



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
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Pentecost Sunday		READINGS YEAR C	8 th June 2025
8 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 2: 1-11 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23	
15 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Proverbs 8: 22-31 Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Thur 12 th June Sun 15 th June	07.30 pm 10.30 am	Parish Finance Committee Parish Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Martin	
	EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/		

PENTECOST SUNDAY.

We are celebrating Pentecost on the Sunday Masses of 7 and 8th June. All parishioners are invited to wear red clothing or your national dress. You are also invited to bring a plate of your cultural food to share for morning tea.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 7 June, at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. This month we invite you all to share your thoughts on a book you have recently read and enjoyed. Perhaps you could read a paragraph which impressed you. Any good film can also be covered.

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.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The Feast of Pentecost reminds us that there is an important connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded that the Church is called to be God's reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among all people.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace 'Peace be with you,' he says Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins Both the Greek and Hebrew words for 'spirit' can also be translated as 'breath.'

As we celebrate this great feast of the Church's fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, how have we been a sign of reconciliation in our families, in our world, and among people of faith everywhere? Have we been an instrument of God's peace to everyone we meet?

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ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



"There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor, who are a treasure for the Church and for humanity."

Pope Leo XIV Address to members of the "Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice" Foundation



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

MARIST ST PATS RFC

The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June 2025 at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be celebrated followed by morning tea. All welcome.



RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME



Do you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion? If you do then please contact the office 972 4282.

Ss PETER AND PAUL LOWER HUTT

The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin and our Priests at 10am in Ss Peter and Paul Church Lower Hutt on 28th June.

As many people in the area will have had an association with Ss Peter and Paul Church over the years, we extend this invitation to you all.

Please join us for this very special occasion. All are welcome!

More details about the 175th Jubilee weekend can be found on the parish website

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we celebrate Pentecost?

At Pentecost we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles as tongues of fire. The name Pentecost (in Greek: 'fiftieth day') originally referred to the Jewish Feast of Weeks which fell fifty days after the Passover. This feast celebrated the first fruits of the harvest offered to God and also the giving of the Law to Moses. The early Church gave it Christian significance, rejoicing in the 'first fruits' and the 'new law' heralded by Christ's resurrection. Today we celebrate Pentecost as the conclusion of the Easter season, fifty days after Easter Sunday. Conscious of the missionary zeal which galvanised the apostles into a united body, we often think of Pentecost as the birth of the Church.

What does the name Pentecost mean?

'Pentecost' comes from the Greek word for 50. Fifty days after Easter, the first day after seven weeks marked the beginning of a new era. The Jews had a feast for the first fruits of the season on the 50th day after Passover. The coming of the Holy Spirit marks the birth of the Church. The many nations in Jerusalem that day are the first fruits of the harvest. The disciples received the wind of new breathing, the fire of new loving and the tongues of new preaching.



CATHOLIC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN – JOB VACANCY:

Catholic Social Services seeks a qualified person who has a passion for bringing hope and peace to people to be a Catholic Hospital Chaplain at Wellington Regional Hospital. The successful candidate will join a cross-denominational team providing for the pastoral, spiritual, ethical and religious needs of staff, patients and whānau who come from a diverse range of cultural and faith backgrounds. They will come from a committed Catholic ministry background, and demonstrate the maturity and resilience required to be a chaplain. They will have undertaken ongoing formation and had at least two years of pastoral ministry experience. This is a permanent, part-time (15 hours per week) position. To download a job description please see our website:

<https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/2025/06/03/vacancy-catholic-chaplain/>

To apply, please send a cover letter and CV to Chris Ward at: reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz contact Mob: 021 374 373

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



JOSHUA

Come and join other men at Joshua's next meeting on Thursday 19th June from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Venue is back in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart

Cathedral. Two activities – Steve Ready reflecting on "Christ's Truth and Forgiveness" followed by Ken's quiz on Genesis chapters 1 to 14.

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Visiting the sick

Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs an ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office on 972 4282.



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.



HERETAUNGA PARISH GROUNDS - please do not park on the grass!

Now that winter has arrived it would be appreciated if parishioners and visitors do not park on the grass. It does not take long for the grass to be destroyed if cars are parked on the grass during the winter months.

PENTECOST



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Pentecost Sunday • John 14:15-16, 23b-26

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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