



# 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
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29 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Acts 12: 1-11 Paul 4: 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16: 13-19	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 66: 10-14 Galatians 6: 14-18 Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> July	05.30 pm 07.00 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club Bible Study Class in the room behind the church	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	01.30 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> July	01.30 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre	
 <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>			



## PETER'S PENCE

On **June 29** – the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish. Any enquires please call Roger Wasson on 528 7847



**MEN'S GROUP**

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

'Surely we need to 'abound in hope' (cf Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope.'

*Pope Francis*



Some people bless themselves – make the Sign of the Cross – when they pass a church. What does it mean? Perhaps only God knows. It is a prayer, an invocation, a visible act of faith, a public yet personal gesture as you pass 'God's house'. It is a reminder of how precious and universal that gesture is: to bless yourself in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You see people blessing themselves in all sorts of situations: absentmindedly on the way into church; solemnly at the end of Mass; in thankful delight, as with sports people; poignantly, in the case of mourners at a grave. In extreme sickness, when the brain can no longer form words and the only way we can turn to God may be with our feeble fingers, forming a cross. This sign can grow hurried and thoughtless through custom, but in moments of crisis and deep emotion, there are few gestures as rich in meaning as blessing ourselves.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOUP AND ROLLS LUNCH

We invite you all to our fundraising lunch at 12noon on Wednesday, 2nd July in the Pettit Centre.

Make a donation and enjoy some delicious homemade soup.

This is to raise funds for Nourish Trust, a charity operating in Wellington, Hutt Valley and Kapiti which aims to provide hampers of nourishing food to families in need at Christmas. The rising cost of food means charities like Nourish need to raise more money to help more families. All donations will go to support Nourish Trust.

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 5 July 2025, at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. This month our guest speakers are Eric and Diana Boamah who will speak on their "Journey from Ghana to New Zealand".

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.



### OUR LADY OF THE VALLEYS YOUTH GROUP

We are organising a Youth Group – all members of the Parish aged 13 to 25 are welcome to join. This is to be held at the Pettit Centre on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July from 1 pm to 2 pm. For further information contact Ahmed 027 567 9140



## MOVIE FUNDRAISER FOR OUR LADY OF THE VALLEYS

Save the date - Sunday 27 July 3.30pm. Come along and enjoy a memorable afternoon at Monterey Cinema, UH! *The Great Lillian Hall* is a heartwarming film that promises to be an enjoyable experience for all and is an opportunity to gather socially as a parish community. \$20 per ticket, with all proceeds going towards Petitt Centre improvements.

Tickets will be available after each mass or you can purchase online from the Parish account by putting MOVIE in the reference column

## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE



"Today more than ever, humanity cries out and calls for peace. This is a cry that requires responsibility and reason, and it must not be drowned out by the din of weapons or the rhetoric that incites conflict. ... There are no "distant" conflicts when human dignity is at stake. War does not solve problems; on the contrary, it amplifies them and inflicts deep wounds on the history of peoples, which take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, or stolen futures. May diplomacy silence the weapons! May nations chart their futures with works of peace, not with violence and bloodstained conflicts!"

Pope Leo XIV 22 June 2025



## HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL:

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 2-11 2026! Registrations open July 6th at 1pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit [heartsaflame.org.nz](https://heartsaflame.org.nz) to register or find out more.

## LATE MASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE | ADW YOUNG CHURCH

It's coming to that time again, Late Night Mass for Young People! Come join us and young people across Wellington at the Sacred Heart Cathedral next Friday 4th July @8pm. If you have any questions, please contact [Regina Fernandez](mailto:r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz) ([r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz))



## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

It appears that Peter and Paul did not always get on too well together. Isn't it odd to celebrate the two of them in the one feast?



One or two differences of strategy would not mean that they were always at odds with one another. They were united in their dedication to Christ and the courageous witness of martyrdom. Another reason for a joint celebration is to present them as the founding fathers of the church in Rome, then the capital of the world. Christians saw them as replacing Romulus and Remus, the traditional founders of Rome

**Could you please explain why Peter was given first placing among the early Church?**

In the Catholic tradition the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, is considered to be the successor of St Peter. According to scripture and Church tradition Peter held a prime position of leadership among the twelve apostles.

The word 'pope' comes from the Latin papa as a translation of the Greek papas which means 'father'. Peter was the bishop of Rome and leader or 'father' of the community and can fairly be called the first 'pope' even though the term was not used in his own time but emerged later.

Catholics look to the Pope as a foundational sign of unity within the Church and guardian of the faith which has been handed down through the ages.



## COUPLES FOR CHRIST WELLINGTON

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30 pm at St Francis of Assisi Parish, Ohariu, Johnsonville. This is a free event for married couples, widowers, divorced and single parents. Please contact David on 021 152 2744 or Nick 021 043 7752.

**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.





FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles • Matthew 16:13-19

## PUZZLE FOR YOU



### PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

BLESSED  
SIMON  
PETER

ROCK  
BUILD  
CHURCH

KEYS  
KINGDOM  
HEAVEN

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### MISSION

God has given your parents the key to your house. Always let your parents open the door to your home. Let them welcome your friends.



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