

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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4th Sunday of Lent READINGS 10th March 2024 YEAR C

30 th Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Joshua 5: 9-13 Cor 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32	
6 th Apr	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 43: 16-21 Phil 3: 8-14 John 8: 1-11	

UPCOMING EVENT

Tue 1 st Apr	05.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 2 nd Apr	06.30 am	Mass at OLOG during Lent
Sat 5 th Apr	01.30 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre
	01.30 pm	Circle of Friendship 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/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (RITE II) will be celebrated at **St Francis Xavier Church on Sunday 6th April at 3:00pm**. An invitation is offered to all in the Parish who wish to experience God's loving grace and forgiveness to join us at this celebration. We will be joined at this liturgy by the Junior Sacramental Preparation Programme young candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time.



If you would prefer to have the Sacramental privately under the **RITE I** format, Father Maleko will be available after the **Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church** or you can ring him at the **Presbytery (972 4282)** to arrange a time at your convenience.

Lent



WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

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.



MINISTRY VOLUNTEER'S FOR HOLY WEEK EVENTS

In the upcoming week members of the Liturgy Committee will be looking for people to assist in the celebration of the various services during Holy Week. The services range from Palm Sunday representatives to attend the Chrism Mass to receive the Holy Oils for the Parish; Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Thursday; Readers and Eucharistic Minister for Good Friday through to more decorators and readers for the additional reading at the Easter Vigil; To try to make it easier for these people (and to save some of the ringing around that happens to cover all the events/ministries) lists of the ways that parishioners can assist have been placed in the foyer of both Churches. If you are a minister and know that you will be at a certain ceremony, please indicate your willingness to assist.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Would like to invite all parishioners, men and women, to their monthly meeting at 1.30 pm in the Pettit Centre, on Wednesday, 2nd April.



We have asked Vaughan Fleischer from the Ministry of Social Development to come and answer some questions regarding age concerns, eg entitlements and liabilities when a spouse goes into care. You may have some questions of your own. Please feel free to bring a friend.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 5 April, at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. This month our guest speaker is Doug Fauchelle, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish. He will speak to us about his journey - life in Africa, Japan and New Zealand where he works in children's wellbeing.

Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations are always gratefully accepted. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in St Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley. English translations of the stations are also provided - ALL WELCOME.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PRAYER REQUESTS

In the foyer of both churches are cards that have the name of one of the candidates in this year's Sacramental Preparation Program. Parishioners are invited to take one of these cards and pray for the candidate as they move through the program this year towards First Holy Communion. This is a way we all can support these young members of our family on their journey of faith.

JESUS YOUTH WELLINGTON

Welcome all Youth to our weekly gathering at Connolly Hall [10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon] every Friday from 6:45 - 8.45pm. Open event where we come together for Praise and Worship, followed by a short discussion on the Word of God with engaging games and activities for youth.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel is one of the world's most famous stories. This is because it speaks to us as humans, as individuals, in a powerful way.

There are two dramatic moments in the story. The first is when the father runs out to meet the prodigal. We expect otherwise, and that suggests that so did the son. He was prepared to live the rest of his life as a servant under his father. But Jesus is demonstrating, through this wonderful parable, that God is full of surprises, full of a love that we cannot fathom, cannot second guess. The second moment is when the other son, the faithful one, is chastised by his father for being so condemnatory.

So, this is a story in which we learn that our ways have much to change if we are to come into that family. Sometimes in life, we are the prodigal son. Other times we are the condemnatory son. Sometimes we have the grace to act like the prodigal and turn back. Sometimes we have the grace to listen to our Lord through the Gospels and accept that we are being selfish or condemnatory. Perhaps we can sometimes feel like the father: hurt by the selfishness of family decisions but always acting from love ready to welcome our cherished family back. It is a story of perspectives, and a reminder that Jesus is our guide through all of them – Jesus who was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a Cross.

MORNING TEA AT SFX AFTER THE 8.30AM MASS

St Francis Xavier Samoan Youth have started up morning tea after the 8.30am mass at St Francis Xavier Church. Inviting all our parishioners to join us in a cuppa and some treats after mass - rain or shine! Feel free to bring a packet of biscuits or baking to share with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ~ If you have any questions or want to be part of the set-up/pack-down team, feel free to chat to any of the peeps after mass.



BIG THANK YOU

In the days leading up to Christmas the Filipino community organised for the Parish a Simbang Gabi – a series of Masses leading up to Christmas Eve. At these Masses collections was taken up. The funds generated have been gifted to the Parish. It will be put towards refurbishment.

The Parish is grateful for the generous donation provided to us and the effort put in to organise the event.

SIMPLICITY OF BEAUTY IN LITURGY YOUTH MASS

During this Jubilee Year, the Archdiocese is planning monthly late-evening diocesan Mass for all Young People!! This special Mass will be celebrated on the first Friday of each month, 9pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral starting from Friday 4th April. If you are interested in offering your service for ministry at these masses e.g., proclaimers of the word, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist etc, please contact Lagi (021 132 1952).

LENTEN RETREAT - OPEN FOR EVERYONE

The KPF Mission Ministries invite you to a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, 12 April, at St. Martin de Porres Church, Avalon, from 8:30am – 5pm with reflective talks, Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Text Rey 0275712825 to reserve a seat and more details or register online <https://forms.gle/AwwBCqVF61oLn2gz8>

JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND HEALTH WORKERS - Sunday 6th April

A special Mass will be celebrated at 5pm on Sunday 6th April at St Anne's Church, Newtown to pray for the sick and those entrusted with their care. All care-givers, nurses and doctors at our hospitals and care facilities are especially welcome.

ROAD PATROL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help to keep our students safe! St Brendan's Road Patrol operates in the mornings from 8:30-9 am and in the afternoons from 2:50-3:10 pm. Our students cannot patrol without adult supervision. We are frequently short of volunteers. Our roads are busy, and your support ensures our students can cross safely. If you can spare some time, please volunteer to join our Road Patrol team! You can be rostered weekly or fortnightly. Contact our team in the office, office@stbrendans.school.nz. Thank you very much.



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 Helen Wilson and Bernard Wilson, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



Chrism Mass

Wednesday, April 16th
7:30 PM
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Hill Street
WELLINGTON

4th SUNDAY OF LENT



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

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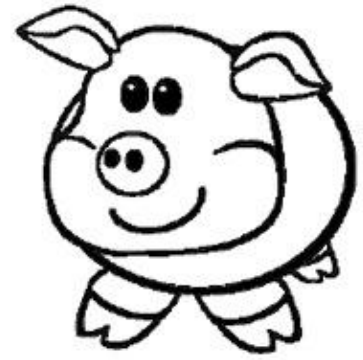


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PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Parable of the Lost Son

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32 (NIV).

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WEALTH	ESTATE	COUNTRY	PIGS	FOOD
COMPASSION	HIRED	FOUND	FEED	RING
CELEBRATE	STARVING	PROPERTY	FEAST	SONS
KISSED	FATHER	STOMACH	SPENT	LOST