

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

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Heretaunga

Parish Administrator

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Newsletter

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Palm Sunday

**READINGS
YEAR C**

13th April 2024

13 th April	1 st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7	
	2 nd Reading	Philippians 2: 6-11	
	Gospel	Luke 22: 14-23	
20 th Apr	1 st Reading	Acts 10 34.37-43	
	2 nd Reading	Colo 3: 1-4	
	Gospel	John 20: 1-9	

UPCOMING EVENT

Tue 15th Apr

07.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting

TIMETABLE FOR THE HOLY WEEK BELOW



EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK



Wednesday April	16th	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
Holy Thursday		7:30 pm	Mass of the Last Supper Our Lady of Grace Church
Good Friday		3:00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord Our Lady of Grace Church
Holy Saturday		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



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 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.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter? Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.



The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

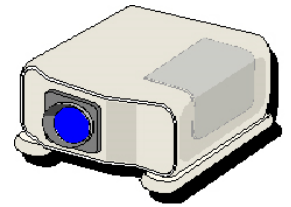
— *Father John Muir*

HUI ARANGA (Hui of the Resurrection):

Over Easter weekend (17-20 April) there will be a gathering of Catholic Māori at St Pat's College, Silverstream. This annual event involves Māori from around the North Island for the Easter ceremonies along with cultural, sporting and religious knowledge events. Around 1000-1200 people will be present. To help cover costs for a gathering this size, donations of food or money are welcome. Please contact either Mons. Gerard Burns (g.burns@wn.catholic.org.nz) or Ngatokorua Miratana (nmiratana10@gmail.com).

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.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

We were entertained and inspired by our speaker Doug Fauchelle last Saturday as he spoke about his life journey. Doug was born in Africa, and spent his early childhood years there, then lived in NZ and Japan. God touched his life in many ways, experiencing many highs and lows along the way. He eventually came to reside permanently in NZ, convert to Catholicism, and bring his wife and family from Japan to rejoin him here in Heretaunga, and their 4 children to be educated at St Brendan's and St Patrick's College.

Doug is a proactive parishioner. He works for Social Welfare, gathering and collating information on behalf of the government, in order to make recommendations for the betterment of young people who are presently residing in various Social Welfare run organizations.

We will keep Doug in our prayers for the special work he is doing.

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.

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.



JOSHUA

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 24th April 2025 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). Speaker: Michael Powell on "Power to do good in Jesus' name" Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

How often we think back and lick the wounds that other people, life itself and history have inflicted on us. Today, Jesus teaches us not to remain there, but to react, to break the vicious circle of evil and sorrow. To react to the nails in our lives with love, to the buffets of hatred with the embrace of forgiveness.'

Pope Francis, [Homily](#),



ART TEACHER

Sacred Heart College is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic teacher to join our Art department, commencing 28 April 2025, and finishing on 27 June 2025. Teaching visual art up to Level 2. Beginner teachers welcome. Applications close at 3.00pm on Wednesday 16 April 2025. For information www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz on how to apply.

RECYCLING

The Catholic Church encourages its members and parishes to embrace waste reduction and recycling as part of caring for God's creation. A new national industry-funded recycling initiative was launched in September 2024. Given this, our parish recycling of tops and lids will stop on Sunday 4th May. Nevertheless, we encourage the continued recycling of plastic and metal, tops, lids, and ring tabs at these locations: Maidstone recycling depot (for metal tops only), Earthlink Lower Hutt, Sustainability Trust Wellington, Pak 'N Save Lower Hutt & Upper Hutt, New World Hutt City



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.

PALM SUNDAY



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • Luke 22:14-23:56

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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