


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 Administrator	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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7 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	23 rd February 2025
Time		YEAR C	
23 rd Feb	1 st Reading	Sam 26 :2.7-9, 12-13, 22-23	
	2 nd Reading	1Cor 15: 45-49	
Gospel	Luke 6: 27-38		
2 nd Mar	1 st Reading	Ecc 27: 4-7	
	2 nd Reading	1Cor 15: 54-58	
	Gospel	Luke 6: 39-45	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Wed 26 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish morning tea at Trentham Racecourse
Sat 1 st Mar	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship


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

ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



Parishioners are invited to bring their Palms from previous year's Palm Sunday service (if you have them) to leave in the basket in the foyer of the Church ready for Ash Wednesday. These will be burnt to provide the Ashes used to mark the beginning of Lent on 5th March. Thank you.

PARISH MORNING TEA

All parishioners are invited to the last Wednesday of the month morning tea at 10am on 26th February. For this month only we are going to the cafe at Trentham Racecourse. Next month we will keep you informed when we find a new venue.





MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March

As in the past the following Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be imposed at them all.

6:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Heretaunga

9:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace Heretaunga

7:30 pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2025

The Programme starts next Sunday with a Parent Meeting on March 2nd at 6:00pm in the Pettit Centre. Any enquiries please contact Fr Maleko or Debby Morgan, the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, 1 March, 2pm at the Pettit Centre. Our guest speaker will be Kathleen Emmerson from the Catholic Women's League (CWL). She will speak to us about the League, its activities and work undertaken in the community. She may have time to tell us about the Wellington, Lower Hutt and Heretaunga branches' day at Jerusalem on the Whanganui River (Where Mother Mary Aubert set up her base).

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.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL



Our natural tendency when attacked is self-protection and when we are attacked, we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another, or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experience of another way of acting?

When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return.

Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity. Jesus himself, in word and deed, witnessed to that kind of generosity even when he met with ingratitude or opposition. It cost him his life because the mighty of the world would not tolerate it. Yet he was sustained by his belief that he was doing the Father's will. What convictions support you in your efforts to show compassion to others?

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



'The strength to love is the Holy Spirit, and with the Spirit of Jesus, we can respond to evil with good, we can love those who do us harm. This is what Christians do. How sad it is when persons and peoples who are proud to be Christians see others as enemies and think about waging war against each other!'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 20 Feb 2022

COMPASSION FAMILY GROUP CATCH-UP

Where! Day's Bay Pavillion Field

Date Sunday 2nd March @ 2.00 pm

Picnic Afternoon tea on field. Bring your own or purchase from the Café. You will need a chair to sit on. All welcome. If wet we meet in the Café for more information contact Heather 027 642 7158 or Win 027 292 3680



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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.

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THANK YOU

Last Sunday, we all experienced a very moving and Blessed ceremony with Archbishop Paul and Father Tony for the Installation of Father Maleko, as our new Parish Priest and the 10th Year Anniversary of the formation of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish.

We would like to thank the choirs and musicians, as well as the many parishioners involved in the Installation Ceremony and the Ministers for their involvement for that day. The picnic and games were a highlight after the Mass. Thank you also to the Parish Council and the Liturgy Committee for your organization.



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 6:27-38

PUZZLE FOR YOU



The Golden Rule

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31 (NIV)

The activity is based on words found in Luke 6:27-38

Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

G A L I M E R C I F U L P P A
B Q M R C E D H S I N N E R S
H A N Y I U I B S A R X I M F
G H D C T L O V E C E I M I A
B B U J S A T O Y A W N C S T
O V E W H A S I T H
S G U W T R R G R E
F E G I D D S N E R
V N U C K G R E A T
C E O K C Z A P T C
N M F E X O Z Q C B E S C D E
V I A D V W M J U L H A T E Q
H E P C H T D E R E W U L T C
C S T N Q Z Q W S S V D P P C
P Z J G I R V Z E S W I S Z Z

FATHER
ENEMIES
REWARD

BLESS
SINNERS
CURSE

WICKED
HATE
MISTREAT

GREAT
LOVE
MERCIFUL

