



# 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 Heretaunga
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.olv.org.nz">www.olv.org.nz</a>
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6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter		READINGS YEAR C	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
25 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 Apocalypse 12:10-14, 22-23 John 14: 23-29	
1 <sup>st</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts 1: 1-11 Ephesians 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 46-53	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea	
<div>EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE</div> <div>What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - <a href="https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/">https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/</a></div>			

## WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY - 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



### PARISH MORNING TEA

All parishioners are invited to the last Wednesday of the month coffee morning this coming Wednesday. Join us at 10am at the Car Museum Cafe on George Daniel's Drive, off Alexander Road.

## 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



## PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

We are in need of volunteers at St Francis Xavier's Church, Stokes Valley, for the 8.30 am Sunday Mass, who is willing to proclaim the word of God. You will be required to do it every alternate month. If you feel you can claim this role please get in touch with the office as soon as possible.

Training will be provided.

## PARKING AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER

We have allocated Two car parks closest to the front of the church have been allocated as reserved for people with disability. **Please DO LEAVE these slots for disabled people.**

This restriction applies particularly for all Saturday evening/Sunday morning Masses and other major liturgical events such as Christmas, Easter etc when parking close to the church entrance is at a premium.



## 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

St Francis of Assisi was an ardent advocate of the doctrine of the indwelling of God in man. It enabled him to love every one equally whatever his status in life.

One day he met a fellow who had no love for God. As they walked along they met a man who was blind and paralysed. St Francis asked the sightless cripple: 'Tell me if I were to restore your eyesight and the use of your limbs, would you love me?' 'Ah,' replied the beggar, 'I would not only love you but I would be your slave for the rest of my life.'

'See,' said Francis to the man who maintained that he could not love God, 'this man would love me if I gave him his sight and his health. Why don't you love God Who created you with eyesight and strong limbs?'

That is what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. If we love him because of the countless blessings he has given us by '*keeping his words*' he will start dwelling within us in the company of his Father and the Holy Spirit, making us the temples of the Triune God.



## 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**



## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.'

*Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 18 May 2025.*



## SAMOAN MASS

All are welcome to celebrate Samoan mass together at St Francis Xavier Church every 4th Sunday of the Month.

Samoan Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 25th May @ 10.00am.



## 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](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## 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



## LATE MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - ADW

During this Jubilee Year, the Archdiocese is planning monthly late-evening diocesan Mass for all Young People!! This month's mass will be held on Friday 6th June @8pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please contact [Regina Fernandez](mailto:r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz) ([r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz)) if you have any questions.

## MORNING TEA @8.30AM SFX MASS

Invitation to all 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.



## 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](mailto: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, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Joji Mar Diaz Pantoja.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter • John 14:23-29

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

### Peace of Mind and Heart

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)

Based on John 14:23-29



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