

# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



## Annual Report 2023

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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# **Agenda for Annual General Meeting**

**6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 12:00 noon**

**Pettit Centre Heretaunga**

- † Welcome
- † Opening Prayer
- † Present / Apologies
- † Accepting of Minutes of 2022 AGM
- † Tabling / Acceptance of the Annual Reports  
(including Annual Financial Returns)
  - Matters Arising from Annual Report
- † Elections of New Parish Councillors
- † General Business
- † Closing Prayer
- † Afternoon Tea

## Opening Prayer

Reader: Lord as we prepare to begin our meeting  
We recall your promise to be present  
When two or three are gathered in your name.  
We know that without you here among us  
And within each one of us  
We will labour in vain.

**All: Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit**

Reader: We rejoice that we are blessed and called together  
To work in your name.  
We pray that we will respond generously  
To this opportunity to serve you  
And that we will grow in our Christian calling.

**All: Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit.**

Reader: Inspire us with your Spirit of wisdom  
Plant seeds of your vision in our hearts and minds  
Give us humour and give us humility  
In our working with one another  
So that we may know the privilege of participating  
In the coming of your kingdom

**All: Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit**

**All: It is our hope that the business of this meeting  
will be our spiritual transformation  
and the transformation of others through us  
and not simply the accomplishment  
of tasks and projects.  
We ask this of you as we now begin  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son  
And of the Holy Spirit.**

Our Lady of the Valleys  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2022**  
at Pettit Centre Heretaunga  
7<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
2:00 pm



**Present:**

Nadene Maraku (Chair), Fr Tony Kearns, Conor Healy (Minutes), Tony Packer, Darrell Mellow, Des Boyle, Sarah Chard, Doug Fauchelle, Jovena Fernandez, Veronica Sawers, Chris Henley

**Welcome and introduction**

Nadene welcomed everyone

**Opening Prayer** lead by Doug

**Apologies:** Margaret Lanigan, Joseph Lanigan, Doreen O'Hagan, Linda Holmes, Mary McLauchlin, Heather and Terry O'Brien

**Minutes of 2021 AGM**

Moved to approve: Chris Henley

Seconded by: Jovena Fernandez

**Matters arising from minutes**

None

**Tabling / Acceptance of reports**

Moved to accept: Darrell Mellow

Seconded by: Des Boyle

**Matters arising from the Annual Report**

It was noted that a number of groups did not submit reports. This was mainly due to Covid in that some either had not met or had activity. Decision made that for future annual reports, all groups are listed regardless of whether a report is submitted is not.

Discussion around the struggle for some groups to find members or the parish to find volunteers. Doug highlighted the unanswered call for Children's Liturgy Leaders and suggested we should consider paying someone.

Nadene advised the Parish's Facebook page would be used to promote and connect with our community, particularly the younger members; this was setup for the live streaming of mass during lockdown.

It was noted with sadness the closing of the St Vincent de Paul Society shop in Stokes Valley is closing after 30 years of serving the community. Chris provided background around this decision.

Chris asked if the members of the liturgy committee could be listed in future reports.

Discussion around planned givers increasing but the collection amount decreased. Some of this can be contributed to the collection basket/box being at the foyer instead of passed around due to Covid restrictions

*Actions:*

*Fr Tony / Jovena:*

- *ensure all Parish groups listed in next year's Annual report*
- *list committee members in next year's Annual Report*

### **Election of new Parish Councillors**

Four nominations received for the council:

Andrew Brown (New)

Nadene Maraku

Conor Healy

Ahmed Hemady

Moved to accept by Darrell, seconded by Chris, all in favour

The Parish Council members are:

Nadene Maraku, Conor Healy, Ahmed Hemady, Darrell Mellow, Doug Fauchelle, Tino Aukusitino, Andrew Brown, St Brendon's School Rep

Nadene thanked Lagi Aukusitino for her service on the Council.

### **General Business**

Des spoke about the number of Covid notices around the church and whether we still need so many on display.

*Action: Parish Council to review*

Doug highlighted a lack of youth representation on the Council.

Nadene highlighted the Google form outlined in her report which is seeking ideas, dreams etc from the parishioners that will feed into the upcoming Parish Council planning day.

**Closing prayer** read by all

Meeting closed 2.56pm

# Parish Council Annual Report



Dear Parishioners

The current Parish Council members are Darrell Mellow (Chairperson), Doug Fauchelle (Deputy Chair), Fr Tony Kearns (PP), Conor Healy (Minutes), Ahmed Hemady, Roy Scoon, Erin Murphy, Andrew Brown, Anthony John and the St Brendan's School Rep being either the Principal or the DRS.

The Parish Council year commenced with the commissioning of our new Parish Council over the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September, both at 5.30pm vigil at St Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Grace 10.30am mass.

The year has provided the Council with plenty to work through. With Covid-19 still ongoing, the Council has taken all appropriate steps to try and keep all who attend church along with our Parish Priest, Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers as safe as we can during our masses and will continue to do so unless otherwise advised by the Ministry of Health or by Cardinal John or Archbishop Paul.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of February after we all attended mass at OLOG, the Council along with others from the Parish, met for the day at St Brendan's School with members of the Church Mission Wellington to help us map out our parish strategic plan for the next five years +. This was a fantastic day, to have a whole lot of ideas coming from the diverse group that attended, to come up with what we would like to see happen in the Parish in five year's / ten years' time, i.e., getting more younger families actively involved in the church. This will be an ongoing project that the next Council will carry on with.

Earlier this year, the formation of the Living Stones was created to start reminding people of the survey results that was carried out in 2019 on behalf of the Archbishop, where he asked the question "What buildings do we require in our Parish". The formation of this group has been regularly posting information in the bulletin each week and I need to assure you all that this group is not tasked with making any decisions about any Parish buildings, nor has there already been a decision made about our buildings, either in Stokes Valley or in Heretaunga. This group is there to gather information from the Parish and to update the Parish as and when needed. Please keep looking at the bulletin for any news and I hope reading this, will quieten down the rumours that I catch wind of every now and then.

Our Filipino community has had a busy time over the last twelve months as they look more to sharing their religious customs with us in our parish. The Lady of Miraculous Medal that went for nine consecutive days from the 18<sup>th</sup> November through to the 26<sup>th</sup> November was well received by all that attended over these days. This is just one example of one of their spiritual celebrations that we look to



carry on with, and these will be added to our parish calendar to ensure that all will know what is happening in our parish and when.

It is pleasing to see that the mass numbers are on the increase, and although they are not at the levels, they were pre Covid, they have been constantly increasing each month.

The Council continues to work with our Liturgy Committee, our Finance Committee as well as our parish school St Brendan's to keep the communication lines open.

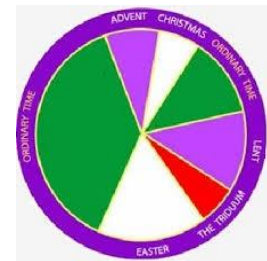
I would like to thank Father Tony for his guidance and inspiration and the rest of the Parish Council for their dedication, commitment and the diversity each has brought to our parish over these last twelve months, and I look forward to working alongside you all for the next twelve.

Regards and God Bless

Darrell Mellow

**Chairperson,  
Parish Council**

## Liturgy Committee Report



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Liturgy Committee meets every fourth Thursday of the month in St. Francis Xavier or Our Lady of Grace Meeting Rooms. Along with Father Tony Kearns, our Parish Priest, we plan for the special feast days and celebrations that are an integral part of the calendar year of the Catholic Church in New Zealand.

This past year has been very challenging and uncertain, as we have slowly and with careful deliberation reinstated the various sacramental aspects that we had suspended, as we experienced the wide effects of COVID - 19 in our community. We were guided by the recommendations of Cardinal John in our response to the pandemic. The Parish Council and the Liturgy Committee regularly discussed how this should be managed and the timeframe that we felt reflected the concerns of our fellow parishioners. This year the café reopened, and the Children's Liturgy started up again. At this time, we are not receiving The Blood of Christ during our Eucharistic celebration. The Parish Council and Liturgy Committee are mindful that COVID is still very prevalent in our community as we strive to help keep each other safe.

The main Liturgical Events during the year are Easter, Pentecost and Christmas. This year we have again been able to celebrate these special celebrations. Those who attended appreciated the reflective atmosphere that was created because our focus was directed to the significant symbolisms that are a feature of each of these celebrations. During Holy Week, which started with the procession on Palm Sunday, the collection of oils at the Chrism Mass on the Monday by the RCIA candidates, the Holy Thursday ceremony when Father Tony washed the feet of 12 parishioners, the Good Friday Mass when Father Tony carried the heavy cross into the church and the pounding of wood as the cross was fixed into position and then the Veneration of the Cross. At the Easter Vigil we experienced the reception of 3, RCIA candidates into the Church.

The Sacramental Programme has also gone ahead as planned. Archbishop Paul Martin visited our parish for the second time to confirm our children on 25<sup>th</sup> June. This was a wonderful celebration for the families involved and the parish, as we also gathered to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion and to support these children on their continuing faith journey.

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish is fortunate to have a wide variety of music groups who lead and support the singing in our parish. Josephine Eynon has been the conductor for the music group at Our Lady of Grace Church. Josephine has also liaised with the Samoan Community who lead the singing at St. Francis Xavier and Stella Stowers, who plays at both churches and the Filipino music group and Robert Whitefield who plays the organ at Our Lady of Grace Church. We are grateful to these committed groups and individuals who so generously share their talents with us.

The Liturgy Committee seeks the assistance from our fellow parishioners to take on the many roles and ministries within the parish. These include Sacristans, Greeters, Leaders, Readers, Writers of Prayers of the Faithful, Children's Liturgy Leaders, Altar Servers, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, music groups and choirs, etc. The Liturgy Committee formulated a designated "Allocation of Tasks for Our Lady of Grace Sunday Eucharist", as a guide for the Sacristans, Leaders, Greeters, Musicians and Proclaimers which sets out their allocated tasks. This was formulated to ensure that these ministers took on the responsibilities that were assigned to each ministry. The Ministers, who are rostered each Sunday, are required to arrive in time before Mass begins to ensure that these tasks are completed by them.

The Liturgy Committee looks forward in the future to organise our Family Masses and training sessions for the various ministries in the parish.

Our Lady of the Valleys Liturgy Committee is a very small group of committed parishioners, who would like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow parishioners for their generous support that we receive from those who share their talents, time and treasures for our Liturgical Celebrations. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us in planning and delivering these important Liturgical Celebrations, or the other parish ministries who also serve our parish.

God Bless,

*Liz McCaul,*

**Chair  
Liturgy Committee**

## Finance Committee



The Finance Committee is made up of the following people, Roger Wasson (Chair), Fr Tony, Terry O'Brien, Colin Braddock, Brian Scahill, Mike Quin, Jojo Jose, Phillip Hall and John Henley. Sylvia Jurkwicz, who had been on maternity leave, recently resigned. We wish to acknowledge her input to the running of the finances for the parish.

A new agreement has been reached with the Trustees of the Korauui Marae, with regards to the lease of the land, and this will come into force as of the 1st of November 2023 and will remain in place until the next Land Valuations are done.

The repair to the roof of the Pettit Centre has now been completed, and hopefully we will be able to get on to some other improvements in the kitchen.

We continue to manage the property portfolio of the parish and try to keep up with the repairs and maintenance as required.

The finances of the parish are in good shape as can be seen from the returns attached to this report.

We continue to encourage our parishioners to instigate automatic payments of gifting to the parish finances, as this removes the amount of cash that is retained and or handled in the parish office

### **Excess of Income over Expenditure**

This Gain includes a non-cash charge for Depreciation on Fixed Assets of \$7,764 for the year	<b>287.23</b>
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<b>Net Cash Inflows/(Outflows)</b>	<b>10,179.26</b>
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### **Nett Assets**

This is total assets owned by the Parish less the amount of liabilities owed by the Parish	<b>1,175,443.02</b>
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<b>Total Funds gifted by Parishioners</b>	<b>160,695.96</b>
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<b>Insurance Costs</b>	<b>26,879</b>
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**Archdiocesan Levies** **21,841**

These provide funding to the Archdiocese of Wellington to cover costs of running the Archdiocese and National Commitments

**Clergy Support**

This is the amount the Parish pays to support the Clergy of the Archdiocese both those in active ministry and those who have retired from active ministry

**53,763**

**Significant Items of Upcoming Maintenance include**

Repair of glass wall of porch outside OLOG meeting room

**4,000**

Replacement of water main to Presbytery

**10,500**

Repair of leaking roof to the foyer of OLOG

**1,600**

*Roger Wasson*

**Chairman  
Finance Committee**



## Catholic Women's League

Great to have faith but without action nothing is achieved!

Heretaunga Branch of Catholic Women's League currently has twenty one members plus two life members. We also have four members with whom we keep in contact as they are unable to come to meetings. We hold our meetings at the Pettit Centre on the first Wednesday of the month and any women of the Parish who are interested are most welcome to join us.

We have had a number of interesting speakers this year, including lawyer Michael Gould. Michael's talk on the need for Enduring Powers of Attorney, especially as we are aging, was a timely reminder to us all. Occasionally, one of our own ladies will surprise and delight us with her own life's journey and remind us we all have something special to share.

We value our relationship with St Brendan's School and give financial support when we can. A few months ago we were invited to have morning tea with the staff and afterwards held our committee meeting in their staff room. It brought back happy memories as a number of the committee's children had attended the school.

One of the ongoing donations we are involved in is our support of the Chaplain at Lower Hutt Hospital. For a few years we have been supplying toiletries for people who find themselves in hospital unexpectedly and have no toothpaste, soap, comb, etc. These have been very well received and the value of what we have given this year would be over \$200.

Heretaunga Branch is involved with CWL both regionally and nationally. We share some of our activities with other groups locally and some of our members attend conferences to keep us aware of what is happening in other Branches. One of our members, Kathleen Emerson, recently attended the WUCWO Conference in Rome (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation). Kathleen will share her experiences at our meeting in June.

On behalf of the co-leaders, Chris and Kathleen we would like to thank all the work that the committee keep on doing and we thank them for all agreeing to be part of the 2023/2024 CWL committee. We also wish to thank all our members for the support that they show each and every month.

God's blessings on each and everyone

*Marilyn Keating*

**Co-President**

## Circle of Friendship



As our name suggests, we are a very friendly, informal gathering (no membership requirements, minutes, motions or attendance records!) meeting on the first Saturday of each month from 2-4pm in the Parish hall.

Our gatherings are kept interesting with guest speakers most months and voluntary 'sharing time' other months eg: favourite books, recommended movies, holiday musings, childhood memories, recipes, but to name a few).

The subject of each meeting is advertised the week before in both our church and St Josephs church bulletin, and women of all ages are most welcome to come along any (or every) month. We begin with a short prayer and /or bible reading relating to the theme. Guest speakers include people from our local community. We are always open to suggestions for future speakers of interest.

Our attendance averages 20+ to 40 and friends of all denominations are welcome to come to any gathering.

Entry donation of a gold coin is used to cover any expenses and a donation to the speaker's charity, or a charity of our choice, with regular donations to the Wellington Free Ambulance.

A 'book-swap' table is a popular draw card, and there is a box for collection of any toiletry items for the needy, which is well received by the Upper Hutt housing Trust. The afternoon ends with fellowship over afternoon tea.

Committee members : Denise Allen, Rita David, Helen Dench, Josephine Eynon, Brenda Lister, Trish McCauley, Judy McMahan, Pauline Quinn, Kathy Smith.

*Pauline Quinn,*

Foundation Member.

## Filipino Community

(Community for the Holy Family, the Filipino Chaplaincy: Barangay Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, and the Couples for Christ Community)



The Filipino community in Our Lady of the Valleys Parish is growing and is getting more engaged and active in providing church and parish activities. There are two main community groups, the Community for the Holy Family and the Barangay of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal. A budding third group in the parish is the Couples for Christ community.

The Community of the Holy Family continuously provides music ministry services to the parish every fourth Sunday of the Month. The group conducts bible study and prayer activities every third and fourth Saturdays in the Petit Centre. Feast Day of the Holy Family and Holy Week Recollection activity are among other services that are annually organized by the group.

The Barangay of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal expands its community group in terms of numbers. The facebook page and chat group of the barangay is maintained and the community regularly organizes and conducts its annual activities that include the Marian Month Celebration, Novena and Feast Day of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Family Day or Picnic, and Holy Week activities.

Last year, in partnership with Barangay Santo Rosaryo (Upper Hutt), the community held the first Night Mass Novena, or the Filipino Christmas tradition called “Simbang Gabi”, in Upper Hutt. Four nights of the Novena masses were held in our parish and were individually celebrated by Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, Msgr. Giosue Busti, Fr. Marlon Tebelin, and our parish priest, Fr. Tony Kearns. Collections during these night masses were submitted to the parish.

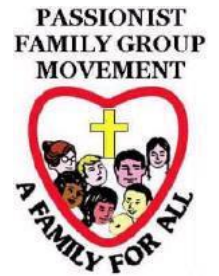
The Couples for Christ Community has been providing our Parish with fellowship services through scheduled morning tea. In the background, the community conducts prayer assemblies and praise and worship activities for all the members of the family through its different ministries.

These community groups aim to increase the Filipino community engagement by introducing Filipino church traditions into the parish, and by providing community and spiritual support through prayer groups, bible studies, and recollection activities. Like other church communities and groups, with constant prayers for grace and guidance from the Holy Spirit, Our Lady of the Valleys parish is looking forward to a more engaged community that brings and gathers people to our church.

Ahmed Hemady



## Passionist Family Groups



This year is a milestone for Passionist Family Groups in our parish. Groups were formed 30 years ago in 1993, in Stokes Valley and Heretaunga (separate parishes then). Over the thirty years some of the original groups have continued, some have merged with another group, some have discontinued and some new groups have formed.

We, Heather and Terry, have needed to retire as parish coordinators, and also as the Hutt Valley coordinators. As we tried to find someone to take over, it became apparent from the members that many did not wish to continue under the Passionist Family Group Movement, but to continue as Family Groups within the parish.

Members in all the groups gave their opinions, and it was confirmed by Parish Council that our membership of the Passionist Family umbrella would now cease.

Our five current groups will continue, meeting monthly or bi-monthly with meals in homes or Pettit Centre, house masses, cafes, picnics, movies etc. Either the group coordinator or the event organiser is asked to put a notice in the bulletin to welcome others to join in.

We thank the coordinators for helping to keep us connecting with each other, and to Fr Tony for his support and encouragement for us all to connect as a church family.

If you would like to join a group, please ask Jovena at the Parish Office for information.

Blessings

*Terry and Heather O'Brien*  
Passionist Family Group Co-ordinators



## St. Brendan School

Our St Brendan's School Vision is: Inspiring Navigators. The founding SMSM sisters named our school after St Brendan, this is one of the things that makes our school unique, we are the only school named after St Brendan in New Zealand. He was an explorer, adventurer and navigator, words we now use to name the teams across the school. Every family is associated with one of our four Houses. Our House flags are proudly displayed at school events, and there are beautiful banners that were created with love and attention on display in our hall. Each of the Houses connects us to St Brendan:

Tralee: The place of St Brendan's birth. Motto: Life is a gift, treasure it.

Clonard: Saint Brendan attended this famous Monastic School. Motto: With knowledge we grow.

Galway: Where St Brendan set off exploring. Motto: On your journey make a difference.

Annagh: Where St Brendan died. Motto: Learn from today to create a better tomorrow.

At St Brendan's we treasure life as a gift, grow with knowledge, aspire to make a difference and reflect on today to set goals for influencing the future.

2022 was another year of change and challenge for our community, nationally and globally. From Term 4, 2022 we were once again able to plan school and community events. Preparing this report for the Parish provides an opportunity to reflect and celebrate. He whakataukī: Titiro whakamuri, kōkiri whakamua. *Look back and reflect in order to move forward.*

At one of Pope Frances' November 2022 audiences, he said: "... Each and every person is needed in order for the journey of fraternity and peace to progress. I can give my hand, but if there is no hand from the other side, it does not do anything. ..." At St Brendan's we value our community and appreciate your ongoing support. You continue to be so generous with your time and talents, support fundraising and contribute donations.

In 2022 our overriding Catholic Social Justice principle was 'Human Dignity' (I am beautifully made in the image and likeness of God) and in 2023 it is 'Human Equality' (We are each beautifully made in the image and likeness of God). The Catholic Social Teaching principles continue to shape our integrated learning.

In Term 3 last year we were blessed with the opportunity to host Te Ara a Maria, Mary's Way. Classes visited and we gathered as a full school for prayers and to hear a detailed presentation about the symbolism of the icon which is now housed at St Mary's of the Angels.

Our Navigators, Year 7-8 students, led a beautiful Liturgy in Term 4 where the whole school participated with pride. Due to restrictions related to the global pandemic we had not been able to gather for Grandparents Day for two years. We welcomed grandparents who had attended St Brendan's as students, grandparents whose own children attended, and also many grandparents who we welcomed to St Brendan's for the first time.

In May this year we celebrated our Feast Day. For the first time in years we were able to gather for Mass at Our Lady of Grace, invite guests from our local schools and ADW, enjoy House activities and welcome our community to visit during our Open Afternoon.

You will have noticed our Pātaka Kai at the front of St Brendan's. This is for our community to bring what they can and take mindfully what they need. We are grateful to our Enviro team and volunteers who lead this initiative.

In the last twelve months highlights of opportunities to connect with our Parish and faith community have included:

- Significant School Masses/Liturgies to start and finish the school year, Ash Wednesday and Assumption of Mary Masses. Class Masses and Liturgies supported by Fr Tony.
- Termly Powhiri to welcome new students, families and staff to our community.
- Saint Brendan's Feast Day.
- Students taking active roles at all Masses and Liturgies.
- Paschal candle design competition to represent Jesus as the Light of the World.
- Parish volunteers supporting music for school Masses and Liturgies.
- Weekly St Vincent de Paul collections, fundraising for Caritas and other social outreach causes e.g. funds raised for victims of Cyclone Gabrielle and pyjamas donated to Foster Hope.
- Sacramental programme.
- Celebration of Laudato Si' Week, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Suzanne Aubert's Birthday.
- Connecting with Catholic Women's League and other Parish gatherings.
- School attendance at meetings and support at and of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish Council.
- Strengthening links with our neighbouring, and other, Catholic schools.

Thank you to our supportive Parish community and Fr Tony. Our students, families and staff acknowledge and are grateful for your many contributions. Our school gate is open and we warmly welcome you to visit us at school  
God bless,

*Veronica Sawers*

**Principal**

## Stokes Valley Samoan Community



The Samoan Community here in Stokes Valley (known as the Aulotu), have two main groups that branch from this main community – the Samoan Aufaipese (Choir) and Samoan Autalavou (Youth). Our community is funny in the sense that the people who are in the Choir are also in the Youth and vice versa so although we are doing a certain activity as a choir (for example), you are most likely to encounter the same people if we were doing an activity as the youth 😊

We have choir practice every Wednesday 7pm and Saturday 2pm to prepare for the Sunday mass, these choir practices are open to all in the Parish since we are the Parish Choir however its made up mainly of our Samoan Community. The choir sings every week at SFX at the Sunday 8.30am masses and whenever merged masses are held in SFX.

As the aulotu, we continue to maintain the grounds at St. Francis Xavier in Stokes Valley. Each family brings whatever they can offer and get down to work. Rain or shine, we gather at the church in early hours of the chosen Saturday morning and start the upkeep of the grounds. Our work includes a range of jobs – mowing the grass, pruning trees and even water-blasting. We also church clean whenever one of the families in the aulotu is rostered to church clean.

Finally, every fourth Sunday of the month at 11.30am we celebrate mass in the Samoan language as we are a part of the Wellington Samoan Chaplaincy. It is a very important privilege and honour to have the opportunity to celebrate mass in our native tongue and it is an integral part to our activities as an aulotu. We also have the Rosary which we pray as a community 30mins before the Eucharistic Celebration.

*Aukusítino Aukusítino*

**President of the Samoan Aulotu - SFX**

## Parish Statistics



	2023	2022	%
Average Mass attendance per Sunday (prev Nov)	250	272	(8.1%)▼
<b>COVID GATHERING RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE</b>			
<b>Sacraments Conferred</b>			
Baptism	30	14	114.3%▲
Confirmation	35	39	(10.2%)▼
Marriage	2	1	100%▲
Funerals Celebrated	15	14	7.1%▲
Families on Parish Roll	810	862	(6.1%)▼
Individuals on Parish Roll	2,193	2,305	(4.9%)▼
Registered Planned Givers	206	222	(7.1%)▼

## Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father  
as we come to the end of our time together  
we thank you for what has been accomplished here today  
May the matters discussed  
serve as a catalyst to move us forward  
and cause us to advance  
and see growth in all areas of our lives.

May we leave here  
recognizing you are the God of all wisdom  
and you are willing to lead us forward.

This we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus

Our Father ....

