

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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| 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 Heretaunga | Tel (04) 972 4282 |
| Parish Administrator | Monday – Friday | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm |
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5th Sunday of Easter READINGS YEAR B 28th April 2024

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| 14 th April | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Acts 9: 26-31 1 John 3: 18-24 John 15: 1-8 | |
| 5 th May | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4: 7-10 John 15: 9-17 | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 1 st May | 11:00 am | Funeral for Paddy Byrne |
| 2 nd May | 7:30 pm | Liturgy Committee Meeting HTG |
| 2 nd May | 7:30 pm | Living Stones Committee HTG |
| 4 th May | 2:00 pm | Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre |
| 5 th May | 7:00 pm | Parents' Meeting for Confirmation, Pettit Centre |
| 7 th May | 5:30 pm | Men's Night at Silverstream Bowling Club |

PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The Tax receipts along with the new envelopes are now available in the foyer of both Churches. Kindly ensure that you pick up your receipts and the new envelopes. If your Donation Receipt/Envelopes are not in the foyer of the church please advise the Parish Office and it will be relocated for you.



If you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme or change to an Automatic Payment, please contact the Parish Office

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – CONFIRMATION

The programme to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins next Sunday 5th May with a PARENTS MEETING in the Pettit Centre at 7:00 pm. At least one parent for each candidates needs to be there go get the Programme pack for their child(ren).



FOUND

A set of keys outside the Pettit Centre. If they belong to you please contact the Parish Office.



HEALING SERVICE

**PRAYER IS THE
BEST MEDICINE.
GOD IS THE
BEST DOCTOR.**

Fr John Rea SM will conduct a Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church Petone 41 Britannia St. on Tuesday 7th May beginning at 7:30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships – with God, with your friends, with your family, with communities or groups to which you belong?



Just as a vine is pruned in order to be fruitful, so we will be pruned when we accept the give and take of healthy relationships. When have you found that a relationship grew when you were able to consider the needs of the other as well as your own?

In THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL Pope Francis wrote 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?

The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.

LIVING STONES UPDATE

The Parish property portfolio valuations from Colliers has been received last week. It is being reviewed by various committees in the Parish to help identify various options to be sent to the parish community for consideration.



We are seeking a few more parishioners to join our committee to assist in the facilitation of the next steps. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Fr Tony or one of the other members of the group.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This month's Catholic Women's League meeting has been cancelled to allow members to attend the Funeral for Paddy Byrne who died on 24th May. Paddy's funeral is scheduled for 11:00 am on Wednesday 1st May

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'But Jesus needs us too, like the vine with the branches...He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians. After Jesus ascended to the Father, it is the task of the disciples — it is our task — to continue to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds. And the disciples — we, Jesus' disciples — do so by bearing witness to his love: the fruit to be borne is love.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#) 2 May 202



WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING 4th May

Our next Circle of Friendship gathering will be on Saturday 4 May at 2:00pm, at the Petit Centre behind Our Lady of Grace Church. This month we are fortunate enough to have 2 speakers. Tracey Oden and Trish Noble will each tell their story of their journey whereby Trish donated a kidney to Tracey.

Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations are always gratefully accepted. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 7th May at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish. Any enquires please call Roger Wasson on 528 7847

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?



Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

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



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

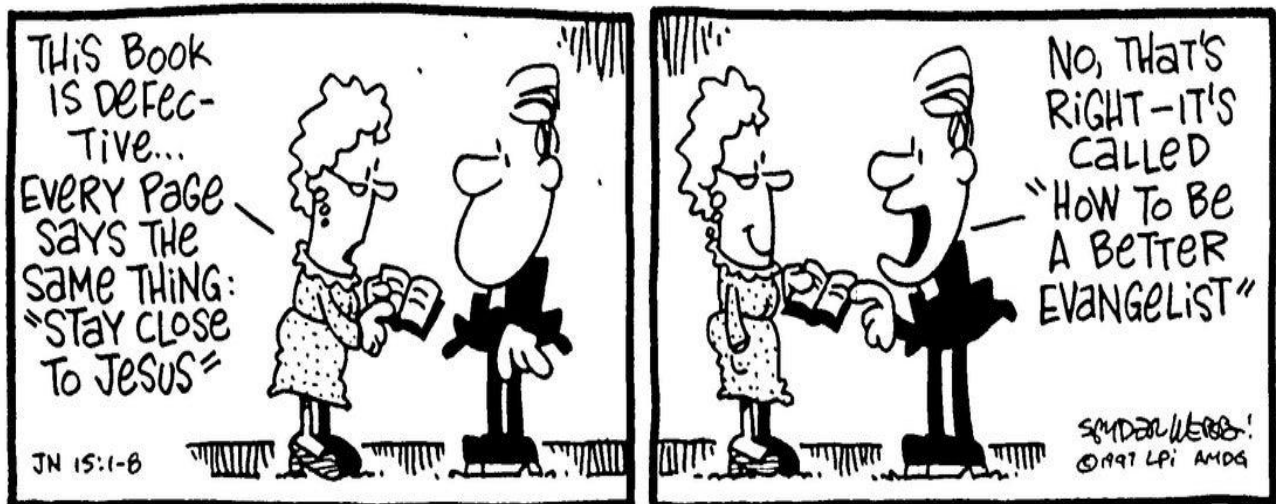
Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs an ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office on 972 4282.



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, especially Paddy Byrne, Don Black, Antonio Pereira, Dennis Fairfax, Jill Hawthorne, and Pauline Prince. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Easter • John 15:1-8

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The True Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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N S M L D R W O E P P V T P W
X C U A Y R M L X N X S A Y K
B P P L I A C R T N M F R Z A
X K R N N N A I H W O R D S J
C S U N L E D A R G J N R K X
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| WORDS | GARDENER | REMAIN | BEAR | GLORY |
| CLEAN | PRUNES | THROWN | VINE | TRUE |
| FRUIT | BRANCH | FIRE | WITHERS | BURNED |