


# 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 Tel (04) 972 4282
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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<b>Newsletter</b>	<a href="#">19 August, Term 3 2025 Newsletter</a>

21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Time		YEAR C	
24 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 66: 18-21 Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 Luke 13: 22-30	
31 <sup>st</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Ecc 3: 17-20, 28-29 Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24 Luke 14: 1 7-14	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church	
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	12.00 pm	PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE			
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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.

**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

Unlike Jesus, we seem very often too be concerned about numbers as it that is the most important sign of the presence of the Kingdom and of its power to save the world. Rather than on numbers, Jesus asks us to concentrate on entering through the narrow door. This phrase has given rise to all sorts of negative spiritualities, but what Jesus is saying is to take up the cross and follow him every day of our lives. It is the cross that will bring us joy and everlasting life.



He also foretells we will be surprised by those who enter and those who don't. However, hard we try, we often find ourselves excluding persons or groups from salvation. Jesus invites us to be wary of judging others, and to believe that all can be open to God's loving offer of salvation.

*Resource of the Irish Jesuits*

Of course, Jesus' door is a narrow one but not because it is a torture chamber. No, not for that reason! Rather, because he asks us to open our hearts to him, to recognise that we are sinners in need of his salvation, his forgiveness and his love in order to have the humility to accept his mercy and to let ourselves be renewed by him. Being Christian is living and witnessing to faith in prayer, in works of charity, in promoting justice, in doing good. The whole of our life must pass through the narrow door which is Christ.

*The late Pope Francis*



## PARISH MORNING TEA

All parishioners are invited for a coffee morning this coming Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Join us at 10am at the Car Museum Cafe on George Daniel's Drive, off Alexander Road.

## 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!



## PLANNED GIVING

In the month of August we are exploring the why and the how we can give to the work of the church. Generosity lies at the heart of discipleship. We have seen where the money goes and we know how necessary it is to contribute fully to the Parish, both actively and financially. Please consider giving regularly to the Parish by direct debit. If you wish to do so, just contact the parish office: [office@olov.org.nz](mailto:office@olov.org.nz)



## **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

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Upper Hutt & Heretaunga Branches of CWL look forward to seeing you.



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

'Let us not be afraid to choose life! It may seem risky and imprudent.

Many voices whisper: "Why bother? Let it go. Think of your own interests."

These are voices of death. But we are disciples of Christ. It is his love that drives us — soul and body — in our time. As individuals and as the Church, we no longer live for ourselves. This — and only this — spreads life and lets life prevail. Our victory over death begins here and now.' – *Pope Leo XIV*,

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> August and every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

## **UNDERSTANDING TE TIRITI/TREATY: AN INTRODUCTION FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**

For the jubilee year and jubilee of Te Awa Kairangi Parish, the Archdiocesan Bicultural Relations Committee are offering a 2-hour session on Te Tiriti and Catholic social teaching. Session led by Mons. Gerard Burns. Location: Ss Peter & Paul Church Hall, 9.45am Saturday 30th August (after 9am Mass) starting with a cuppa. Visit to Wi Tako exhibit at Dowse Art Museum included. All welcome.

## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Our parish youth group will have the following upcoming activities:

Understanding the Rosary

24<sup>th</sup> of August (Sunday)

1pm at the Pettit Centre

Learning to Bake

14<sup>th</sup> of September (Sunday)

1pm at the Pettit Centre



The activities are open to all our parish youth members (13-25 years old).

## FILIPINO SUNDAY MASS

12.30 pm, 7 September 2025

**Sacred Heart Cathedral**, 40 Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington

Filipinos are encouraged to wear their Filipiñana for the mass.

There will be a fellowship after the mass to celebrate the Birthday of Mama Mary and Father's Day.

All are welcome to join the Filipino Mass to be held on the

following schedule:



## LATE NIGHT MASS FOR YOUNG POEPL

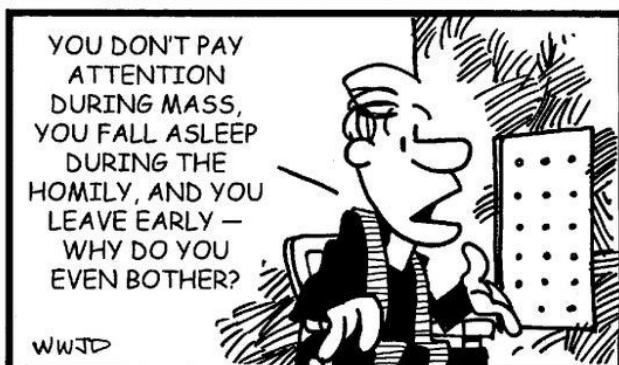
Come celebrate Mass with young people across Wellington at the September Late Night Mass for Young People! Join us at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8pm on September 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Eucharist together with Fr Kinh. Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the 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 Tony Conroy, Krystyna Wos, Ruth Treacy, and Christine Stevens, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





FOR THE YOUNG ONES

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 13:22-30

## PUZZLE FOR YOU



### PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS  
TAUGHT  
SAVED

NARROW  
LOCKS  
KNOCK

DOOR  
FEAST  
KINGDOM

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### MISSION

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.



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