

# 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 Tel (04) 972 4282  
Heretaunga

**Parish Administrator**

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Website**


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**St Brendan's School**

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**Newsletter**

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16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Time		YEAR C	
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	
27 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 18: 20-32 Colossians 2: 12-14 Luke 11: 1-13	

## UPCOMING EVENT

Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> July	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting



## 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 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

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.

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus scolded Martha for being so anxious and worried. Then He told Martha: 'There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.'



Put yourself in Martha's shoes. How do you think you would respond to this reprimand? Would you react as Martha did or would you pause and reflect on Jesus' statement and your reaction to his words? Would you be rational enough to ask yourself: 'Am I jealous of Mary's relationship with Jesus? Are my priorities out of order?'

Today Jesus asks each of us: What takes priority in your life? One way to answer this question is to ask ourselves: How do I use my time? Do I fritter it away? Do I work 12 hours a day? Am I involved in activities I enjoy? Do I spend quality time with the people I care about? Do I make time for prayer and spend time with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

No one else needs to know the answers to these questions. However, our answers to these questions may give us some insight into our lives. In our busy and distracting world, it is easy to get off-track. Today Jesus is inviting us to come away and spend time with Him. What a wonderful invitation! Today will we accept His invitation or will we ignore it because we are too busy?

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## PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DATE CLAIMER

The 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 12:00 noon in the Pettit Centre**. Please mark this date. It is a chance to celebrate the wonderful ways the mission of Jesus is working in our Parish, the election of new

Parish Councils and a chance to bring ideas and issues to the attention of the various parish organisations and committees. Our Annual Report to the Parish will be available shortly.

## LATE NIGHT MASS FOR YOUTH

Come celebrate the Jubilee of Youth with the Archdiocese at the Late Night Mass! Join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8pm on August 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the Eucharist together with Archbishop Paul. Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the foyer. You are all warmly invited!



## FAMILY GROUP OUTING

Come and join us for an evening of friendship and a meal at Art of Food in Main Street, Upper Hutt on Sunday, 3rd August at 5pm. If you are interested please ring Chris 0276462318 or Win 0272923680 no later than Monday 28th July.



## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! 7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Tuesday 22 July and every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.



## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'We are a people on the move. This does not set us apart but unites us to humanity like the yeast in a mass of dough, which causes it to rise. The year of the Lord's grace, reflected in the Jubilee, has this fermentation within it. In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice and peace will return, once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves, but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world, but cultivating it and protecting it.' - *Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), 7 June 2025.*

## 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-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.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.

## PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Fr. Maleko will be available every Tuesday from 2pm and 3 pm at the Presbytery in Heretaunga to sign certificates.

## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### Why do we say 'Amen' when we receive communion?

'Amen' is a prayerful way of affirming our religious convictions. When we say 'Amen' as we receive communion, we affirm our belief in the great mystery of the Eucharist. St Augustine had a great way of looking at it. He suggested that when we receive the host we should say a double amen. 'Amen' (Yes!) I believe this to be not just a piece of bread but the body of Christ. And 'Amen' (Yes!) I believe this to be not just a bunch of people but the body of Christ, a faith family called to a life of loving unity (a communion).

### Go!

'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord' says the celebrant at the end of Mass. This concluding rite is best understood as a commissioning. Renewed in our relationship as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, we are sent forth to share Christ's love with others. In fact, the word Mass is derived from the Latin word *missa* which in turn is derived from *mittere*: to send. As you leave the church, think of how you can reach out to one specific person. Find a practical way of sharing with that person the strength you have drawn from this Eucharistic celebration.



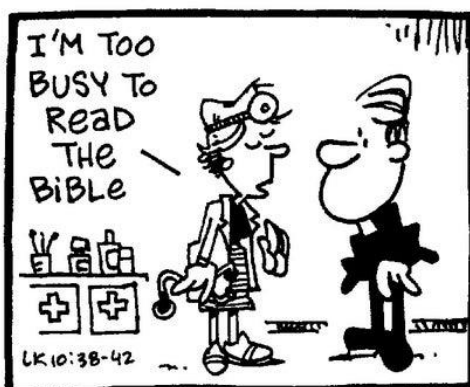
## UPPER HUTT PROPERTY

To rent 2 bedrooms, long driveway for off-street parking. Sunny, flat, back section. By Heretaunga Railway Station, for easy commuting. Available 1st August. Contact phone 027 615 4498 or email [tigermoth013@gmail.com](mailto:tigermoth013@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 John Coley, Myra Rivera, Fr. Brian Wysocki, Margaret Wanden, and Kerry Collins, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 10:38-42

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

# At the Feet of Jesus

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42



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CHOSEN	MARTHA	SISTER	JESUS	UPSET
THING	HELP	BETTER	WORRIED	WORK