


# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father Maleko Api-Tufuga	
<b>Churches</b>	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)	
<b>Sunday Eucharist</b>	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)	8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
<b>Weekday Eucharist</b>	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	Wednesday/Friday	9:30 am (Heretaunga)
	Saturday	9:00 am (Heretaunga)
<b>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>	Friday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	By appointment with Parish Priest	
<b>Presbytery and Parish Office</b>	5 Palmer Crescent	<b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Heretaunga	
	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		READINGS YEAR C	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Ecc 27: 4-7 1Cor 15: 54-58 Luke 6: 39-45	
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Deut 26: 4-10 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	05.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.30 am	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY (See below for Mass times)</b> <b>St Brendan's School will be leading the service</b> Catholic Women's League at the Pettit Centre



## EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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



## MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.



## WEDNESDAYS OF LENT FROM 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH

On each Wednesday in Lent there will be an additional Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church at 6:30 am for those who might like to choose this as a Lenten Observance.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2025

The Programme starts this Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> with a Parent Meeting 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.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF TIME for this month's meeting as it falls on Ash Wednesday.

We plan to go to the 9.30am Mass at Heretaunga and afterwards share morning tea and hot cross buns in the Pettit Centre.



## INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS

We also invite all parishioners at the Mass to join us for morning tea.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley. ALL WELCOME

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

At 10 a.m. on Friday, 7th March, at St Margaret's Church, Dunns Street, Silverstream. there will be a World Day of Prayer service to pray for the women of the Cook Islands. Let us join together in prayer.

## COMPASSION FAMILY GROUP CATCH-UP

Where! Day's Bay Pavillion Field

Date Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 we meet in the Café for more information contact Heather 027 642 7158 or Win 027 292 3680

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL



Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.

If we want to help other people, we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?

‘No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.’ This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives, then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.

## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



Today, ‘Jesus invites us to reflect on the way we look and the way we speak.... after looking within ourselves, Jesus invites us to look at others as he does. The Lord invites us *to clean up our gaze*. After our gaze, Jesus invites us to *reflect on our speech*. The words we use say who we are. The Lord explains that “out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks”.

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Laudato Si’ quote:** ‘...as part of the universe.... all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect.’ LD #67

**Action:** What motivations arise from the invitation to ‘clean up our gaze’ and ‘reflect on our speech’, in relation to all creation, as the Lenten journey begins?



## GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY: PĀTAKA KAI FOR OUR LADY OF GRACE

In Term 4 a group of Adventurer students, worked with our caretaker, to build a Pātaka Kai, a community food bank. This was designed and painted with the help of a local artist, Amy Burrell. The project was blessed at our Opening School Mass and gifted to Our Lady of the Valleys Parish to sit outside Our Lady of Grace Church, facing Fergusson Drive. We hope it will be a lasting and helpful resource for our community.



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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](http://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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**TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

Is offering online webinars in 2025. This series features our current and past students who will inspire us as they talk about growing in faith, leadership in ministry, and their role in ministry.

For more information and to register, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025)



**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.

8TH 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.



8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 6:39-45

# PUZZLE FOR YOU



## A Tree and Its Fruit

"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Luke 6:43-44 (NLT)

The words in this puzzle are taken from Luke 6:43-45

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

FIGS  
IDENTIFIED  
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GRAPES  
SPEAKS  
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FRUIT  
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