



# 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
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19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Time		YEAR C	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Wisdom 18: 6-9 Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 Luke 12: 32-48	
17 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12: 1-4 Luke 12: 49-53	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.30 am	CWL Regional Day at the Pettit Centre	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	07.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee	
	<b>EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE</b> 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>		

## CWL MEETING for AUGUST

Invitation to all women of the Parish to CWL Regional Day in the Pettit Centre on Tuesday, 12th August. You are welcome to join us for even part of the day. Come at 10.30am for morning tea, ready for an 11am start with a soup and rolls lunch provided. A speaker from Women's Refuge is coming at 1pm.



If you would like to contribute we are collecting toiletries and any other items you might think useful for families needing the shelter of the Refuge.

## FUN QUIZZ

At the St Brendan's School Hall on Friday, 12th September. 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$10 per person. 5-8 persons per table. Raffles! Lucky Ticket Prizes! Supper provided. Bring along one gold coin to take part in a "Heads & Tails" game! Proceeds to: Women's Refuge. For further information and tickets, please ring Susan 021 0683 065 (email: [vancara42@gmail.com](mailto:vancara42@gmail.com)) or Kathleen 027 659 0702 (email: [kath.emmerson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kath.emmerson@xtra.co.nz)) Upper Hutt & Heretaunga Branches of CWL look forward to seeing you.

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

C.S. Lewis said once that the way to become a Christian is to act like one. If we consciously try to act like a Christian, one day we will wake up and find that we are.



One aspect of being a Christian that we might never equate with following Jesus is hospitality. But if we look at the Scriptures, we find that the ministry of hospitality is mentioned quite often.

I recently went back to the seminary where I was educated, and I was reminded about the importance of hospitality. The seminary is owned by the Benedictines. If one knows anything about the rule of St Benedict, then you know that hospitality was very important to Benedict.

Benedict said once that we are to welcome everyone who comes to our door as if they were Christ. At Benedictine monasteries one of the most important positions is that of guest master. The guest master greets visitors and makes sure that they have a place to stay and that their needs are cared for. If the person cannot pay, they stay for free. Why? Because they are an embodiment of Christ.

We are reminded this Sunday that Jesus comes to our door as a visitor often. Do we recognise him, and do we show him hospitality? This is an important part of being a disciple.

Reflection Questions:

Who was the last person that came to my door? How did I treat that person?

Have I been treated well when I went to the door of a stranger? How did that make me feel?

*Fr Mark DeSutter*



## 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.

## PLANNED GIFTING: A SHARED BLESSING

Your generosity is more than a gift—it's a blessing that helps our parish thrive. Every contribution, financial and practical, strengthens our faith community rooted in love and service.



We've captured our shared hopes in the Parish Pastoral Plan—available [on our website](#), with a summary of our six focus areas attached. Ask yourself: What is God calling me to be part of? How can I give in new and generous ways to support these goals?

Together, we are the gift.

## **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.



## **JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY!**

On August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm all the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather at St Mary of the Angels to celebrate the feast of 'Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven'. This is the patronal feast of our country. The parish community of the National

Shrine, St Mary of the Angels, would like to invite you to attend this special occasion. Through the intercession of Mary, we will ask God, our Father, to continue to shelter our country from dissension and discord, from violence and from war, to protect us and watch over us. After the mass there will be an opportunity to meet our Bishops in the St Mary of the Angels church hall where light refreshments will be provided. Extra car parking will kindly be made available for us by the Baptist community in their parking building opposite their church in Boulcott St. Please mark this date and time in your calendars.

## **PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE**

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

## **ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE**

The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family... Faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation. – Pope Leo XIV, [Message](#) for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees



## 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](#)



## JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

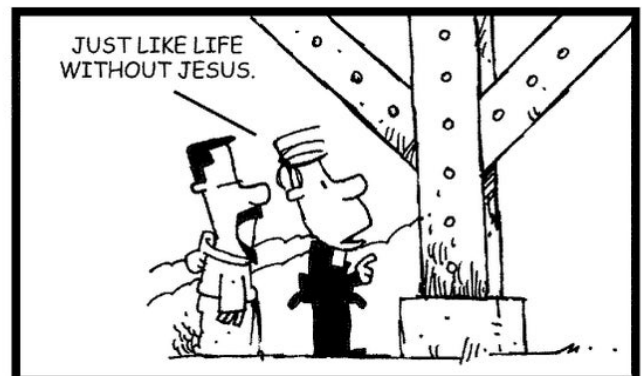
## WELLINGTON FRANCISCANS

Are you a Catholic drawn to living a life of simplicity? Do you have a special love for St Francis of Assisi? If yes to either question, then Our Lord Jesus Christ might be calling you to live the gospel in the footsteps of St Francis. To learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order of St Francis), contact Mary 0220598485. We meet monthly and welcome all enquiries.



**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 Krystyna Wos, Ruth Treacy, Christine Stevens, John Coley, and Myra Rivera, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

19<sup>th</sup> 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.



18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 12:13-21

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

# Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
Luke 12:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV).



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PURSES	DESTROYS	FATHER	POSSESSIONS	HEAVEN
PLEASED	WEAR	KINGDOM	LUKE	FLOCK
EXHAUSTED	MOTH	HEART	AFRAID	SELL
POOR	TREASURE	THIEF	LITTLE	GIVE