



Our Lady of the Valleys Parish

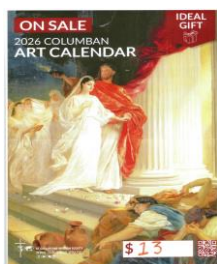


Parish Priest	Father Maleko Api-Tufuga
Churches	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)
Sunday Eucharist	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV) 8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
Weekday Eucharist	Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes 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
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26 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	28 th September 2025
Time		YEAR C	
28 th Sept	1 st Reading	Amos 6: 1:4-7	
	2 nd Reading	Timothy 6: 11-16	
	Gospel	Luke 16: 19-31	
5 th Oct	1 st Reading	Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2:2-4	
	2 nd Reading	Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14	
	Gospel	Luke 17: 5-10	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Wed 1 st Oct	01.30 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre	
Sat 4 th Oct	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre	
<div>EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE</div> <div>What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/</div>			

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON 2ND AND 3RD AND THE 9 AM MASS ON THE 4TH OF OCTOBER AS FATHER MALEKO WILL BE ATTENDING THE SUMMIT

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2026



In **LIMITED** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office and the church foyer. If you would like to pay through the bank please mention COLUMBAN CALENDAR in the reference. They are priced at \$13 each so 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:

Wealth/Duty: In this parable, Jesus does not condemn wealth, per se, but reminds all of us that the wealthy have a serious moral obligation to help the poor. For generations, Catholic social teaching as Pope Leo XIV reminds us, has emphasised this responsibility: ‘...Remember the aphorism of the Fathers, ‘Feed the man dying of hunger, because if you have not fed him, you have killed h’. ‘Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice’ (Centesimus Annus).

Warn My Brothers: The rich man cared little for Lazarus, but he apparently loved his five brothers enough to ask that they be warned: ‘lest they too come to this place of torment.’ How many of us go about our day-to-day duties, forgetful of the poor, distracted, worried, or simply refusing to acknowledge the prophets of our time – saints, good priests, holy friends – who remind us daily that Jesus Christ came back from the dead to save us from our sins?

Christ Became Poor for Us: Christ became poor so that we might be wealthy – not one day in heaven, but right here, right now. He bestowed on us a royal identity through our Baptism. He feeds us with bread from heaven to sustain us on our journey. He forgives our sins so that we can begin over and over. He also showers us with spiritual wealth by the love he sends us through others. Our hearts are full of gratitude, but are we willing to become poor for others in imitation of Our Lord? To give without counting costs? To serve the outcast? To defend the weak?



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!

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.



WORKSHOP FOR EUCHARISTIC AND PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD MINISTERS

A workshop is being conducted by Fr. Patrick Bridgeman on October 18th, at OLOG Church at 10 am for those who intend to join these ministries and also who are already rostered on. Kindly set the date and time aside and please ensure you all attend the same.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

1st October 2025, starting at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre. We would like to invite all parishioners, Male and Female, to this meeting as we have a very interesting talk on Safe Driving for Seniors. The meeting will be conducted by a member of the Police. Look forward to seeing you there.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 4th October 2025, at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. This month our guest speaker is to be Sister Clare O'Connor who will talk about her 50 years as a religious sister in the Cenacle Order. The sisters' ministry is focused on spiritual direction and hosting religious retreats.

Reminder - Gold coin donations to cover speakers' expenses are always most appreciated. Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Praying together and learning to bake:

Rosary, Sports, and Games 28th of September (Sunday) 12.30pm at the Pettit Centre. The activities are open to all our parish youth members (13-25 years old).



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

'Jesus invites us to ask ourselves: how are we managing the material goods, the resources of the earth and our very lives that God has entrusted to us? We can follow the way of selfishness, placing wealth above all else and thinking only of ourselves. But this isolates us from others and spreads the poison of competition, which often fuels conflict. Instead, we can recognize everything we have as a gift from God, to be managed and used as an instrument for sharing – to create networks of friendship and solidarity, to work for the common good, and to build a world that is more just, equitable and fraternal.' - 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

"My Time Inside The Conclave"
with *Cardinal John Dew*
Tuesday 7 October 2025 | 6:30am | The Wellington Club (88 The Terrace, Wellington 6011)
BOOKING: trybooking.com/nz/VV



12.30 pm, 5 October 2025 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 40 Hill Street, Thorndon. All are welcome to join. Filipinos are encouraged to wear their Filipiñana for the mass.

Please come and join us at St Joseph's Upper Hutt in a month-long Rosary Crusade during October, as we unite with others across the globe to unleash the Power of the Rosary in our world. This will be held every evening at 7pm (except Wednesdays when it will be at 6.15pm). We will be reciting two full Rosaries and look forward to seeing you! Enquiries - Mary 0275556333



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.



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 Tony Conroy and for those whose anniversaries occur around

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FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 16:19-31

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV).



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