


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/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 Heretaunga
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Website	www.olv.org.nz
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4 th Sunday of Lent		READINGS YEAR B	10 th March 2024
10 th Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Samuel 16: 1.6-7, 10-13 Eph 2: 4-10 John 3: 14-21	
17 th Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9 John 12: 20-33	
UPCOMING EVENTS			
Sun 10 th Mar	10:30 am	Children's Session for Sac Programme Petit Centre	
Wed 13 th Mar	6:30 am	Early Morning Mass at OLOG (additional)	
Thur 14 th Mar	7:30 pm	Parish Finance Committee	
Fri 15 th Mar	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at SFX	
Sun 17 th Mar	3:00 pm	Rite II Reconciliation at St Francis Xavier Church	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**RITE II**) will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Church **on NEXT SUNDAY 17th March at 3:00pm**. An invitation is offered to all in the Parish who wish to experience God's loving grace and forgiveness to join us at this celebration. We will be joined at this liturgy by the Junior Sacramental Preparation Programme young candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time.



If you would prefer to have the Sacramental privately under the **RITE I** format, Father Tony is usually available after the weekday Masses at St Francis Xavier or Our Lady of Grace Church or you can ring him at the Presbytery (972 4282) to arrange a time at your convenience.



WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

On each Wednesday in Lent there will be an additional Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 6:30 am for those who might like to choose this as a Lenten Observance.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley. ALL WELCOME

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation by this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. It is God's wish that everyone who believes in Jesus will have 'eternal life', that is a relationship with God that begins now and survives death.

We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus' person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?



OLOV QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 5 April 2024, St Brendan's school hall, from 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Tickets \$10 each. Tables of 8 so get your team together or come along to join a team. Get in quick, tickets sell fast.

To purchase tickets contact Conor via email conorhealy26@gmail.com or phone 021 236 1782. No door sales.

Raffles for the Quiz night

The Quiz committee is seeking donations for the raffles. Anything to go in a hamper, vouchers, cash donation, wine, food, we accept it all!! If you have a business, you may want to sponsor a quiz round.

We will be in the foyer after each mass collecting donations or if you prefer someone collect it, contact Erin Murphy melkmurphy@outlook.com Ph: 021435400 and she will arrange pick up. Thank you!

MINISTRY VOLUNTEER'S FOR HOLY WEEK EVENTS

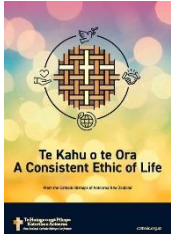
In the upcoming week members of the Liturgy Committee will be looking for people to assist in the celebration of the various services during Holy Week. The services range from Palm



Sunday representatives to attend the Chrism Mass to receive the Holy Oils for the Parish; Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Thursday; Readers and Eucharistic Minister for Good Friday through to more decorators and readers for the additional reading at the Easter Vigil; To try to make it easier for these people (and to save some of the ringing around that happens to cover all the events/ministries) lists of the ways that parishioners can assist have been placed in the foyer of both Churches. If you are a minister and know that you will be at a certain ceremony, please indicate your willingness to assist.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PRAYER REQUESTS

In the foyer of both churches are cards that have the name of one of the candidates in this year's Sacramental Preparation Program. Parishioners are invited to take one of these cards and pray for the names candidate as they move through program this year towards First Holy Communion. This is a way we all can support these young members of our faith family on their journey of faith.



A CONSISTENT ETHIC FOR LIFE - NZCBC

The landmark new Catholic bishops' teaching document *Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life* has been reprinted, with paper copies available to schools, parishes, Church organisations and individuals for just \$3 each.

It contains a succinct overview of eight key moral areas including creation; the beginning and end-of-life; discrimination and abuse; poverty; war and peace; justice and correction; and information technology and artificial intelligence. Published by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference last September, it is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 Bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God.

There is a link to the document on our webpage www.olv.org.nz or you can click on this link [Te Kahu o te Ora - A Consistent Ethic of Life - New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference](http://www.olv.org.nz/Te-Kahu-o-te-Ora-A-Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-New-Zealand-Catholic-Bishops-Conference).

If you would like to order a printed copy please provide your name, postal address and number of copies required to communications@nzcbbc.org.nz with *Te Kahu o te Ora* in the subject line. Copies cost \$3 per copy.

Limited copies of the document have been printed off (as it runs to 60 pages) and are in the foyer of both churches. Please feel free to take a copy and return it back for others to read when you have finished.

THE TIME IS NOW – CARITAS LENTEN GIVING PROGRAMME

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive. Lenten Giving envelopes are available from today. This year there is a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once, or weekly – using the same envelope.

NOTE: Donations received by CARITAS in envelopes before 31st March will be included in the 2023/24 tax year.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

On Saturday, Norma Sawers spoke to the Circle of Friendship group about Travels with her daughter. Norma has a very interesting way of telling the stories of their adventures and consequently we all left having had a very satisfying and enjoyable afternoon. A time of blessing.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Several parishioners attended and participated in the World Day of Prayer hosted by St Mary's Anglican Church in Silverstream. Stories, readings and prayers were read from the World Day of Prayer booklet - the theme "I beg you, Bear with one another in Love". The service was followed by a shared lunch where we met with parishioners from the neighbouring Churches. A special occasion.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE WELLINGTON

Are celebrating 80 years of Faith, Service and Action in conjunction with their Annual Conference at St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Naenae on Saturday 16th commencing at 1pm and Sunday 17th March starting at 9am. Conference Mass is at 5pm Saturday, with the main Celebrant Monsignor Gerard Burns. One of the Keynote Speakers will be Joy Cowley on the subjects of "The Pros and Cons of Priests being able to Marry" and "Feminine Spirituality". Individual Registration Forms are available. For further information please contact Helen on archdio.sec@gmail.com



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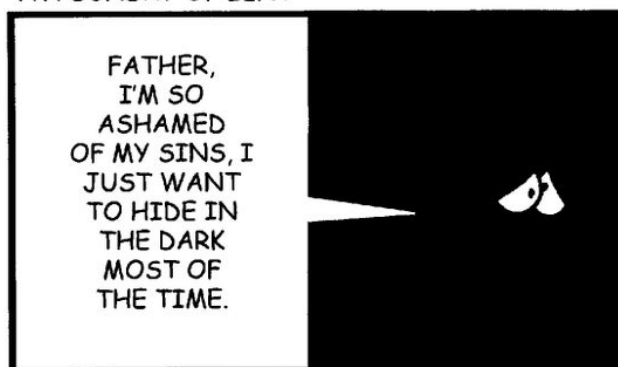
'This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love, to his mercy full of tenderness and goodness, to his forgiveness.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 14 March 2021

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, especially Colleen Hussey, Ted Bennett, and Mary (Moir) Dourley. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Lent • John 3:14-21

PUZZLE FOR YOU

God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

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