


# 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
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.olv.org.nz">www.olv.org.nz</a>
<b>St Brendan's School Newsletter</b>	<b>E-mail</b> <a href="mailto:office@olv.org.nz">office@olv.org.nz</a> <a href="mailto:pp@olv.org.nz">pp@olv.org.nz</a> <b>Tel</b> (04) 939 1909 <a href="#">17 June, Term 2 2025 Newsletter</a>

15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Time		YEAR C	
13 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Deut 30: 10-14 Colossians 1: 15-20 Luke 10: 25-37	
20 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 18: 1-10 Colossians 1: 24-28 Luke 10: 38-42	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am 07.30 pm	Jubilee Mass for Priests celebrated by Archbishop Paul	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre	
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV	
EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE			
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>			

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT OLOG**



## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

Jubilarians Mass  
11:00 am, Tuesday 15th July  
Our Lady of Grace, Heretaunga

Fr John Rea SM	70 Years
Fr Frank Twiss SM	65 Years
Fr Peter Fitzgibbon	60 Years
Fr Michael Gormly SSC	60 Years
Fr Tony Kearns	25 Years
Fr Biju Xavier	25 Years



## 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 Pettitt 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

The parable of the Good Samaritan brings out the practical nature of authentic charity. There are three steps in his response to the plight of the man dumped in the ditch.

The first step in love is to see people, to be aware of them and attentive. Our eyes open the shutters of our aloofness when we take notice of people. Being attentive we hear them knocking on our doors, seeking entry into our lives. But so often we are experts at ignoring people and keeping them out. The second step is to answer the knock and let the person in. The Good Samaritan was moved with compassion for the injured traveller Compassion literally means feeling-with, responding to the pain of the other person. When others knock at the door, compassion lets them in and is willing to reach out to them, whether it is in sharing tears in their sorrow, or celebrating with their joy or giving to their emptiness.

The third step in charity is to translate feeling into practical action. It is amazing how many excuses we can find to avoid helping somebody in need. But really, there is no excuse to justify failing to assist somebody in a case of life or death. The two churchy men were guided by harsh legalism to pass by on the other side. But when the Samaritan came to the scene, he was moved with compassion at what he saw. His hands sprang into practical action.

[capuchinfranciscans.ie](http://capuchinfranciscans.ie)

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Last Saturday we were blessed to have Eric and Diana Boamah share their life journey from Ghana (population 35 million, % Christian 71%) to NZ.

As a child Eric's family happily resided in one room in a compound housing complex and felt privileged not poor. Eric was the only family member afforded a university education, where he eventually met his wife Diana. Over the course of his education he earned several education scholarships to travel and study in Europe and finally to Victoria university Wellington. By chance he met a kind couple here who befriended him and gave him board. He was eventually able to complete his further education, gain employment with the Open Polytechnic, become established, and bring his wife and 2 daughters to join him here. After 9 hardworking years the family of 5 now live in Trentham, and are active and respected members of OLOG Parish. We thanked Eric and Diana for sharing their personal family photos on the overhead screen and especially for the deep faith, graces and courage they were blessed with along the way.

Eric's chosen Bible Quotes Proverbs 22:4 and 16 :9. Ecclesiastes 7 :29.



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**PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF KINH VAN NGHUYEN KINH VAN NGUYEN** Kinh who visited our Parish a few years ago as a seminarian is being ordained as a priest at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on the 12th of July 2025 at 11am by Archbishop Paul Martin. Please keep him in your prayers.

## MARIST BROTHERS

After 149 years of service in the Wellington Diocese the Marist Brothers are having to withdraw and relocate the remaining two Brothers (Br Doug Dawick and Br Mark Oliver) to Auckland. This will happen early August.

To mark the occasion Archbishop Paul Martin has agreed to say a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday July 25, at St Peter and Paul's church Lower Hutt, at 6.00pm. This will be followed by a time of fellowship. Attendees are asked to bring a plate.

The occasion also marks Fourviere Day (July 23) when the first Marists pledged their commitment to serve Mary at the church dedicated to Mary on Fourviere Hill, Lyon. The birth of the Marist Family one might say.

For the Marist Brothers the occasion will be an opportunity to say "Thank you" for the loving support offered to so many Brothers over these last 149 years. All welcome.



## 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-catholic-social-services.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz) or Francis 021 0887 4824





## PAPAL HONOUR

At the 10:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July Cardinal John will be presenting Agnes Kulatea with the Papal Honour of the Dame of the Order of St Gregory the Great. Agnes provided administrative support in the Archdiocese of Suva until 1979. In 1983 she took up the role of providing secretarial support to the Rector at the Pacific Regional Seminary. On moving to New Zealand – for over 34 years – Agnes provided secretarial and PA support to the Archbishops in the ADW offices. For those of you who know Agnes she would love you to share this special day with her.

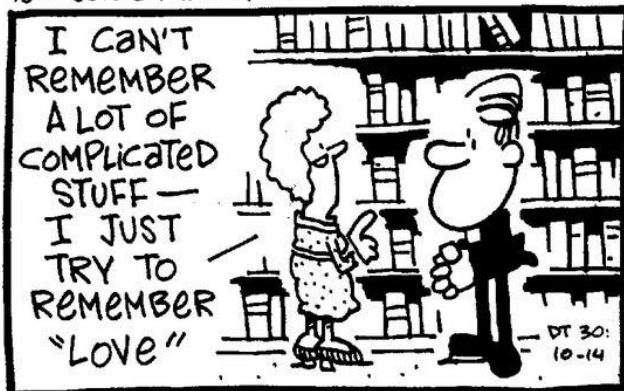
## JOSHUA

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

15<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

**PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE**  
Please note anyone wishing to get  
a Preference Certificate that Fr.  
Maleko will be available every  
Tuesday between 2 pm and 3 pm.

FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 10:25-37

PUZZLE FOR YOU

# Parable of the Good Samaritan

" 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " Luke 10:27

Based on Luke 10:25-37



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