



# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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<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
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Trinity Sunday		READINGS YEAR C	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
15 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Proverbs 8: 22-31 Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 14: 18-20 Corinthians 11: 23-26 Luke 9: 11-17	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 am	<b>Parish Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Martin</b>	
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> June	07.30 pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre	
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> June	09.30 am	Mass at St. Francis Xaviers, SV	
	01.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV	
 <b>EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE</b> 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>			

**WE WELCOME ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN** to the Parish this weekend to confirm 28 of our young parishioners at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday morning. The Parish congratulates Eyan, Isabella, Hoani, Maxine, Nathaniel, Oliver, Oliver, Jacob, Antony, Spencer, Maddison, Tavish, Maia, Lenora, Myla, Claudia, Willa, Bethany, Noah, Mya, Megan, Ella, Ethan, Margaux, Earl Kullen, Moses, Zac, and Adam.



We congratulate them on the step they take on their journey of faith.

Please keep them in your prayers. May they continue with the Holy Spirit on their journey of faith.



## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

### Trinity Sunday

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are persons. And as persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to one person, of course, is praying to all, since they are one God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate himself to us as he is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of him. Ask him to communicate to you his divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of who he is. Try to humble yourself before the great mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the mystery of God means that we know how little we know about him and how little we know of him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



1. **Prayer and action for peace:** Our NZ Catholic Bishops recently issued a statement **Fighting hopelessness in the Jubilee Year of Hope**. They spoke of various conflicts in our world. In terms of non-violent actions in response to those conflicts you may wish to pray, donate, write letters to our Foreign Minister and Prime Minister. Following Pope Francis' and Pope Leo's calls for a ceasefire in the Gaza conflict you can fast for peace and join various groups seeking stronger government action for a ceasefire and investigation into war crimes and possible genocidal acts.

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/pastoral-statement-fighting-hopelessness-in-the-jubilee-year-of-hope/>

1. **Regulatory Standards Bill Submissions:** The government has introduced a Regulatory Standards Bill which has attracted a good deal of discussion. The Commission encourages parishioners to participate in growing awareness of the proposed legislation and in making submissions. Submissions close 1pm, 23 June. The EJP will be making a submission guided by Catholic Social Teaching and has also offered some thoughts at:

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/commission-for-ecology/regulatory-standards-bill-ecology-justice-and-peace-commission-guidance/>

## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

"Jesus tells us that this Gift is the love between him and the Father that comes to dwell within us. ... The Holy Spirit, brings to maturity within us the fruits that enable us to cultivate good and healthy relationships: .... This is also a critical yardstick for the Church. For we are truly the Church of the Risen Lord if there are no borders or divisions among us; if we are able to dialogue and accept one another in the Church, and to reconcile our diversities; and if, as Church, we become a welcoming and hospitable place for all."

Pope Leo XIV [Homily](#), 8 June 2025

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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!



### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome!

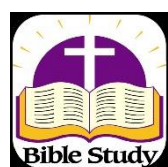
### WORLD REFUGEE WEEK

Screening of Simon Kurian's film "Stop the Boats" Roxy Cinema, Miramar Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm. Catholic Social Services and partners invite everyone to this screening and korero with Behrouz Boochani. Entry by koha or a book a \$2 ticket to guarantee your seat at: <https://www.roxycinema.co.nz/movie/stop-the-boat>

### WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

#### Why do we celebrate Trinity Sunday?

God is love. That is the simple and profound truth at the heart of Trinity Sunday. Consider a husband and wife who have loved each other for many years. They approach life with a sense of 'we' rather than 'I'. Paradoxically, instead of losing a sense of self-identity, each spouse discovers a greater sense of uniqueness through the love of the other. This analogy helps us to glimpse the unity of the three persons of the Trinity. God is persons in a relationship of perfect unity; unique persons, but completely one. In a society full of isolated individuals crying out 'Who am I?' on a restless search for self-identity, the feast of the Trinity calls us to ask another question: Whose am I? To whom do I belong? Through relationships of love, we discover God.



### BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

Day: Every Tuesday

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Small room next to church building.

### THE VINCENTIAN FOUNDATION FOR THE ELDERLY

The Vincentian Foundation For The Elderly is a Charitable Trust established in 1976 by the St Vincent de Paul Society to improve the welfare of seniors. The Trust assists with the funding of hearing aids to individuals aged over 65 years with a Super Gold Card and a Community Services endorsement. In the year to 31 March 2025 a total of 57 hearing aid grants were made at a cost of \$32,949 which was more than double the amount of income generated by the Foundation in the same period.

You can assist the Foundation to meet increasing demand for hearing aid grants by making a donation to The Vincentian Foundation for the Elderly bank account –02- 0528-0234390-00. Please email – [vincentian@bourke.net.nz](mailto:vincentian@bourke.net.nz) to obtain a receipt for charitable donations purposes ( Charities Registration number CC22003).

If you know someone requiring financial assistance to obtain a hearing aid they can contact [vincentian@bourke.net.nz](mailto:vincentian@bourke.net.nz) or phone 027 6686176 to obtain an application form.

## JOSHUA

Come and join other men at Joshua's next meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



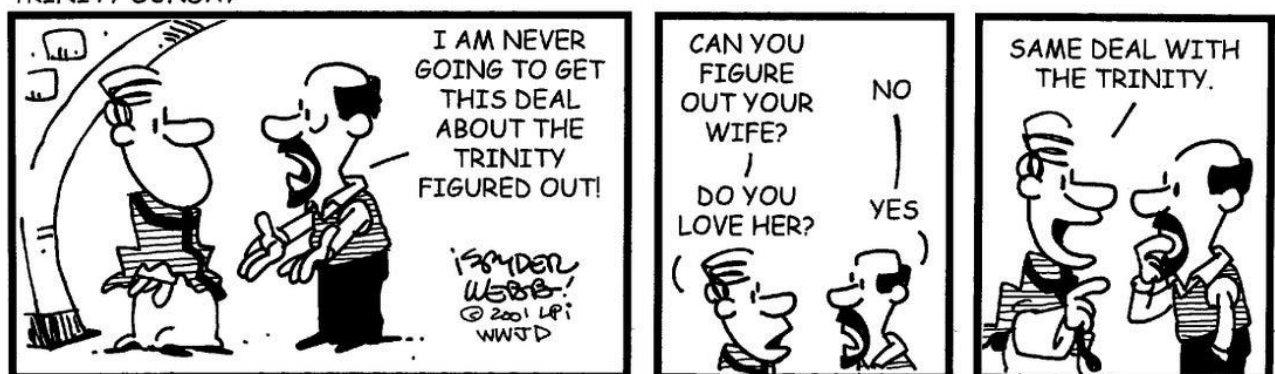
**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and unwell, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

## 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.

### TRINITY SUNDAY





FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



The Most Holy Trinity • John 16:12-15

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

### Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15

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