



# Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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| <b>Parish Priest</b>                  | Father Maleko Api-Tufuga                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Churches</b>                       | Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG)<br>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)<br>Wednesday/Friday 9:30 am (Heretaunga)<br>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<br>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</b>            | 56 Palmer Cres                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Newsletter</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><br><a href="mailto:pp@olv.org.nz">pp@olv.org.nz</a><br>5 August, Term 3 2025 Newsletter |
|                                       | Tel (04) 972 4282<br>Tel (04) 939 1909                                                                                                                                                            |

| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                              | READINGS                                                     | 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2025                                                         |
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| Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                              | YEAR C                                                       |                                                                                      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading<br>Gospel | Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10<br>Hebrews 12: 1-4<br>Luke 12: 49-53  |  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> August                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading<br>Gospel | Isaiah 66: 18-21<br>Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13<br>Luke 13: 22-30 |                                                                                      |
| UPCOMING EVENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                              |                                                              |                                                                                      |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 11.00 am                                                     | Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre                          |                                                                                      |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 01.30 pm                                                     | Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV                   |                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 07.30 pm                                                     | Parish Council Meeting                                       |                                                                                      |
|  <b>EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE</b><br>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 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST AT OLOG**



## 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.

**The Annual Report for the Parish is now available. It is emailed out to those on the Newsletter Distribution, in LIMITED printed form in the foyer of both Churches and is also available online [www.olv.org.nz/publications/olv-annual-report/](http://www.olv.org.nz/publications/olv-annual-report/) If anyone needs a copy please contact the office.**

## THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

The Christian must not be lukewarm. The Book of Revelation tells us that this is the greatest danger for a Christian: not that he or she may say 'no,' but that they may say a very lukewarm 'yes.' Lukewarmness is, as the late Pope Benedict emphasised, what discredits Christianity most. Therefore it is one of the biggest problems facing the Catholic Church as a whole and therefore every Catholic diocese and every Catholic parish including our own. We need to confront it straight on.



The greatest way of all God has established to inflame us is at Mass. Whoever draws near Christ draws near the fire, Origen said in the third century. If that's true, then all the more Christ says to us, 'Whoever receives me, receives the fire.' Whenever we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we ingest Fire. Christ has come to ignite that fire and how he wants each of us to become truly enkindled! St Catherine of Siena used to say in the 1300s, 'If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze!'

Mass is the place where Christ helps us to become who we should be. As we prepare to receive him today, we beg the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us now to pray for us that we may be enveloped by fire, always burn with love to the glory of God, and bring that flame of faith out to warm others hearts and fill our parish and the whole world with the fire of God's amazing love.

*Fr Roger J. Landry*



## NOMINATION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS AT 2025 AGM DEADLINE EXTENDED

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 24<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.

## 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](#)

## CATHOLIC WOMES LEAGUE FUNDRAISER FOR WOMENS REFUGE

Support a good cause and join us for a fun-filled quiz night!  
There will be raffles and lucky ticket prizes. Supper will also be provided. Bring a gold coin for heads or tails

WHERE: St Brendans School Hall on 12th September 2025 (7:15pm for a 7:30pm Start) Cost: Tickets cost \$10 per person (5 to 8 per table)

For further information

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.



## ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

'Jesus exhorts us not to keep to ourselves the gifts that God has given us, but rather to use them generously for the good of others, especially those most in need of our help. It is not simply a matter of sharing the material goods we have, but putting our skills, time, love, presence and compassion at the service of others'. - Pope Leo XIV, *Angelus*, 10 August 2025.

## JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Come and join other men at Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship, 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" Speaker: Fr Patrick Bridgman Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, OTAKI

A Pilgrimage of Hope will take place at Hāto Mere/St Mary's, Pukekaraka, Otaki on Sunday, 31st August. Ngati Kapu invites all parishioners from the Wellington Archdiocese to arrive in time for the Powhiri on the Marae at 1 pm. Our programme includes sharing aspects of our Māori, Marist and Marian history and spirituality through talks, prayer and time to experience the spirit of Pukekaraka. You are welcome to come with some special hope or prayer on paper, which will be buried with a tree to commemorate this Year of Jubilee. Our formal gathering will finish about 4 pm.

There will be parking in the school and Church grounds for early arrivals or you can park along Te Rauparaha Street, which leads into 4 Convent Road, where we are sited.

## HOLY HOUR

For vocations to the priesthood 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 26 August and every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.





## SAMOAN MASS | MISASA SAMOA

All are welcome to celebrate mass in Gagana Samoa (Samoan language) together at St Francis Xavier Church every 4th Sunday of the Month. Samoan Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24th August @ 11.30am. Rosary will start at @11am prior to mass start - hope to see you there!

## LATE NIGHT MASS FOR YOUNG POEPL

Come celebrate Mass with young people across Wellington at the September Late Night Mass for Young People! Join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8pm on September 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Eucharist together with Fr Kinh. Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the foyer. You are all warmly invited!



**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.



## Stream Showcase 2025

Thursday August 21st (Week 6)

7pm - 9pm

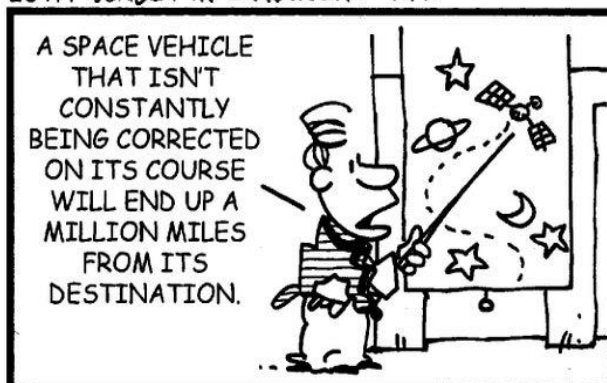
St Patrick's College, Silverstream Auditorium

\$5 entry/ Seniors & Children Gold Coin entry - proceeds go to fundraising for Movember (Men's mental Health) & investing in the Performing Arts.

Food & Beverages available to purchase at the intermission

Stream Showcase is a celebration of student creativity and courage, offering a platform to perform, connect, and inspire. We aim to build confidence, strengthen community, and put into the spotlight the gifts within our school.

20TH 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.



20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 12:49-53

## PUZZLE FOR YOU

### Run the Race

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)

Based on Hebrews 12:1-2



G Y B R H X E A E N G E T Z Q  
B H W T N U E L J W E Q H U S  
S F I P A T E G H F V V A E B  
D A I P Z H O T S I A I S X H  
F M U X H R A S D L N S H C L  
D K I C K O D T I D E D S O K  
C R U N F W M I U N M E E S F  
M T H R O N E O T P Y O F R V  
U A A Y M I L I F E E S G K S  
F A R A E C W X B U L J R N X  
R F J K J C V H Q G U E E I T  
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C J O C O D U F U D M U T E A  
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R G W R I P K J O Y T L K U N

GREAT  
WITNESSES  
MARKED

RACE  
THROW  
FIX

JESUS  
THRONE  
HINDERS

JOY  
EYES  
CLOUD

FAITH  
RUN  
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