



# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



## Prayer to guide our discernment of the Cardinal's directive

Almighty Father,  
we ask that you guide and help us consider the future of our churches and  
presbyteries within the Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys.  
Help us be mindful of what change might mean to our communities and the  
impact it may have on individuals. Guide us to be a sound judge of all situations  
that change may have within and across our Parish.  
Open our hearts to ensure our thoughts, words and actions are focused on  
building a stronger parish community that supports and provides for the Pastoral  
Care of all peoples in our Parish.  
We thank you for your guidance and for being with us as we discern the property  
needs of our Parish.  
We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Summary of Our Lady of the Valleys Property Review

As part of the review of churches and presbyteries the Finance Committee have researched relevant details of OLOV property. As we commence the second aspect of the Cardinals Directive, it is now important that we prayerfully engage in knowledgeable, discussion as we discern and assess what we have, what we need, think about others and look forward in service considering our present and future needs as we cater for the pastoral care of OLOV.

### Summary of Building Report

#### Heretaunga

The land at Heretaunga consists of two properties 5,076 m<sup>2</sup> and containing:

- A - Our Lady of Grace church building
- B – Pettit Centre, meeting and social rooms
- C – Presbytery and Parish offices.

Earthquake strengthening: The Church building is at 80% of the New Building Standard (NBS).

#### Stokes Valley

The land at Stokes Valley comprises three separate sections

1. 152 Stokes Valley, being Pt Lot 1 of 6998 m<sup>2</sup> containing:
  - A. St Francis Xavier church building
  - B. the old presbytery (now a rental property) and
  - C. the St Vincent De Pauls storage shed.

Earthquake strengthening: The church building is currently rated approximately at 39%.(NBS)

2. The area of land at 1/142 Stokes Valley Road, Being Lot 2 of 1987 m<sup>2</sup> containing eight flats. The property has a lease from the Lower Hutt City Council for a term of 40 years commencing from 1.1.84

3. 146 Stokes Valley Road, being Lot 1 & 3 2061 m<sup>2</sup> contains:
  - E the Hall leased from OLOV Parish,
  - F Marae, and
  - G Ancillary buildings

A lease was initiated in November 1996 and terminates in 2085 for the land occupied by the Marae and the Hall.

## Consultation Feedback

- View feedback from our [July Consultation](#)

# Discernment Presentation

View the [Discernment Presentation](#)

<https://olov.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Presbytery-and-Churches-Powerpoint-Presentation.pdf>

## How you can participate

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the discernment of, and how we might respond to, the Cardinal's directive.
- Talk within your family, the groups you are part of, your church community and with fellow parishioners.
- Share any concerns you have
- Let us know what questions you have
- Share any suggestions / ideas you have

You can tell us your thoughts, concerns, questions, ideas by:

- writing them down and sending them into the Parish Office (or put in an envelope and place in the weekly collection basket) – mark your envelope for the attention of the Steering Committee.
- email the Parish Pastoral Council at [pp@olov.org.nz](mailto:pp@olov.org.nz)
- talk to your Parish Pastoral Council representative(s)
- complete our
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13FfKFc0m1N7gw2uEnDg-c1g6\\_QY2gesvAMLuQOEfmDQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13FfKFc0m1N7gw2uEnDg-c1g6_QY2gesvAMLuQOEfmDQ/edit?usp=sharing)

## Mass Counts

YEAR	COUNT
November 2016	379
November 2017	327
November 2018	364
March 2019	444
June 2019	442
<b>Average per 5 counts</b>	<b>391</b>

## Cardinal's Memorandum

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Churches-and-Presbyteries-Pastoral-Letter.pdf>

## Short Survey

Share your questions or concerns you have about the Cardinal's directive, as well as any suggestions or ideas on how we might respond to the directive through our short survey [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13FfKFc0m1N7gw2uEnDg-c1g6\\_QY2gesvAMLuQOEfmDQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13FfKFc0m1N7gw2uEnDg-c1g6_QY2gesvAMLuQOEfmDQ/edit?usp=sharing)