

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)
 Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
Weekday Eucharist 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
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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A READINGS 5th November 2023

5 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Malac 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10 1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13 Matthew 23: 1-12	
12 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Wisdom ^: 12-16 1 Thess 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 7th Nov 5.30 pm Men's Night at the Silverstream Bowling Club
 Thur 9th Nov 7.30 pm Parish Finance Committee

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

St Francis Xavier, Stokes Valley

Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters,

Please contact the office on 972 4282 if you can help out.

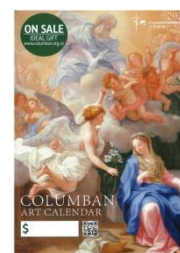


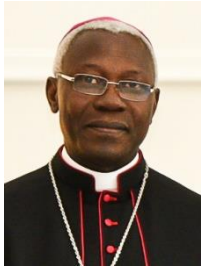
CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available. They will be at the foyer of both Churches and in the Parish Office. A pack of 8 cards is \$6 each.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2024

Limited numbers are **fast running** out. Available at the Parish Office for \$12 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.





ARCHBISHOP NOVATUS RUGAMBWA

Last week Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, our Apostolic Nuncio, had a severe stroke and is in Wellington Hospital. Kindly pray for his speed recovery.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next gathering will be 2pm, on Saturday 4 November 2023, at the Pettit Centre.

This month our guest speaker is Margaret Simmons, a retired nurse who will tell us about her work in the burns and plastics unit in the Hutt Hospital.

A gold coin donation or gift of toiletries would be most appreciated. Also, check out our collection of books in the beautiful bookcase. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The condemnation of the scribes and pharisees by Jesus brings to mind the public discourse about the Church in recent years. This has highlighted the failures of church people to live up to the values of the Gospel. This has had a negative effect on many people and on their religious practice. How do you find hope in the midst of this negative criticism?

When our actions match our words about gospel values, then our words carry more weight. Recall people whom you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.

Our passage ends with a paradox. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?

PRESENTATION OF PALLIUM

Today the 5th of November, 5pm at St Mary of the Angels a Mass will be held for the presentation of the Pallium to Archbishop Paul by Bishop Steve Lowe, president of NZCBC. The Pallium is a white woolen band with pendants in front and back worn over the chasuble by the Pope or a Metropolitan Archbishop. It symbolizes the close relationship between the Bishop of Rome and the local Church. The Pallia for all newly appointed Metropolitan Archbishops were blessed by Pope Francis in Rome on 29 June 2023, the feast of Ss Peter and Paul. The bishops of New Zealand will be present as the bishops' conference starts in Wellington the following day. This invitation is extended to all members of the Church in the Archdiocese of Wellington. All are welcome to a cup of tea in the hall following Mass.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL Help Us to Help Others !

Please donate quality furniture and household items to support the Society of St Vincent de Paul Petone shop which helps the most vulnerable in our community. Drop off items to the shop at 316 Jackson Street Petone or call (04) 568 6408 for collection.



NEW VESTMENTS

A couple of weeks ago four vestments were received in the Parish for use during Masses. These vestments had been commissioned about 18 months ago but delays overseas has meant that they have only just arrived. The vestments were commissioned as a result of funds raised during our 60/70 Jubilee celebrations in February 2021. Our prayerful thanks go to Josephine Dela Torres of the Philippines who created them for us. Fr Tony blessed the vestments last week at the Sunday Masses

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPPER HUTT BRANCH & ULYSSES WELLINGTON say "thank you" to those who

supported our Fun Quiz last Friday in any way, providing food, donating prizes, purchasing tickets, helping in the kitchen etc all made for a very successful evening. Wellington Free Ambulance will receive \$2,400. A big thanks to the St Brendan's School for making their Hall available to us.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'We disciples of Jesus must not seek titles of honour, of authority or supremacy... because among ourselves there must be a simple and fraternal attitude... We are all brothers and sisters. If we have received talents from the heavenly Father, we must place them at the service of our brothers and sisters, and not exploit them for our own satisfaction and personal interests. We must not consider ourselves superior to others; modesty is essential for an existence that seeks to conform to the teaching of Jesus, who is meek and humble of heart and came not to be served but to serve.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 5 November 2017



CATHOLIC BnB

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics . To purchase a book of details of hosts, contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

TE KUPENGA - CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Is now accepting enrolments for 2024. Programmes offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, NZ Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies. With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, our programmes will empower you to analyze complex theological issues, foster

spiritual growth, and prepare for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable. Enrolments close on Friday 24th November. For more information go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.

FINAL XLT

Come and join us for the final XLT of the year! On Friday 10th November at St Anne's, Newtown. Join us for an epic finish to the year with worship, adoration, and reconciliation! Bring your friends! Bring your youth groups! Everyone is invited! Follow @XLTWellington for more info.

YOUNG CHURCH MASS

The final Young Church Mass for 2023 is happening on the 26th of November. This Mass will be hosted by Life Teen Wellington, 5pm at St Anne's, Newtown. All youth and young adults are invited to celebrate with us! We hope to see you there! Follow @ADWyoungchurch on social media for more updates on what's happening in the young church.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

What do you think of praying for the most forgotten soul in purgatory?

Let's get away from the doleful idea of purgatory. Purgatory is a wonderful purification of the soul in its final journey toward the perfect reflection of God's glory. There is no forgotten soul in purgatory. Jesus, the merciful Saviour does not forget, nor does Mary whose help at the hour of death is sought in every Hail Mary. The Church prays for every soul at each celebration of the Eucharist. There is no soul forgotten either in this world or the next.



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 Cheryl Park, and Isabel Heenan We pray also for those enrolled in our Book of Remembrance and whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Matthew 23:1-12 • 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Practice What You Preach

But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. Matthew 23:3b (NIV)

Based on Matthew 23:1-12 (NIV)



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