

# 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**

5 Palmer Crescent

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**Parish Office**

Heretaunga

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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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**Newsletter**

[17 June, Term 2 2025 Newsletter](#)

14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Time		YEAR C	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Isaiah 66: 10-14	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Galatians 6: 14-18	
	Gospel	Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20	
13 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Deut 30: 10-14	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Colossians 1: 15-20	
	Gospel	Luke 10: 125-37	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> July	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> July	07.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee



## EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>



**THE GREAT LILLIAN HALL**

Come along and enjoy a memorable night at the movies!  
We're excited to present *The Great Lillian Hall*, a heartwarming film that promises to be an enjoyable experience for all.

There will be an under-the-seat spot prize.  
The prize-winning number will be drawn at the Cinema.

**Date:** Sunday 27 July  
**Time:** 3.30pm (movie 4.00pm)  
**Venue:** Monterey Cinema, Upper Hutt  
**Cost:** \$20

More than just a film, this event is an opportunity to strengthen our parish community.  
Ten dollars from the sale of every ticket goes towards the Petitt Centre Maintenance Fund.

Tickets will go on sale from Saturday-Sunday 28th-29th June, following Masses at Heretaunga and Stokes Valley.

## 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 Lilian 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

Donations towards the raffle and spot prizes are very welcome and can be left with the ticket seller after each

Mass or at the Parish office.

## 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



### THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus is preparing his disciples for mission. He leaves them in no doubt about the challenges, obstacles and dangers which will await them. They will succeed, however, because the power of God is working with them. Accordingly, 'the seventy return with joy'. Do I experience that joy when I do what the Lord wants?

The message entrusted to the disciples by Jesus is peace and the nearness of the kingdom of God.' This same message of peace and justice, forgiveness and healing, and the Good News of God's kingdom, has been entrusted to the Church down the centuries. Now it is my turn to witness to it.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about mission and vocation. It calls us to be simple and humble as we do our ministry. We should not be discouraged when people do not listen to us. As Pope Francis reminds us in the Joy of the Gospel, every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Jesus Christ. Despite our differences are we ready to accept the responsibility of carrying on his mission and ministry? Today Jesus asked each and every one of us to not only believe in him, but we are also called to share the good news throughout all the earth.

### 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.



### ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

Those who follow Jesus must tread the path of the Beatitudes, where poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, hunger and thirst for justice, and peace-making are often met with opposition and even persecution. Yet God's glory shines forth in his friends and continues to shape them along the way, passing from conversion to conversion."

Leo XIV, [\*Angelus\*](#), 29 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.

## **WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?**

### **First things first**

The initial part of the Mass (the Introductory Rites) is an important time of gathering and preparation. The entrance song helps to open the celebration, unite us as a body and lead our thoughts towards the mystery of God's love which we have come to celebrate. The priest's greeting ('The Lord be with you') and the congregation's response ('And with your spirit') affirms that Christ is present in our midst. This is a time for focussing on the importance of the opportunity for worship that lies before us.



### **Why do we make the sign of the cross?**

Do you rush through the sign of the cross as if swatting a fly? Don't! This gesture contains powerful symbolism connected with the Trinity and with your baptism. Indeed, it can be viewed as a prayer in itself. By making this sign you are declaring: I am completely under the power of the risen Christ, our Redeemer. You are identifying yourself with generations of Christians, for the common usage of the familiar formula - In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen - can be traced back to the second century.

## **FREE GIFT - SMARTLOVING FERTILITY- YEAR OF JUBILEE**

To celebrate the Jubilee Year which is marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another, Catholic marriage ministry, SmartLoving, is offering its Fertility online course as a free gift. The course is designed to teach couples the Sympto-Thermal method to manage their fertility in line with their faith. It incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights with relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology to foster intimacy and help couples flourish.

Use Coupon code: Jubilee2025 for FREE access to SmartLoving Fertility. The offer is available for all of July and August. Visit: [www.smartloving.org/jubilee](https://www.smartloving.org/jubilee)



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Is running its highly regarded Men's parenting course - **Game On!** - in Petone for Term 3, starting Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at Petone Community House, 6 Britannia Street, from 6.30pm to 8.30 pm. For more information contact

[reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz) or Francis 021 0887 4824

## JOSHUA

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) followed by supper.

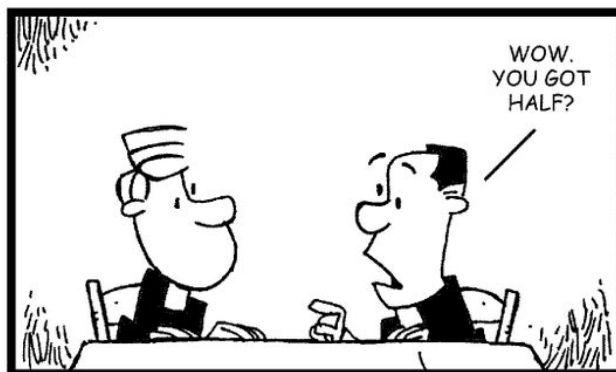
Speaker: Jeff Drane SM on "What burdens you?" Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and unwell, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently especially Fr. Brian Wysocki, Margaret

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

14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







The Proprietor,  
Archbishop Paul Martin,  
and the St Brendan's Board  
are pleased to invite you to the  
***Archbishop of Wellington's  
Blessing and Official Opening***  
of our recently completed  
refurbishment on  
***Friday, 18 July, at 11am.***  
The ceremony will take place in the hall -  
morning tea will follow.

***RSVP by Monday, 14 July.***  
Email: [office@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:office@stbrendans.school.nz)  
or, Phone: 04-939 1909



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

# Jesus Sends Out Workers

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:1-11 (NIV).



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