



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
Website	www.olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres
Newsletter	office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz 6 May, Term 2 2025 Newsletter

5 th Sunday of Easter		READINGS YEAR C	18 th May 2025
18 th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 14: 21-27 Apocalypse 21: 1-5 John 13: 31-35	
18 th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Apocalypse 12:10-14, 22-23 John 14: 23-29	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Wed 21 st May	11.00 am 07.30 pm	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre Parish Liturgy 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/		

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 21st MAY AT OLOG

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY - 25th May 2025

On this day of prayer for children, we are reminded that Jesus always welcomed the little ones. Children - wherever they may be - have a right to meet Christ and to know His love. Christ put them at the centre, pointing out to us that we need to be like children to enter the Kingdom. World Children's Day invites us to celebrate children and to see in them a living Gospel.



PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The Tax receipts along with the new envelopes are now available in the foyer of both Churches. Kindly ensure that you pick up your receipts and the new envelopes. Those of you who have recently joined too have their new envelopes in the foyer. If your Donation Receipt/Envelopes are not in the foyer of the church please advise the Parish Office and it will be relocated for you.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Love Has High Standards: The film 'Love Story' had a classic line: 'Love is never having to say you're sorry.' As Christians, though, we are aware of our weak nature and tendency to sin. We need to ask pardon – frequently. More often than not, the souls we hurt are those closest to us: our spouse, a child, a parent or in-law. Is my love great enough to overlook the weaknesses of those who hurt me and turn my wounded ego to compassion and pardon? To err is human, but to forgive is divine.



Love Is from the Heart: Christ told his disciples, 'Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Matthew 25:40). This applies as well to harboring grudges in our hearts. Love goes beyond kind words and actions to the very heart of man: to our thoughts. Although it may initially cause distress to our will to think well of those who have hurt us, it is truly therapeutic! Thinking well of others renews our faith in God's mercy. If we are merciful, how much more we can expect Our Lord to be patient and merciful with us!

Conversation with Christ: My Jesus, your life is a witness of love to me. You forgave your enemies and even prayed for them. My love is to mirror your love, but I realise I can love so much more than I have loved until now. Help me today to increase my love and let go of those remnants of egoism that hold me back from a Christ-like love.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

At our May meeting we were delighted to have Norma Sawers speak to our gathering about her "Return to Rome" trip with her daughter last year.

Their highlights included being seated so close to Pope Francis in St Peters Square for one of his regular meetings with the people, and revisiting the places where she had previously lived and worked in Rome. Norma has a very interesting way of telling the stories of their adventures, and the afternoon was enjoyed by one and all.

We are a friendly group meeting on the first Saturday of the month at 2pm in the church hall, and all are invited to attend any gatherings that may be of interest. Next month we will be sharing/recommending any books we have enjoyed reading lately.

UPCOMING EVENT

What was previously known as a Parish "Compassion Family Group" is having a Devonshire tea afternoon on at 02.30 pm on May 25th at the Royal Wellington Golf Club. The gathering aims to share and experience the fellowship of like-minded parishioners.

There will be a cost of \$12 per person. Adult parishioners are invited to register their interest in attending this event by contacting Marie or Mike 0272173142 or 0274545486.



FROM LANTERN LIGHT TO GLOBAL LIGHT



The Presentation Sisters warmly invite you to join Sr Anne Lyons (Ireland) as she shares the story of Nano Nagle, their courageous Foundress. Come and be inspired by a legacy still lighting the way and relevant for today's world.

Thursday 29 May | 7–8:30 PM St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Naenae Rd

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Are you good with flowers? Making them look beautiful? If so, could you please help out four months in a year at St Francis Xavier's church in Stokes Valley. You will be assisted to show you what needs to be done.

Please contact the office on email or 972 4282



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



'Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world.

Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally ... God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail.'

Pope Leo XIV, first blessing, 8 May 2025.

XLT YOUTH WORSHIP

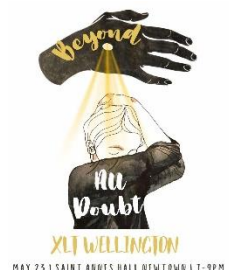
Friday 23rd May 2025

JOIN US for an evening of Relevant Worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Food and Fellowship!

All college students and young adults are welcome!

Friday 23rd May @ 7pm at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown.

Follow our page on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!



THE ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

– Love is a Decision – register for the next available course to be held on consecutive Sundays 8 & 15 June 10am-4pm, St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Spaces filling fast - please get in touch or register online through the website. Contact email

marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

Open Day for Year 8 Boys and their Families/Whanau

St Patrick's College, Silverstream warmly invites Year 8 boys and their families to our Open Day on Thursday, 22 May 2025. This is a great opportunity to experience the spirit, values, and learning environment of our college.

There are two sessions available 🕒 Morning – 9:00am to 10:30am Afternoon – 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Both sessions will begin at our School Chapel, where you'll be welcomed by staff and students before taking part in a guided tour of the school, finishing with light refreshments served by our students. Enrolments for 2026 close on Friday, 27 June 2025.

YOU ARE INVITED!!!

The Fundraising team continues to raise funds to support the final stage of restoration and refurbishment of our Cathedral with a movie fundraiser

"Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning"

Event Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025 : Event Address: Lighthouse Cinema, 52 Beach Street, Petone, Lower Hutt : Screening time: 5:00pm : Arrival time from: 4:30pm

Ticket prices are as follows: Adult: \$25/ticket and Student: \$20/ticket



WELCOME
to our
PARISH



ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll.

We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email office@olov.org.nz

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 Paul Jensen, Pope Francis and Bishop Owen Dowlan, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Jan Williams.



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Easter • John 13:31-33a, 34-35

PUZZLE FOR YOU

A New Commandment

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

The puzzle is based on John 13:31-35 (NIV).

"Love one another as I
have loved you."



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