

# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



## Annual Report 2024

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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# **Agenda for Annual General Meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 12:00 noon**

**Pettit Centre Heretaunga**

- † Welcome
- † Opening Prayer
- † Present / Apologies
- † Accepting of Minutes of 2023 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

## 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 2023**  
at Pettit Centre Heretaunga  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
12:00 pm



**Present (38 parishioners):**

Darrell Mellow (Chair), Fr Tony Kearns, Conor Healy (Minutes), Mike Quin, Ann Quin, Grant Avery, Melanie Avery, Therese Anstiss, Caryl Robinson, Lita van Bunnik, Marie Therese Dudson, Trish Leahy, Norma Sawers, Brian Molloy, Geraldine Sims, Margaret Lanigan, Andrew Brown, Erin Murphy, Helen Montgomery, Philip Calvert, Jovena Fernandez, John O'Malley, Phillip Russell, Veronica Sawers, Roy Scoon, Chris Henley, Roger Wasson, Anthony John, Melinda Veichiz, Engini Veichiz, Mary McLaughlin, Augy Historillo, Ahmed Hemady, Claire Boyle, Des Boyle, Doug Fauchelle, Nick L.F, Prue von Keisenberg, Kevin von Keisenberg, Phillip Hall

**Welcome and introduction**

Darrell welcomed everyone.

**Opening Prayer**

**Apologies:** Liz McCall, Pat Hoult, Chris Wasson, Colin and Deirdre Braddock, Heather and Terry O'Brien.

**Minutes of 2022 AGM**

Moved to approve: Jovena Fernandez

Seconded by: Chris Henley

All present were in favour, carried

**Matters arising from minutes**

Lita van Bunnik highlighted that the members of the Liturgy committee were not listed in the report as requested at last year's meeting. Fr Tony advised this was an oversight and would ask Liz McCall to include in next year's report.

*Actions:*

*Fr Tony*

- *Ask Liz McCall to include Liturgy committee members in next year's Annual Report*

## **Tabling / Acceptance of reports**

Moved to accept: Lita Van Bunnik

Seconded by: Andrew Brown

All present were in favour, carried

## **Matters arising from the Annual Report**

Mike Quin asked when the chalice would return to mass. Fr Tony explained that all Covid restrictions are reviewed at each Parish Council monthly meeting. He noted that some parishes that had re-introduced the chalice in recent months have subsequently withdrawn it. Since it wasn't clear the Parish Council were reviewing this regularly, more feedback would be put into the weekly bulletin to keep parishioners informed.

Phillip Calvert asked about the cancellation of the Parish membership to the Passionist Family Group Movement. Fr Tony explained this wasn't a financial issue but that the groups themselves had decided to cease the membership and provided this feedback to the Parish Council. The groups still meet regularly and Jovena can put parishioners in touch with them.

## **Election of new Parish Councillors**

Four nominations received for the Council:

Phillip Calvert (New)

Lita van Bunnik (New)

Darrell Mellow

Doug Fauchelle

Moved to accept by Roger Wasson, seconded by Carol Robinson, all in favour.

The Parish Council members are:

Fr Tony Kearns, Darrell Mellow, Doug Fauchelle, Conor Healy, Ahmed Hemady, Andrew Brown, Anthony John, Erin Murphy, Roy Scoon, Phillip Calvert, Lita van Bunnik, St Brendon's School Rep.

The commissioning of the new Parish Council will take place during the 10:30am mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

## **General Business**

None

**Closing prayer** read by all

Meeting closed 12.28pm

# Parish Council Annual Report



Dear Parishioners

The current Parish Council members are Darrell Mellow (Chairperson), Doug Fauchelle (Deputy Chair), Fr Tony Kearns (PP), Roy Scoon (Minutes), Conor Healy, Ahmed Hemady, Erin Murphy, Andrew Brown, Philip Calvert, and Lita van Bunnik, 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 on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August at Our Lady of Grace 10.30am mass.

With Covid-19 still rearing its head, the Parish Council continues to monitor information supplied by the Government and will continue to take all appropriate steps to try and keep all who attend our churches as safe as we can during our masses and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

The Parish council are in the final stages of providing an updated Parish Plan that will help guide our Parish over the next ten years. I would like to thank those members of the Parish council that have taken on this task to get it to where it is now being discussed with our Parish groups so we can receive their worthwhile feedback. It needs to be reminded that the Parish Plan belongs to the whole Parish, not just the current Parish council and is a living document that will be maintained as and when the needs of the Parish change.

The Living Stones committee continue making progress in their task of working through where we as a Parish would like to see the Parish in the future. This group has regularly posted updates in the bulletin and will continue to do so. I would like to take this time to try and silence the rumbles of the grapevine by reassuring you all that there has been no decisions to the selling of any of our buildings, neither in Stokes Valley or in Heretaunga, nor has there been any discussions with prospective buyers, rumours of this nature are totally false, and if you do hear such things being told, please take a moment to set them straight.

The Council continues to work with the Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee and St Brendan's School to keep general communication open and an awareness of what was going on in the parish. The Parish council accepted an invitation by the school to hold a Parish Council meeting in their staffroom, which made a pleasant change to our routine.

We also had an opportunity as a Parish Council to have a working bee where we spent the day water blasting and cleaning the outside of the Petit centre and giving the interior a good spring clean. This also gave the council the opportunity to go to

the Finance Committee with a few projects we would like to see being achieved in the near future.

I would like to thank Father Tony for his continued guidance and inspiration, my Deputy Chair Doug Fauchelle, Minutes Secretary Roy Scoon and the rest of the Parish Council for their dedication, commitment, and the diversity each has brought to our parish over the last twelve months. I would like to thank both Conor Healey and Andrew Brown as they step down from the Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you both for your dedication to our Parish.

Thank you also to Jovena and all our wonderful volunteers for all the work you do behind the scenes.

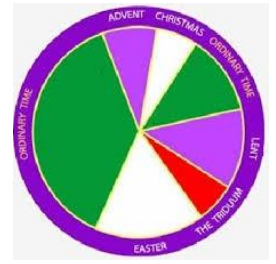
Regards and God Bless

*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. Other members of the Committee are Liz McCaul, Caryl Robinson, Trish Leahy, Chris Henley, Stella Stowers, Josephine Eynon, Helen Montgomery and John O'Malley.

During this past year, Our Lady of the Valleys Parish, has seen an increase in parishioner attendance at Sunday Masses and our major celebrations, which are held throughout the year. Slowly our parishioners have become more confident to resume their religious practices since COVID – 19 reached our shores.

The main Liturgical Events during the year are Easter, Pentecost and Christmas. Those who attended appreciated the reflective atmosphere that was created, because our focus was directed to the significant symbolism that are a feature of each of these celebrations. During Holy Week, which started with the procession into the churches on Palm Sunday. On the Wednesday, the RCIA support Group collected the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass. During the Holy Thursday ceremony, Father Tony washed the feet of 12 parishioners and the Blessed Sacrament was placed at the Altar of Repose in the Petit Centre. At the Good Friday celebration, Father Tony carried the heavy cross into the church and the wooden cross was pounded into position and then the Veneration of the Cross took place. At the Easter Vigil we experienced the lighting of the Easter fire and the blessing of the new Easter candle followed by the moving Easter Vigil Mass.

Pentecost is another major celebration in the Church's calendar year. During the Pentecost Sunday Masses, a group of parishioners translated and read the Prayers of the Faithful in their own language – French, Dutch, Samoan, Filipino, Japanese, Tongan, Akan, Tagalong, Mandarin, Tokelauan, Rotuman, Hindi, Korean, Malayalam, English and Te Reo. The Liturgy Committee is grateful to these parishioners, the musicians and all the parishioners who helped us all to celebrate the Birthday of the Church.

The Sacramental Programme has progressed throughout the year, as planned. Archbishop Paul Martin visited our parish to Confirm 32 of our children on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

This was a wonderful celebration for the families involved and the parish. We also gathered to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion and to support these children on their continuing faith journey.

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish is very fortunate to have a wide variety of dedicated music groups, who lead and support the singing in our parish. Josephine Eynon is the conductor for the Music Group at Our Lady of Grace Church. Aukusitino Augustino is the choir leader for the Samoan Choir, and he leads the singing at the 8:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church. A Samoan Mass is held every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at St. Francis Xavier Church. Stella Stowers plays the organ at both churches. Two other organists also play regularly at St. Francis Xavier Church. Joey Domdom leads the Filipino music group and Robert Whiteford played 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 are forever grateful to these parishioners for sharing their time and talents. We recently conducted a "Time and Talent Survey," in an attempt to encourage parishioners to commit to joining these Ministries, because we are struggling to fill our present rosters and we need our younger parishioners to step up, as we have many retired parishioners fulfilling these roles.

The Liturgy Committee looks forward in the future to organising future Family Masses and training sessions for the various ministries in the parish. At present a workshop is being organised for our new and existing readers. Training has taken place during the year for new Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Altar Servers.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> the Liturgy Committee organised a Family Mass. This coincided with the Parish Picnic and the Sacramental Programme's Children's session for Reconciliation. These Family Masses are held annually, and the aim is to encourage and support our younger parishioners and their families to fulfil the various ministries at this Mass.

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 are Roger Wasson (Chair), Fr. Tony, Terry O'Brien, Colin Braddock, Brian Scahill, Mike Quinn, Philip Hall and John Henley.

We continue to manage the finances of the Parish and also the Property portfolio which involves the land and buildings that the Parish own. This includes the overseeing of lease agreements and also Licences to occupy some of the land and buildings and the conditions agreed too. We also manage the repairs and maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

One of the most expensive costs to the Parish is the ongoing insurance premiums, which we have to budget for out the income, and the premium has to be paid in full, when due.

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 handled in the Parish office.

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

This Gain includes a non-cash charge for Depreciation on Fixed Assets of \$7,747 for the year

**Net Cash Inflows/(Outflows) 21,834.66**

### **Nett Assets**

This is total assets owned by the Parish less the amount of liabilities owed by the Parish **1,187,751.82**

**Total Funds gifted by Parishioners 173,422.31**

**Insurance Costs 17,253.00**

**Archdiocesan Levies** **25,560.00**

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

**62,918.00**

**Significant Items of Upcoming Maintenance include**

Replace Bargeboards at OLOG

**4,000.00**

Upgrade VGA cabling at OLOG

**2,500.00**

Overflowing downpipes at OLOG

**20,000.00**

*Roger Wasson*

**Chairman  
Finance Committee**

## 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 Pettit Centre.



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 Joseph's church bulletin and St Mary's Anglican Church, 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 (e.g. 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' book case 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 continues to grow and is getting more engaged and active in providing church and parish activities. There are three Filipino community groups: the Community for the Holy Family, the Barangay of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, and the Couples for Christ.

The Community of the Holy Family regularly 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 Pettit Centre.

The Barangay of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal is the Filipino Chaplaincy initiative that provides additional pastoral support to the Filipino members of the parish. It has a facebook page and chat group that is maintained and used as a channel of communication. The community regularly organizes and conducts its annual activities that include the Marian Month Celebration (celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Lower Hutt), novena and Feast Day of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Family Day or Picnic, and Holy Week activities. In partnership with Barangay Santo Rosaryo (Upper Hutt), the community holds the Christmas novena masses or “Simbang Gabi” in Upper Hutt. Collections during these novena masses are donated to the respective parishes.

The Couples for Christ Community continuous to provide fellowship services through scheduled morning tea and church cleaning. In the background, the community conducts prayer assemblies and praise and worship activities for all the members of the family through its different ministries. This year, the community provided music and entertainment during the parish Picnic in February.

The community groups provide the parish with the support that it needs to strengthen engagement of cultural communities in the church, particularly the Filipino community. 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*



2023/2024 St Brendan's School Report to the Parish

**Our vision:** Inspiring Navigators

**Our values:** God's irresistible GRACE: Gospel- Respect- Aspire- Compassion- Explore

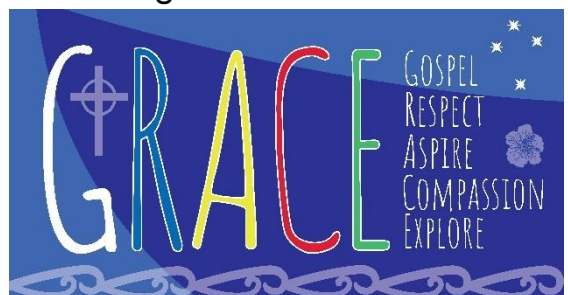
**Our current strategic goals:** Co laboration- Curriculum- Character

Each of our Houses connects us with places of significance to St Brendan's life in Ireland: Tralee, Clonard, Galway, and Annagh. Each House has a motto, which when combined supports everyone to treasure life as a gift, grow with knowledge, aspire to make a difference, and reflect on today to set goals for tomorrow.

**Our guiding whakatauki:** He waka eke noa- we work in unity, we rise, fall, and keep going together. This whakatauki talks about the importance of human connection and relationships. This is what creates a community and enables people to flourish. We are blessed with an amazing team of professionals and a supportive community, it is working together in partnership celebrating a I that is unique about each of us individually which is St Brendan's strength.

**Celebrating our graduates:** At the end of every year our graduating Navigators celebrate with their families and the St Brendan's team. This is an opportunity for our Year 8 students to reflect on the past eight years. Students showcase their dancing; each student receives a special leavers certificate and the Year 8 awards are presented. We also hold a Leavers' Assembly to acknowledge our graduates. We are always very proud of all they have achieved, the service they have given to our school, and the legacy they leave behind.

**GRACE Values:** At St Brendan's we display our GRACE values through al that we do: Gospel, Respect, Aspire, Compassion, and Explore. Guided by Amy Burrel, a local artist, a group of our Year 8 Navigator students created a mural to display our values. Our 2024 graduating students are very knowledgeable about our school's history and culture. They are proud of the legacy they have created. They included a hibiscus flower as a reference to a poem about bravery called 'Brave Flower' and believe this is a wonderful link to the 'Explore' value as we I as the journey of immigration many New





Zealand families have completed from other parts of the world. The mural also includes a Celtic cross, the southern cross, a nautical koru pattern, a heart, and a boat.

**GRACE in Action:** Amy Burrell worked across the school. She was asked to create a spiral graphic and mural to not only be placed on the back of the hall but also to be used in the school's collateral going forward. Amy worked with students of all ages to discover what they enjoyed most about their school and what made it unique and special. She observed that the GRACE values were very important to the students at every level. They knew these values well and took pride in their daily application. The connection to St Brendan the Explorer was a notable concept, expressed through the school's song, junior students' drawings, and seniors' explanations and stories. The students suggested visual symbols such as the Celtic cross, nautical waves, nautical kowhaiwhai pattern, dove, and House colours. They also shared their favourite activities, which Amy used as the main imagery for the artwork. She photographed the students engaging in these activities and used the images as templates for the line drawings. The final artwork is a blend of the school's values, history, and current culture, celebrating the unique and special community that has been created.



**Playground:** Our new playground was opened to a buzz of excitement schoolwide. The design process included ideas from students across the school. There were some budget limitations, but, the students' top priorities were able to be included. We held an official opening and blessing of our new playground.

**2024 Catholic Convention:** We were blessed with a Catholic Convention, the first since 2018. "The theme of the Convention: Tūhono Whakapono: Together, one faith community. Our baptism brings us into te whānau whakapono, and through this we become a child of God and part of the Catholic faith community. Tūhono Whakapono: Together (as) one faith community we establish links, make connections, and relate to our sisters and brothers in Christ, who through the shared experience of baptism are kin." The Convention was attended by our principal and DRS. Quality content from a range of international and local speakers and a wonderful opportunity to network.

**Our Parish Connection:** The school is part of this Parish, and with it our staff and our students. The NZ Catholic Education Office recognises that Catholic Schools are an integral part of the evangelising mission of the Church. Likewise, our school is strengthened by a close connection with Our Lady of the Valleys, and with Our Lady of Grace as our church in walking distance in particular. Our school values our community and we appreciate your ongoing support. Father Tony's regular visits to our classes and to celebrate mass are as much an integral part of our timetable as the fortnightly Singing, kindly supported by the Parish music group. Parish members continue to be so generous with their time and talents, many support fundraising and contribute donations- kei te mihi, kei te mihi, kei te mihi ki a koutou.

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

- Significant School Masses/Liturgies to start and finish the school year, Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday Liturgies and Assumption of Mary Mass.
- Class Masses and Liturgies supported by Fr Tony.
- Termly Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students, families and staff to our community.
- Saint Brendan's Feast Day.
- Students taking active roles in fortnightly school prayer, masses and liturgies.
- Navigator (Year 7 & 8) students reenacted the Stations of the Cross in each class and in the office to include our admin team.
- Paschal candle design competition to represent Jesus as the Light of the World.
- Parish volunteers supporting music for school Masses and Liturgies.
- Weekly collections for the Upper Hutt Foodbank, fundraising for Caritas and other social outreach causes e.g. care packages for the elderly at Christmas.
- Sacramental programme (attended by 27 students from our school).
- 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- including a memorable Quiz Night fundraiser that was attended by a number of school staff and families.
- School representation at meetings at, and support 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. The Parish is able to connect with us via the website and our fortnightly newsletters. Our gate is always open and everyone is always warmly welcome to visit or attend any of our many school events.

Ngā manaakitanga, and God bless

*Sarah Chard*

**(DRS)**

*Kerstin Wagner*

**(Term 2 Acting Principal)**

*Verónica 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 Afaipese (Choir) and Samoan Autalavou (Youth).

Every fourth Sunday of the month at 11.30am, we continue to celebrate Mass in the Samoan language as we are a part of the Wellington Samoan Chaplaincy and have choir practice every Wednesday 7pm (sometimes on Tuesdays at 7pm if needed) and Saturday 2pm to prepare for the Sunday mass. We are currently the St Francis Xavier church choir which is made up of majority of the Samoan choir. The choir sings every week at SFX on Sunday 8.30am masses and whenever merged masses are held in SFX. We also participated in the Good Friday Walk; a collaboration of participating Christian churches in the Stokes Valley community and like the Stations of the Cross; we travel to each church following the cross in commemoration for what was to happen later that day.

The choir was especially busy during Easter week with singing in all Liturgies that were celebrated at SFX. The Samoan choir was also invited by Father Maleko to sing for their Easter Sunday 10.30am Mass so after our celebration Mass at SFX 8.30 we then headed to St Joseph's Upper Hutt which was a privilege to be part of.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June the Samoan Chaplaincy held a Autalavou (Samoan youth) event held at the Naenae College Hall, where 8 other youth groups from the Samoan Chaplaincy came together to share their faith through song and dance based on a theme of the youth's choice. Our youth dedicated a dance to our Mother Mary. It was a great time of fellowship with other youth within the Samoan Chaplaincy.

As an aulotu, we continue to maintain the grounds around our church here in Stokes Valley. 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.

*Aukusítino Aukusítino*

**President of the Samoan Aulotu - SFX**

# Parish Statistics



	2023	2022	%
Average Mass attendance per Sunday (prev Nov)	432	250	72.8%▲
<b>2022 COVID GATHERING RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE</b>			
<b>Sacraments Conferred</b>			
Baptism	25	30	(16.6%)▼
Confirmation	35	35	
Marriage	1	2	(50%)▼
Funerals Celebrated	8	15	(46.6%)▼
Families on Parish Roll	778	810	(3.95%)▼
Individuals on Parish Roll	2,155	2,193	(1.73%)▼
Registered Planned Givers	249	206	20.87%▲

## 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 ....

