ALL ST PATS TOWN & STREAM OLD BOYS

St Patrick's College Old Boys Association AGM I would like to invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting which will be held online via zoom on Thursday 1st June 2023 @ 7pm. If you would like to attend please email secretary@spcob.org.nz with your name and when you attended either Town or Stream and we will send you an invite to the zoom meeting. Brad Hudson – President SPCOBA



NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists,

psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. Next event: Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz For general inquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee).

PARENTING FOR FAITH SEMINAR - Dr Andrew Mullins from Melbourne will talk about integrating character and faith education within the context of raising children and encourage us with practical ways to ensure that we parents are empowered to pass on the taonga which is our faith. Sunday 4th June from 2pm - 4pm at St Mary of the Angels Church Hall, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central. \$20 per individual or couple. Afternoon tea included. For more information or to register email Monica Devine at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com

LIVING STONES PROCESS - "One Parish - One Community"

Recent newsletters have outlined the purpose, background and considerations of Living Stones.

It involves gathering information and feedback to develop options for the parish community to decide on the future of parish buildings in our community.

To reiterate the broad options are:

- Consolidate onto the Stokes Valley site
- Consolidate onto the Heretaunga site
- Build a new facility on a new site

Thank you for the feedback to date. This has been collated and will form a part of the ongoing considerations.

Next Steps:

The group is currently establishing a number of channels to allow for full parish feedback commencing in June. This will include a survey (Google Forms), open forum meetings, and a dedicated e-mail address.

In the meantime, please reflect on the following question:

What would you like to see in a new or redeveloped site that will take our parish into the future?

Fr Tony, Grant Avery, Julie Stewart, SeuSio, Pat Hoult, Tino Aukusitino, Chris Henley, Conor Healy, Colin Braddock.



WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we celebrate Pentecost?

At Pentecost we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles as tongues of fire. The name Pentecost (in Greek: 'fiftieth day') originally referred to the Jewish Feast of Weeks which fell fifty days after the Passover. This feast celebrated the first fruits of the harvest offered to God and also the giving of the Law to Moses. The early Church gave it Christian significance, rejoicing in the 'first fruits' and the 'new law' heralded by Christ's resurrection. Today we celebrate Pentecost as the conclusion of the Easter season, fifty days after Easter Sunday. Conscious of the missionary zeal which galvanised the apostles into a united body, we often think of Pentecost as the birth of the Church.



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.

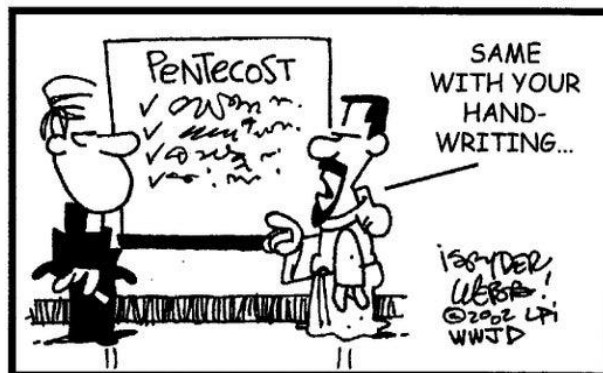
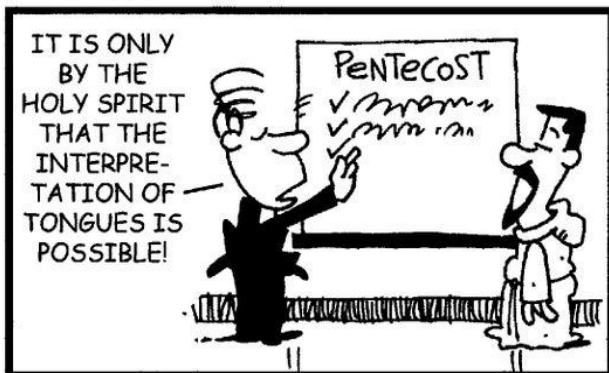
Visiting the sick

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, including Josie Ryan, and Jan Fletcher. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

PENTECOST



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



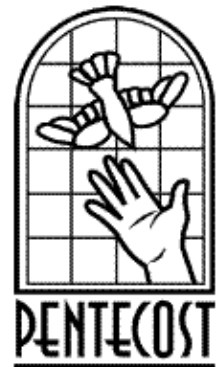
Pentecost Sunday • John 20:19-23

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



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FIRE	PENTECOST	WONDERS	AMAZED
HEAR	OTHER	SPEAK	WIND
SPIRIT	BLOWING	TONGUES	HOLY
DECLARE	LANGUAGE	SOUND	FILLED