


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) 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
Presbytery and Parish Office	5 Palmer Crescent 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
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6 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	16 th February 2025
Time		YEAR C	
16 th Feb	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 17: 5-8 Cor 15: 12.16-20 Luke 6: 17.20-26	
23 rd Feb	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Sam 26 :2.7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1Cor 15: 45-49 Luke 6: 27-38	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Sat 15 th Feb	5.30 pm	Mass at SFX
Sun 16th Feb	10.00 am	Installation Mass for Fr. Maleko at OLOG followed by annual picnic
Wed 19 th Feb	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thur 20 th Feb	01.30 pm 07.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV Parish Council 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/>

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 19TH FEBRUARY AT OLOG NOR AT 9.30 AM ON 20TH FEBRUARY AT SFX

WE WARMLY WELCOME ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN TO OUR PARISH FOR THE INSTALLATION MASS OF FR. MALEKO AND THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEYS PARISH

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 Maleko or Debby Morgan, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

‘Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life. They are content to share even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God. ... This poverty is also ... an awareness of having to learn every day. Because they have this attitude, Jesus’ disciples are humble, open people, far from prejudice and inflexibility.’

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 13 Feb 2022



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

We are told that Jesus ‘fixed his eyes on the disciples’ before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: ‘You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.’

‘Blessed are you who weep’ is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, – and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?



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.

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND

The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL

The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, February 17. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

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.



**ST PATRICK'S
COLLEGE
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YEAR 9 2026

TRY BOARDING - YEAR 8 BOYS REGISTER NOW FOR ONE NIGHT

24, 25, 26 February 2025 or 10, 11, 13 March 2025

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: www.stream.school.nz/boarding/try-boarding

BOARDING ENROLMENTS OPEN 3 MARCH 2025

DAY BOY ENROLMENTS OPEN 23 MAY 2025

OPEN DAY THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025

9 to 10:30am or 1 to 2:30pm

For Year 8 boys and their their caregivers/parents.

Meet at the School Chapel. No registration is required.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 6:17, 20-26

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Sermon on the Plain

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 6:17-26 (NIV).



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