


# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father Tony Kearns	
<b>Churches</b>	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)	
<b>Sunday Eucharist</b>	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)	8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	Wednesday/Friday	9:30 am (Heretaunga)
	Saturday	9:00 am (Heretaunga)
<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>	Friday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	By appointment with Parish Priest	
<b>Presbytery and Parish Office</b>	5 Palmer Crescent	<b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Time		YEAR B	
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2: 14-18 Mark 8: 27-35	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 James 3: 16-4:3 Mark 9: 30-37	

UPCOMING EVENTS			
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11:00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre	
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV	
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
	6:00 pm	Parent Meeting for Sac Prog Pettit Centre	

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT OLOG NOR AT 9.30 AM ON 19TH SEPTEMBER AT SFX**

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2025

In really **Limited** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$13 each (sorry the price has gone up) please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with an Introductory/Welcome session. These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. The **Introductory Session** is

**scheduled on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in the Meeting Room at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga.** This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program, please phone: Fr Tony 972 4282.





## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

Season of Creation Māori Language Week 14-21 Sept

“Creation is of the order of love. God’s love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. (#77 Laudato Si’)



Action: reflect on the rich kupu Māori *aroha* and its layers of meaning: sympathy, compassion, heart, open-mindedness and generosity. *Aro+hā* literally means to follow the breath and implies an attentive care for self, other and world: to follow one’s heart, going with the flow.

### THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

'Who do you say that I am?' Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?



Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?

There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour, we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, 'carry your cross' for a while to achieve some goal that was important to you?



### CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

**Thank you** on behalf of the Heretaunga and Upper Hutt Branches of CWL for the generous support of our latest fundraiser (Fundraiser for Plunket held at the St Brendan's School) through donating prizes, selling tickets, providing supper, attending the evening etc it was truly amazing. Our profit was **\$2,368**.

### DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NZ

One day mission in Wellington – Sacred Heart Church Petone

On October 14, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Lead by Fr Augustine Vallooran VC with Glen & Teresa La’rive from the Divine Retreat Centre Potta, India

Everyone is welcome. See the noticeboard for more information.



## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### 'Who's who' in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?

For parishioners who are little baffled by the multitude of titles (often derived from ancient Greek) relating to people in the RCIA, here is a simple glossary of common terms:



**Enquirer:** A person who approaches the Catholic Church with an initial expression of interest.

**Catechumen:** (Greek: one who echoes the Gospel.) An un-baptised person who is undertaking preparations for baptism in the Catholic Church.

**Candidate:** A baptised Christian of another Christian denomination who seeks full communion with the Catholic Church.

**Neophyte:** (Greek: new nature) A recently baptised Catholic.

**Sponsor:** a Catholic who acts as a companion to a catechumen or candidate on his/her journey to becoming a Catholic. **Catechist:** A parishioner with a role of teaching and facilitation in the catechumenate process.

**Catechumenate team:** The core group who oversees the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in a parish. Since the initiation of adults into the Church is regarded as the responsibility of the whole parish, the actual involvement of people in the process is far wider than the team.

## SYNODALITY IN OCEANIA –

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Spirit Unbounded and Garratt Publishing are presenting a webinar to look at the opportunities and challenges in our region and discuss “What does ‘becoming a synodal church’ mean in our region of Oceania?”.

**EVENT DETAILS When:** Wednesday 18 September 2024 **Time:** 7:30 pm (NZT) **Where:** Via Zoom **Cost:** FREE **Registration:**

<https://garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/synodality-in-oceania-webinar-18-sept-2024/>

## VACANCY - CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

The Christchurch Diocese is seeking a Chief Operating Officer to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute to shaping the future of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. This role's primary objective is to support the bishop in his pastoral mission for the diocese through the management and leadership of resources, staff, and the delivery of outcomes. This includes, but is not limited to, leadership and management of the diocese teams, financial and asset management, strategy and planning, relationship management, communication and engagement. For a full position description go to <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/78588833?type=promoted&ref=search-standalone&origin=cardTitle> or email [applications@cdoc.nz](mailto:applications@cdoc.nz). Applications close on 25th September at 1pm.

## JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Joshua Wellington is back in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) this Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm followed by supper.



Theme: "Your faith has saved you" Activity: Testimonies from recent Retreat. Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



### NET RECRUITING

Young people deserve to know the hope that Jesus brings. God has a plan for their lives!

NET are accepting applications from 18-35 year olds for ten months of life-changing mission in Australia and New Zealand for next year. Are you good at running camps? Are you interested in building up youth groups? Will you step out and share your story of how Jesus has impacted your life?

NET ministries in Australia and New Zealand do this in teams, fostering authentic relationships, being peer with peer on this journey of life together – sharing that faith 'fully alive' is possible.

If you want to take up the call with mission NET, express your interest at [www.netaus.org](http://www.netaus.org). NET will be excited to hear from you!

OR – if someone you know comes to mind – encourage them to check NET out.

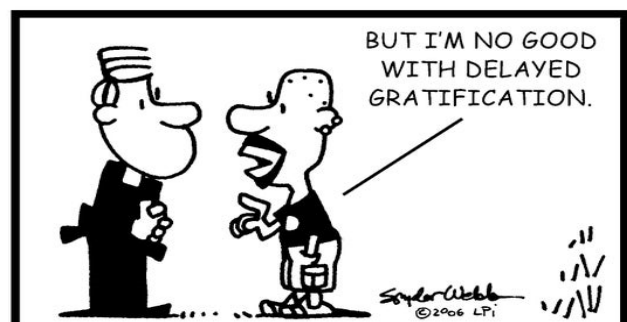
### BOOKINGS FOR PARISH FACILITIES

Any parish groups or individuals wanting to book the use either church, or one of the meeting spaces, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email with dates and times to secure your booking. Booking with the Office is essential as it ensures that two or more groups are not expecting to use the space at the same time.



**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 Rae Cameron, and John O'Sullivan. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

**GROWING**   
WITH THE *Gospel*  
CYCLE B



**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 8:27-35

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

### Take Up Your Cross

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34b (NIV)

Based on Mark 8:27-38



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