



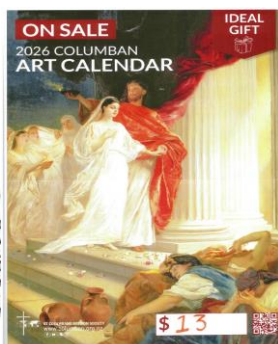
Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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
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25 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	21 st September 2025
Time		YEAR C	
21 st Sept	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Amos 8: 4-7 Timothy 2: 1-8 Luke 16: 1-13	
28 th Sept	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Amos 6: 1:4-7 Timothy 6: 11-16 Luke 16: 19-31	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 23 rd Sept	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church	
Wed 24 th Sept	01.30 pm	Parish Morning Tea	
 EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/			

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2026



In **LIMITED** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$13 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), programme of instruction in the Roman Catholic Faith and the preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, begins on

Wednesday, 29th October 2025 starting at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room at the back of Our Lady of Grace Church. For further information, please contact:

Liz McCaul: 527 3211 or 021 1028 297, or Father Maleko.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Encountering Christ:

God Calls Me to Be a Steward: The Gospel uses the image of a steward to describe our place in this world. A steward is entrusted to care for the master's property until his return. Time on earth is limited, and we will eventually need to give an account of our stewardship. 'In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!' (Pope Francis, March 19, 2013). What precious goods has the Creator placed in our care?



Be a Smart Investor: We need to be wise and prudent with worldly investments to provide for ourselves and those under our care. This Gospel challenges us to apply similar strategies to our spiritual lives. We have been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit for our growth and the good of the Kingdom of Christ. No one has the same gifts because all of us have been given unique and irreplaceable missions by God. May we properly evaluate our investment priorities so that we won't gain the whole world but end up losing our soul. (Matthew 16:26)

A Training Ground: Today's parable invites us to train ourselves in the art of spiritual investment once we have set our priorities. The Church has left us with troves of spiritual treasures; we can learn from the lives of the saints, their spiritual writings, and commentaries on the Scriptures. We have recourse to the sacraments, different forms of prayer, retreats, and spiritual guidance. The resources are there. How is the Lord inviting us to deepen our relationship with him?



50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

St. Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley- Sunday, 9th November 2025 at 10:00 AM

Join us for a special Parish Mass celebrating 50 years since the opening of St. Francis Xavier Church. This will be the only Mass in the parish that Sunday (usual Saturday vigil mass remains) — let's come together to mark this milestone with joy and gratitude. All are welcome — let's make it a celebration to remember!

PARISH MORNING TEA

All parishioners are invited for a coffee morning this coming Wednesday 24th September. Join us at 10am at the Car Museum Cafe on George Daniel's Drive, off Alexander Road.



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LOST AND FOUND

Found hearing aids at OLOG on Sunday the 14th of September. If anyone knows of a lady called Kathleen from Taupo please get in touch with the office.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Help needed for the Saturday Vigil Mass at Stokes Valley for Collectors, Greeters, Proclaimers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact the office urgently.

We also need someone who can do flower arrangements.



NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD



During the month of November, we remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated in the Parish during November.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE



Just as there is personal pain, so too there is the collective pain in our own day. Entire populations are crushed by the weight of violence, hunger and war, and they cry out for peace. This immense cry challenges us to pray, take action to end all violence, and bring peace to those who suffer. Above all, it pleads with God, whose heart trembles with compassion, to bring his Kingdom. The true consolation we must offer to those around us is showing that peace is possible, and that it grows within each of us, if we do not stifle it'. – Pope Leo XIV

PRIVACY OFFICER

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to be our first Parish Privacy Officer. The privacy officer should be a responsible and practical person, familiar with the principles in the Privacy Act, who will work to make sure the parish complies with the Act in all activities. The person in the role will be supported by the Parish Council and the Diocesan Privacy Officer. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council Chair for further details: olov.ppc@gmail.com

FAITH-FILLED CONVERSATIONS TO NAVIGATE MĀORI WARD REFERENDUMS

This September, people across New Zealand are invited to vote on Māori wards in their local councils. Unsure what it means for your community?

The ADW Bicultural Relations Committee is offering a 2-hour workshop created by Common Grace Aotearoa - to help us engage in the issue with faith and aroha. Join us at Ss Peter & Paul Church Hall, Lower Hutt, on Tuesday 16 September at 7pm. You'll hear from Mons. Gerard Burns and Edna Bell, watch video reflections from Māori Christian leaders, and take part in guided conversation and prayer.



"My Time Inside The Conclave"
with Cardinal John Dew

Tuesday, 7 October 2025 | 6.30am | The Wellington Club (88 The Terrace, Wellington 6012)
BOOKING: [trybooking.com/nz/YVJ](https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YVJ)

INSIDE THE CONCLAVE WITH CARDINAL JOHN DEW:

Invite your friends, family and coworkers to a very special morning event on Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 6.30am at The Wellington Club (88 The Terrace, Wellington) to find out what happens inside the Conclave, from the only living New Zealander who's been inside. Cardinal John Dew will talk about his time at the Vatican during the funeral of Pope Francis and then taking part in the Conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV. Tickets are \$40 per person. There will be light breakfast nibbles, tea and coffee available from 6.30am, with the presentation commencing at 7.00am. Tickets can be booked at: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YVJ>

THE ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Love is a Decision - register online now on the Archdiocesan website for the next Course, consecutive Sundays 2 & 9 November 10.00am-4.00pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Please note that couples attend both Sundays together in person to complete the course. The November course will be the last course for 2025. The first course in 2026 will be in March. Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



HOPE AND RENEWAL SUMMIT

This week, we pray for healing of our hearts, minds, bodies, and communities. As we continue our journey toward the Summit, we ask the Lord to bring deep renewal to His Church. May the Holy Spirit move in power and may all who attend the Summit experience the peace, freedom, and restoration that only Christ can give. To learn more or support the Hope and Renewal Summit, visit hoperenewalsummit.com or email hoperenewal@pndiocese.org.nz. Let us pray:

God of mercy, bring healing to hearts, minds, and bodies.

Let this Summit be a place of peace, release, and deep renewal. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, who stood at the foot of the Cross, pray for all who suffer. Holy Spirit, bring consolation and ignite the fire of new life within your Church. Amen.



THANK YOU – CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

From the Upper Hutt and Heretaunga Branches of the Catholic Women's League to all those people who supported our Fun Quizz night in any way, e.g. bought tickets, provided raffle prizes, supper last Friday. We had no expenses. Everything was donated. The profit was \$2,533 that goes this year to our National At Home Appeal, Women's Refuge.



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, Ann Wilson, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, and Tony Conroy and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

25TH 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.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 16:1-13

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Dishonest Manager

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV).



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LOVE	WEALTH	DIG	RICH	BEG
GAIN	PEOPLE	ACCOUNT	WASTING	MASTER
TRUST	MONEY	PROPERTY	DEBTORS	DISHONEST