



# 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 ( <b>SV</b> )	8:30 am ( <b>SV</b> ) 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	<b>Tel</b> (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Heretaunga	
<b>Website</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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	<a href="#">22 July, Term 3 2025 Newsletter</a>	

17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Time		YEAR C	
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	
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Eccles 1: 2: 2:21-23 Colossians 3: 1-5.9-11 Luke 12: 13-21	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10.30 am	Youth Mass at OLOG

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

## 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.



## JUBILEE SUNDAY FOR THE YOUTH (3RD AUGUST 2025)

In the celebration of the Jubilee Sunday for the Youth, our parish, Our Lady of the Valleys will have a:  
 Youth Mass at 10.30 am, Sunday 3rd of August 2025, at Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga  
 This will also be a commissioning day for our Parish Youth group.  
 Come and join us in celebrating our youth members of the parish!

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

### World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

How do you pray or what is your recipe for prayer? Do you follow a certain procedure or you spontaneously pray to God what is in your heart?



In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus is asked by a disciple: Lord teach us to pray and Jesus obliged him and taught the disciple the perfect prayer which is the Our Father. If we try to deeply reflect on this prayer we would notice that the Our Father contains our Adoration for God, our Contrition/Repentance for the sins that we have committed and our Supplication: we request God to give us the food that we need.

If we say this prayer with our hearts and minds deeply focused towards God we would feel something that we don't usually feel. This feeling is very hard to explain but we would certainly notice this healing experience the moment we learn how to pray the Our Father with all our being.

We must always be prayerful and we must not give up on our being prayerful. Because when we pray we connect ourselves with God, we open ourselves to the enormous blessings that are always at God's disposal when we pray.

Prayer is not asking God to give us this and that. Prayer is essentially satisfying our longing for God. And the God that we always long for will grant us the desires of our hearts because we always thirst and hunger to be with Him in prayer.

Do you have a prayer before God? Don't give up, continue to believe, have faith and you will soon have it.

*Marino J. Dasmarinas*



### 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.

### NOMINATION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS AT 2025 AGM

With an eye of the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, a number of current Parish Councillors' term of appointment have come to an end. Currently Parish Councillors stand for a two-year term with the right of renewal for two more terms.



We are therefore opening nominations for new Parish Councillors from the 27<sup>th</sup> of July. From this weekend nomination forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These should be filled in and returned back to the Parish Office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August. This time frame allows time for the nominated candidates' names to be advised to the Parish before the Annual General Meeting.

Please take the time to prayerfully discern who you think might be a suitable person to serve our Parish on the Parish Council. If you would like more details on the role of Parish Councillors and the function of the Parish Council, please feel free to speak to one of the existing Parish Councillors or Father Maleko.



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 2 August June 2025, at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. Ann Marie Bailey will speak on "58 years of nursing and the many countries and jobs it has led to".

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.

## PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Fr. Maleko will be available every Tuesday between **3pm and 4pm** at the Presbytery in Heretaunga to sign certificates.

## 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.



## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

Our relationship with God comes first. Although it is true that we must live out our faith through concrete actions, faithfully carrying out our duties according to our state of life and vocation, it is essential that we do so only after meditating on the Word of God and listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to our hearts. To this end, we should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart. This is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today, both as a value for individuals and communities, and as a prophetic sign for our times.

*Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), 20 July 2025*

## NOTIFICATION OF 2026 BALLOT – ST PATRICKS COLLEGE SILVERSTREAM

A ballot for Year 9 and other Year level placements for 2026 academic year will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am in the Rectors Office. For further information on the same please see the notice board in the foyers of both churches.



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
SILVERSTREAM



## COMMUNION SURVEY

The Parish Pastoral Council are inviting parishioners to indicate their thoughts on how communion is offered here at Our Lady of the Valleys: whether you prefer receiving it under one kind—just the host—or under both kinds—host and wine. A PPC member will be in the foyer after Mass with a clipboard. It's just a simple yes/no choice, and your input will help guide how we move forward as a Parish. The survey clipboards will remain in the foyer for a week.

## 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)

## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### Why do we celebrate the Eucharist?

For Catholics, the sacrament of the Eucharist, the sacred meal whereby we break bread and share the one cup, is the paramount sign of our unity with and in Christ. It has been described as the source and summit of the Church's life. When we receive the Eucharist we believe that we receive Jesus in an extraordinarily intimate way: we take him into our very beings in the form of food and drink. In doing so, we remember the way he died for us and rose again to lead us into eternal life. The Eucharist not only commemorates past events, it draws us into the mystery of Christ in the here and now and ultimately towards our eternal life with God.



**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 Christine Stevens, John Coley, Myra Rivera, Fr. Brian Wysocki, and Margaret Wanden, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

17TH 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.



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 11:1-13

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

# Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



Ask

Seek

Knock

P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H  
 U K I N G D O M L T S P D Q A  
 A Y Z A U B Q Q S E E E R X L  
 U Q B S B U R W F Z A A E G L  
 O R R K P U J I U R Z D C K O  
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 I J C W D K S D G I J V Q I A  
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FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK