


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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)
 Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
Weekday Eucharist 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
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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe		READINGS YEAR B	17 th November 2024
24 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 7: 13-14 Revelations 1: 5-8 John 18: 33-37	
1 st Dec	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jer 33: 14-16 1 Thes 3: 12 – 4:2 Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36	

UPCOMING EVENTS

27th Nov Wed 10.00 am Parish Morning Tea at Silverspoon café



EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>



PARISH MORNING TEA

You are all invited to our last Wednesday of the month morning tea at the Silverspoon Cafe in Silverstream village at 10am on Wednesday, 27th November.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards **almost all gone** 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 2025

Limited (4) numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office and the church foyers for \$13 each (sorry the price has gone up) please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.

FOUND

A Silver bracelet outside OLOG in October. Owner can contact Cath with a description of it on 027 407 6590

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2025

Enrolments for the 2025 Sacramental Preparation Program are now open for those candidates who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Enrolments can also be submitted on-line at

www.olv.org.nz/sacraments/. Paper enrolment forms are available in the foyer of both churches and the School.

Though enrolments close on 14th February 2025 **please endeavour to enrol before the 13th December** as this allows time over the January period to undertake preparation work. The Programme starts on March 2nd as the Reconciliation portion happens over Lent. Any enquiries please contact Fr Tony or Debby Morgan, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



MEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

To be held on Friday the 6th December starting at 5.30 pm at the Presbytery in Heretaunga. The cost is \$16 per head. There is a clipboard in the foyer of each church to put your name in if you are going to attend. Contact Roger Wasson for further details on

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Christmas Hamper

CWL are raffling a Christmas hamper full of delicious goodies for you and your family. There's also a second prize of a beautiful homemade Christmas cake. At \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5 you won't want to miss out!

We will be selling tickets at all Masses this weekend and next weekend. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 27th November.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch is to be held at Te Marua Golf Club on Wednesday 27th November and is \$40 per person. If you would like to join us please ring Trisha on 5285161.



ST BRENDAN'S BAPTISM MASS

We are thrilled to invite you to join us for a very special occasion at St Brendan's. Our inaugural Baptism Programme is underway, and a wonderful group of students is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. The baptism will take place at Our Lady of Grace on **Friday, November 29th, at 9:30am.**

This is a significant milestone for these students and their whānau as they take this important step in their faith journey. We warmly invite you to come along to the mass to support and welcome them into our Parish and the wider Catholic community. Your presence and prayers would mean a lot to these young ones as they embrace their faith. We hope to see you there!

MASS FOR LIFE

Friday 6th December 7 pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street to pray for babies, mums, days and families. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The feast we have today, and the gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus (teachers, community leaders, family members).

The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?

Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. Who are today's witnesses to truth in the world? Who are the people whose witness to truth has impressed you, either now or in the past? In what way have you been able to be a witness to truth? What was it like for you to be such a witness?

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NZ WELLINGTON UNIT

The Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Marlon Maylon SVD will be leading a midday Advent retreat at Sacred Heart Church in Petone on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. We'll conclude this special gathering with a Holy Mass as we get ready for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We warmly invite you to join us for this significant event to celebrate and worship the Lord as we spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday 7th December. Join people from all over NZ in a celebration of life while also peacefully protesting the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Parliament Grounds from 1 pm. March goes out from the grounds at 2 pm.

UPPER HUTT HOUSING TRUST

We have operated as a Trust since 2016. We provide support by renting properties and with the permission of the owner we sub rent these properties providing surety that the property will be managed well and that the rent will be paid. This helps to bridge the gap between people who are not able to ensure to the owner's satisfaction that they can afford the rent or may have some history of bad debt. **(Housing and Urban Development)** The board operates within an agreed set of Christian values inclusive of being a non-profit organisation.



If you are interested in knowing more about the trust in relation to becoming a board member or secretary to the board, then please contact the trust chair Teresa Homan 022 312 7259 tshoman@kinect.co.nz or board secretary Judy Dixon 022 043 4703 judy@uhht.org.nz

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, especially Mary Powlesland, Geraldine Sims, Margaret Keigan and Anne Travers. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Robyn Colley.



Remembrance and recommitment ceremony (Rā Maumaharatanga) at Korokoro cemetery: You are welcome to join a peaceful hikoī starting beside the grave of famous chief Wi Tako at the Catholic Cemetery on the corner of Pito-one Street and Korokoro Road on Sunday 1 December 2024. Assemble at cemetery from 1:30pm. It is also a reminder of the joint kaitiakitanga of this special place, cared for by Wi Tako’s descendants, the Love whanau, parishioners from Te Wairua Tapu / Holy Spirit parish, and the Hutt City Council. Wi Tako was buried at Korokoro in 1887 from St Peter and Paul’s church in Lower Hutt.

Following the service we will proceed – by foot or vehicle – for 15 minutes to Te Puni urupā in Te Puni Street, then another 15 minutes to Sacred Heart Church, 41 Britannia Street to share stories and a cuppa. NB: please do not bring food on to the cemeteries, food will be provided at the church.

For details please contact Gerard Duignan 027 265 6085

CHRIST THE KING



Feast Celebration of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal

Our Lady of Grace Church Heretaunga
24th of November 2024
10.30 - Holy Mass ; 11.30 - Fellowship

Rosary and Novena Prayers

1st - 4th day Novena
St. Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley
15th—18th of November 2024
7.00 PM

5th - 8th day Novena
Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga
19th—22nd of November 2024
7.00 PM

LIVING ROSARY (9th day Novena)
Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga
23rd of November 2024, Saturday
6.00 PM



O Mary conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Christ the King • John 18:33b-37

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Crown Him King

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
John 18:37 (NIV)



Words are taken from John 18:33-37 (NIV).

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