


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 Heretaunga
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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5 th Sunday of Lent		READINGS YEAR C	6 th April 2024
6 th April	1 st Reading	Isaiah 43: 16-21	
	2 nd Reading	Phil 3: 8-14	
	Gospel	John 8: 1-11	
13 th Apr	1 st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7	
	2 nd Reading	Philippians 2: 6-11	
	Gospel	Luke 22: 14-23	

UPCOMING EVENT

Sun 6th April	03.00 pm	RITE II at SFX
Wed 9 th April	06.30 am	Mass at OLOG during Lent
Thur 10 th Apr	06.30 am	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/>

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.**

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.

TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK		   
Tuesday 15th April	9:30 am	Mass - St Francis Xavier Church
Wednesday 16th April	6:30 am	Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church
	9:30 am	Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church
	7.30 pm	Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
Holy Thursday 17th April	7:30 pm	Mass of the Last Supper Our Lady of Grace Church
Good Friday 18th April	3:00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord Our Lady of Grace Church
Holy Saturday 19th April	7:30 pm	Vigil Light Service St Francis Xavier Church
Easter Sunday 20th April	8:30 am	Mass of Easter - St Francis Xavier Church
	10:30 am	Mass of Easter - Our Lady of Grace Church

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.



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.

LENTEN RETREAT - OPEN FOR EVERYONE

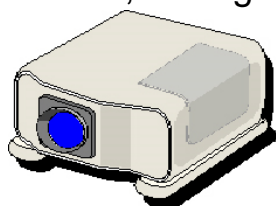
The KPF Mission Ministries invite you to a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, 12 April, at St. Martin de Porres Church, Avalon, from 8:30am – 5pm with reflective talks, Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Text Rey 0275712825 to reserve a seat and more details or register online <https://forms.gle/AwwBCqVF61oLn2gz8>

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day. The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim. Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere human's group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir



DATA PROJECTIONIST VOLUNTEERS

We are needing volunteers to operate the projector on a Sunday at Our Lady of Grace Church. The songs are all pre-prepared and we just need someone to do the clicking to bring the songs onto the screen. There is one person doing three Sundays and we need more volunteers to come and share the load. You will receive help to begin with. Young people very welcome. Contact Josephine on 04 5284777 or Noeline from the Music Group if you are able to help.

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.



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.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



"From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world." (Laudato Si' #99)

Action: Just as Christ was able to see beyond sin and condemnation, so we are called to look for the hidden depths at work in us and around us. Take some time this week to look for and find a hidden mystery at work in the natural world around you.

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

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).



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.

Sunday 6 April
DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR



Chrism Mass

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



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Lent • John 8:1-11

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Pointing Fingers & Throwing Stones

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on John 8:1-11



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C M I E O S H Q M G U H C E W
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JESUS
TAUGHT
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MORNING
ADULTERY
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