



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)
Weekday Eucharist	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	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	
Presbytery and Parish Office	5 Palmer Crescent	Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Office	Heretaunga	
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Website	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909
Newsletter	www.stbrendans.school.nz	

4 TH Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	2 ND February 2025
Time		YEAR C	
2 ND Feb	1 ST Reading 2 ND Reading Gospel	Malachi 3: 1-4 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40	
9 TH Feb	1 ST Reading 2 ND Reading Gospel	Isaiah 6:1-8 Cor 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Sat 1 ST Feb	02:00 pm	Women's Circle of Friendship Pettit Centre
Sun 2 ND Feb	10:30 am	OLOG Farewell Mass and Morning Tea for Fr Tony
Tue 4 TH Feb	05.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 5 TH Feb	01.30 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre

 **EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE**
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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.

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.



REPAIRS TO PEWS AT SFX

In January some of the seats at SFX got a make-over with the reupholstering of the worn ones. Many thanks to Mike and Ann Quin for the work that they did to make this happen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN FEBRUARY 2025

As you're aware, Fr Tony is sadly finishing his placement with us at Our Lady of the Valleys in early February. Please put these dates in your diary (and note the mass times)

1st/2nd February Fr Tony's last weekend at OLOV. Usual Mass times.
2nd February 10:30 am at OLOG Mass will be celebrated as a **Farewell Mass for Father Tony followed by a morning tea in the Pettit Centre**
2nd February at St Joseph's UH is a Mass to farewell Fr Maleko.

8th/9th February Fr Maleko's first weekend Mass in OLOV. Normal Mass times apply.

9th February at 10:00 am is an **Installation Mass of Welcome** for Fr Tony at St Joseph's followed by morning tea in the foyer.

16th February at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Grace is the **Installation Mass for Fr Maleko** as our Parish Priest with Archbishop Paul in attendance. This also **celebrates 10 years since the Parish of Our Lady of the Valleys was established in February 2015**. This Mass is followed immediately by our annual Parish picnic event on the church lawn. **Note - usual 5:30pm mass on Saturday but no 8:30am Sunday Mass at St Francis Xavier; and a change to 10:00 am Mass at OLOG.**

We'll provide more information on the 16 February event soon.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday the 4th of February at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish.

MEN'S GROUP

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our first gathering for this year will be on 1st February, 2pm at the Pettit Centre. We will have a sharing afternoon - tell us about your Christmas, or a great book you read, or did you see a movie to recommend? Or any other story you would like to share.



As usual please feel free to bring along a gift of toiletries or a small donation for our charities.

The book swap will be up and running also. We will finish the afternoon with our usual cuppa and chat. If you have any friends who would like to join us they will be most welcome so please bring them along.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women of the Parish are invited to afternoon tea, our first gathering for the year. We'd love you to join us for "High Tea" at 1.30pm on Wednesday 5th February in the Pettit Centre.

Bring your own fancy cup and saucer and if you can a small plate of food to share.

We hope to see you there.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

What started out as an ordinary day turned out to be a day with a meeting Mary and Joseph would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant meetings on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?

Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.

Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?

Even within ourselves we can be aware of division, at times being open to the light of God and at other times resisting it. Have you known the pain of that struggle? What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God in your life?

The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

TE ARA O TE TŪMANAKO - THE WAY OF HOPE

Every 25 years the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope". Bishop Steve Lowe will be leading a jubilee pilgrimage this year, departing 29th September for 17 nights with Harvest Journeys. The pilgrimage "Our Way of Hope" will begin in Lyon, the mother Church for the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and journey to Rome. On the way pilgrims will meet pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church, and who will inspire hope as the group prepares to pass through the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and receive the Jubilee blessing.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

"[The] gift of the earth with its fruits belongs to everyone. Those who tilled and kept the land were obliged to share its fruits, especially with the poor, with widows, orphans and foreigners in their midst: "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very border, neither shall you gather the gleanings after the harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner" (Lev 19:9-10).

Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

WAITANGI DAY MASS

Thursday 6th February 9.00am at St. Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott Street, Wellington. It will be held at the national shrine of Mary with Archbishop Paul Martin presiding. The mass includes prayers and hymns in Māori, English, Latin and other languages.



**Celebration of the
Sacrament of Holy Orders
Ordination to the Priesthood**

Deacon Matthew White

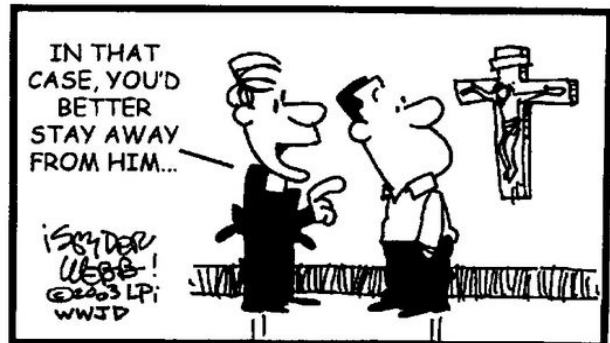
Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Wellington

Saturday 22nd February
11:00 a.m.



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 Christine Henry, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



WE WISH FR. TONY THE VERY BEST IN HIS MINISTRY AT ST. JOSEPH'S – HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Presentation of the Lord • Luke 2:22-40

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NVI)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



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SPIRIT	RIGHTEOUS	PRAISED	COURTS	TEMPLE
CHILD	DEVOUT	LIGHT	JOSEPH	JESUS
PARENTS	SALVATION	ISRAEL	REVEALED	PIGEONS
SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY