


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



Parish Priest	Father Maleko Api-Tufuga	
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	

5 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	9 th February 2025
Time		YEAR C	
9 th Feb	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 6:1-8 Cor 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11	
16 th Feb	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 17: 5-8 Cor 15: 12.16-20 Luke 6: 17.20-26	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Tue 11 th Feb	07.30 pm	Bible Study Group
Thur 13 th Feb	07.30 pm	Finance Committee meeting

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

WELCOME FR. MALEKO API-TUFUGA TO THE PARISH. WE WISH YOU A FRUITFUL MINISTRY



God says this to everyone

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

There will be group bible studies in the meeting room at Our Lady of Grace Church. Is God impressing upon you to share some of the thoughts you get from the Sunday readings, or you want to listen to what others are learning from it? Come let us discuss and reflect the way together. Meetings will start from **7:30 pm -9:00 pm on Tuesday evenings.**





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)

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.**

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.

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'With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear, without giving in to disappointment when one catches nothing, and without giving up and saying "there is nothing more that can be done". Always, in personal life as well as in the life of the Church and society, there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over — the Lord always invites us to get back on our feet because he opens up new possibilities'.

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 6 Feb 2022



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus invites Peter to put out the net again, and Peter does so though he thinks it pointless. When have you felt it was pointless to stick with a task, but did so nonetheless and been surprised by results? We never know when our efforts are going to bear fruit.

'Push out into the deep' The invitation is to go out into unfamiliar waters, where we are not sure what will happen, where we feel uneasy, and our safety is not assured. When have you responded positively to that kind of an invitation and got positive results you did not expect?

The story gives us a glimpse of what prepared the disciples to follow Jesus. They were helped by the compassion and concern of Jesus (cured Peter's mother-in-law); attracted by his work and teaching; and witnessed the power of God at work through him. This led them to 'leave everything and follow him'. Who, or what, influenced you in making key decisions in your life? Who was Jesus for you in those situations?

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our first meeting of the year saw a large gathering of friends, old and new, enjoying an informal catch up after the holiday season.

We were pleased to have Fr Tony join in the 'sharing' time with his own amusing holiday story.

We took the opportunity to thank him for the encouragement and support of our group, and to wish him well in his new appointment as Parish priest of St Josephs.



ASSISTANT CARETAKER / GROUNDS PERSON

Sacred Heart College is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person to work alongside our Property Manager for a fixed term parental leave position starting 3 March 2025 and finishing 29 August 2025 (or earlier with 4 weeks' notice). Working up to 13 hours per week with flexibility around start and finish times. Applications close Friday 14 February at

3.00pm. Please visit the 'Vacancies' tab on our website www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz for the full advertisement, and instructions on how to apply.

JOSHUA WELLINGTON

extends an open invitation to everyone to a Mass followed by a light supper on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street.

Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



On Sunday, 16th of February 2025, join us in celebrating the
10th Year Anniversary of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish
and the installation of our new parish priest

Fr. Maleko Tufuga

at the 10 am Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church
with Archbishop Paul Martin

This day is also our Parish Picnic!

11 am (after the mass)

There will be games and performances.

Coffee, tea, and water will be available.

Bring your family and friends!

Bring a picnic!



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

Deacon Matthew White

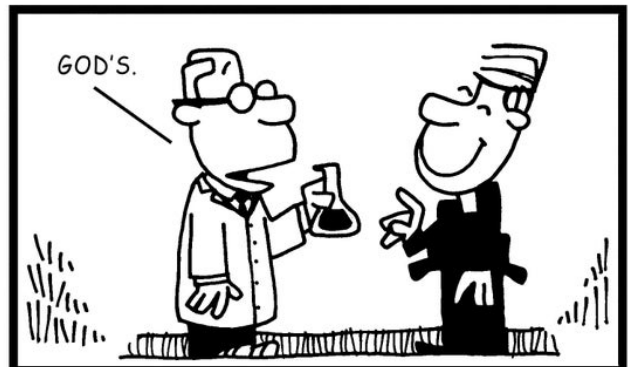
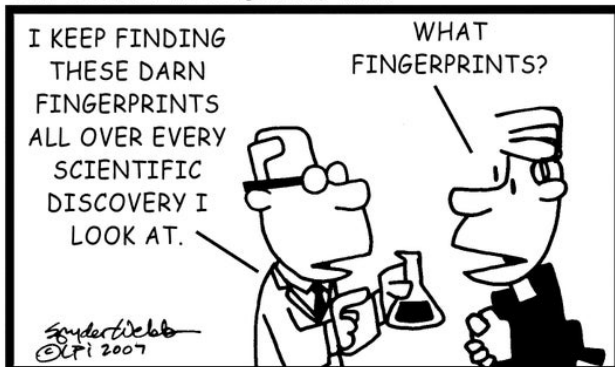
Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Wellington

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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 5:1-11

PUZZLE FOR YOU



What a Catch!

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)

The words in this puzzle can be found in Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

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PETER	PREACHING	WASHING	SINKING	AFRAID
FISHING	SEA	PEOPLE	DEEP	NETS
GALILEE	JESUS	FISHERMEN	SHORE	BOATS