



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
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The Body and Blood of Christ		READINGS YEAR C	22 nd June 2025
22 nd June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 14: 18-20 Corinthians 11: 23-26 Luke 9: 11-17	
29 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 12: 1-11 Paul 4: 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16: 13-19	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 24 th June	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church	
Wed 25 th June	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea	
	EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/		

CONFIRMATION MASS 10:30AM SUNDAY 15TH JUNE AT OLOG

Congratulations to the 28 young parishioners who were confirmed by Archbishop Paul Martin last Sunday in a wonderful prayerful ceremony.



Thanks to all those who helped to make this event a great Parish occasion especially Debby Morgan the Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator, Lagi Aukusitino and Annalise Mokalei.

Please continue to keep the candidates in your prayers.



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.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The Eucharist is essentially and of its very nature a community action in which every person present is expected to be an active participant. We are here, on the one hand, recalling what makes us Christians in the first place – our identification with the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. And that identification with Jesus is expressed not through a one-to-one relationship with him but in a community relationship with him present in all those who call themselves Christian. We relate to him through his Risen Body, which is the whole community bearing his name. There is no place in Christianity for individualism. It is a horizontal faith: we go to God with and through those around us.



Every Lord's Day we come together as that Body, as a community, to say thanks to him and hence the name 'Eucharist' which means 'thanks'. It is regrettable, then, if we are only in church to 'keep the Third Commandment' on a purely private, individual, devotional basis. With that mentality, it will not be surprising if we think it does not matter if we are late or leave early. Because, with that mentality, 'going to Mass' is a private affair for me and all the others who 'happen' to be there, too.

Some even resent that there is too much going on. They wonder why they cannot be 'left in peace to say their prayers'. It is true some Mass celebrations can be overactive or over-intrusive but, on the other hand, it is not a time for contemplative prayer. One can do that much better at home. The whole point of being at Mass is to celebrate together with one's fellow-Christians as a community of the disciples of Jesus.



SAMOAN MASS | MISASA SAMOA

All are welcome to celebrate mass in Gagana Samoa (Samoan language) together at St Francis Xavier Church every 4th Sunday of the Month. Samoan Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd June @ 11.30am. Rosary will start at @11am prior to mass start - hope to see you there!

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

"Our Eucharistic adoration comes alive when we take care of our neighbour like Jesus does. There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation, friendship, good humour; there is hunger for attention, there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the Eucharistic Bread — Christ's attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to *eat* and *feed others*."



Pope Francis Angelus, 19 June 2022



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"SAVE THE DATE"

Sunday 27 July 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy a memorable afternoon at the movies! We're excited to present *The Great Lilian Hall*, a heartwarming film that promises to be an enjoyable experience for all at Monterey Cinema, UH. More than just a film, this event is an opportunity to strengthen our parish community. All proceeds from ticket sales go towards improving our Petitt Centre. We hope you can join us!

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!



WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

This feast (*Corpus Christi* in the Latin) focuses on the Eucharist as a symbol and sacrament of unity. Although we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday, today we pause to give special consideration to the Bread of Life nourishing our lives. When we break bread and share the one cup we recall that sacred meal between Christ and his disciples just before he sacrificed his life on the cross. We know that, like those disciples, Christ's death and resurrection has bonded us in a love relationship. For this reason, the Eucharist is never a private affair but always a call to unity. As you receive communion today, be conscious not only of Christ's presence in the Eucharistic host, but his presence in those who are receiving with sea

Why do we have a Prayer of the Faithful?

In these prayers (also called the General Intercessions) the congregation intercedes for all humanity. We pray that the Church will be a life-giving sign of salvation to the world. We pray for Church leaders and public authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, and for all people. In making these petitions we are conscious that the Church exists for others rather than simply for its own sake. United at the Eucharistic table as the body of Christ, we are powerfully equipped to reach out as a loving and liberating force in the world.



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 24 June at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

FAMILY PILGRIM WALK

Walk for a Cause - a pilgrimage to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025

Celebrate the Jubilee Year by going on a pilgrimage! Join the Family Pilgrim Walk *Walk for a Cause* on Saturday, 28 June, the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, from 8AM-1PM. As "Pilgrims of Hope," the Family Pilgrim Walk symbolizes our journey as exiles here on earth, accompanied by the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, towards the Heavenly Banquet that awaits those who place their hope in Jesus Christ. Registration: \$15 (13 yrs and up) Group Concession (Group of 10 pax): \$10 per person Family Concession: \$50.00. Sponsorships available. To learn more and register, visit <https://family-pilgrim-walk.raiselysite.com/>

ECUMENICAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN (PART TIME 0.6FTE)

Anyone who is interested and has enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology should view this vacancy on Seek. To be considered, please submit the following via the Seek link below:

- CV, Cover letter and Application form

Hutt Hospital, Health New Zealand -Te Whatu Ora, Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley Closes:4pm, 1 July 2025

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/84857286?ref=cm-ui>

THE VINCENTIAN FOUNDATION FOR THE ELDERLY

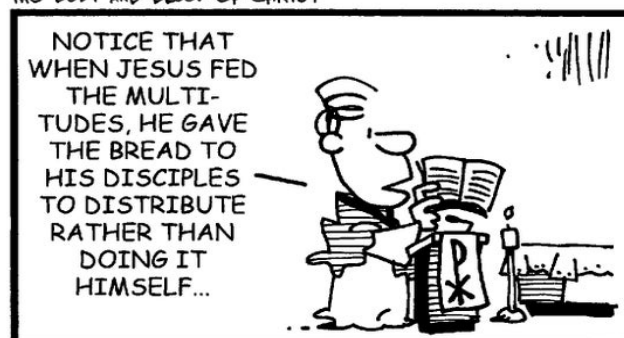
The Trust assists with the funding of hearing aids to individuals aged over 65 years with a Super Gold Card and a Community Services endorsement. In the year to 31 March 2025 a total of 57 hearing aid grants were made at a cost of \$32,949 which was more than double the amount of income generated by 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 or phone 027 6686176 to obtain a receipt for charitable donations purposes or an application form



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 Fr. Brian Wysocki, Margaret Wanden, Kerry Collins, and Sister Mary Julliana, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Body and Blood of Christ • Luke 9:11b-17

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.
Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



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