



Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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| 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 Heretaunga |
| Parish Administrator | Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm |
| Website | www.olv.org.nz |
| St Brendan's School | 56 Palmer Cres |
| Newsletter | 22 July, Term 3 2025 Newsletter |
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| 18 th Sunday in Ordinary | | READINGS | 3 rd August 2025 |
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| 3 rd August | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Eccles 1: 2: 2:21-23 Colossians 3: 1-5.9-11 Luke 12: 13-21 |  |
| 10 th August | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Wisdom 18: 6-9 Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 Luke 12: 32-48 | |
| UPCOMING EVENT | | | |
| Sat 2 nd Aug | 02.00 pm | Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre | |
| Sun 3 rd Aug | 10.30 am | Youth Mass at OLOG | |
| Tue 5 th Aug | 05.30 pm | Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club | |
|  | EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/ | | |



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.

CWL MEETING for AUGUST

Please note our August meeting which was to be on Wednesday 6th, is cancelled. As Regional Day is being held in the Pettit Centre on Tuesday, 12th August it replaces our usual monthly meeting. We hope all our members would come to Regional Day, from 11am to 2pm with a soup lunch provided. Come and meet up with other women from the Wellington Diocese. If you'd like to know more please ring Chris 0276462318.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Three Lessons from the parable of the Rich Fool

Life is More Than Possessions: While it's not wrong to have wealth or possessions, it becomes problematic when they become the center of our lives. Jesus warns against all kinds of greed. Our lives do not consist of the abundance of our possessions but in the depth of our relationships, our character, and most importantly, our relationship with God.



The Uncertainty of Tomorrow: The rich man's plans revolved around his assumption of many years ahead. Yet, none of us truly knows how much time we have left. While it's wise to plan for the future, it's equally wise to live in the present, with gratitude, generosity, and an awareness of life's fragility.

True Wealth is in Relationship with God: The parable ends with a poignant question: What value are our earthly treasures if we're not rich towards God? Material wealth can be fleeting, but a rich relationship with God is eternal. It's the kind of wealth that feeds the soul, brings genuine joy, and has eternal significance.

Application: Today, let's ask ourselves: What treasures are we storing up? Are our barns filled only with earthly possessions or with acts of kindness, love, and faithfulness? Are we living for today without a thought of eternity? Are we rich in material wealth but bankrupt in our relationship with God?

Conclusion: Beloved, let us remember that life is short and unpredictable. Our true value isn't determined by the amount in our bank accounts or the size of our barns, but by the richness of our souls and our relationship with God.

Harrison McCaffrey



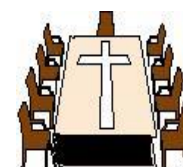
PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DATE CLAIMER

The 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 31st 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 31st 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 27th 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 15th 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.

PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

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

TINĀ (MOTHER) MOVIE FUNDRAISER FOR YOUR CATHEDRAL

Saturday 23 August 2025 at 10.00am, Lighthouse Cinema, 52 Beach Street, Petone. It tells the story of Mareta Percival, a Samoan teacher who, after losing her daughter in the Christchurch earthquakes, finds herself teaching at an elite private school and using music to inspire her students and rediscover her own passion. The film is a box office success in New Zealand, praised for its heartwarming story and performances. Tickets online by scanning the QR code on the poster or [SHC Fundraiser](#)



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

'Each of us can and should become a neighbour to all whom we meet. Imitating the example of Jesus, the Saviour of the world, we too are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment. In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together. That is the supreme law that is prior to all society's rules and gives them their meaning.'

- Pope Leo XIV, [Angelus](#), 13 July 2025.

THE ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Love is a Decision - online registration for the next Course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive Sundays 7 & 14 September 10am-4pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are limited spaces and in case you need to defer. Please note that couples attend both Sundays together in person to complete the course. Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.

The next Retreat will be held August 8-10, 2025.

For more information Contact Wendy Hill on 027 254 9222 or email wendy@rachelsvineyard.org.nz

ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE

Feast of the Assumption Join Archbishop Paul Martin, together with the other active bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand, on the 15 August 6:00pm as they gather and celebrate the Assumption mass at St Mary of the Angels Church National Shrine dedicated to Mary Assumed into Heaven, Patroness of New Zealand. We hope to see you there!



JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 21st August from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral)

followed by supper.

Theme: "The Relevance of the Good News today"

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



MOVIE FUNDRAISER FOR OUR LADY OF THE VALLEYS

Last Sunday 34 parishioners gathered at the Monterey Theatre to watch The Great Lillian Hall. It was an excellent and moving movie, a tear or two may even have been quietly shed. 13 spot prizes were won! A huge thanks to everyone who attended and to those who generously donated koha and spot prizes. We raised over \$400 and the Finance Committee will use this for the Pettit Centre upgrades. *Parish Council Committee*

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 Ruth Treacy, Christine Stevens, John Coley, Myra Rivera, and Margaret Wanden, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

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WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



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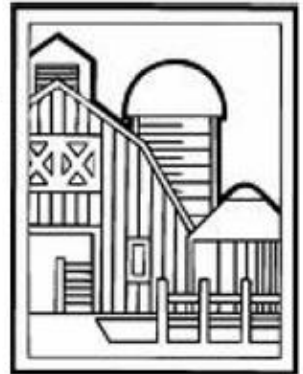
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 12:13-21

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."
Luke 12:15 (NLT)

Based on Luke 12:13-21



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