



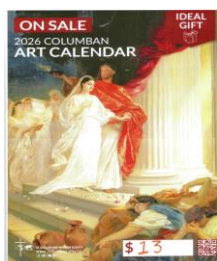
Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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	Sat at OLOG from 9.30am to 10.00am
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
Newsletter	16 September, Term 3 2025 Newslett
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27 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	5 th October 2025
Time		YEAR C	
5 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2:2-4 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 Luke 17: 5-10	
12 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	2Kings 5: 14-17 2Timothy 2: 8-13 Luke 17: 11-19	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 7 th Oct	05.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club	
Thurs 9 th Oct	07.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee	
 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 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. **The Introductory Session is scheduled on Wednesday 29th October 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga.** For further information, please contact: Liz McCaul: 527 3211 or 021 1028 297, or Father Maleko.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Faith can move mountains... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, skepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?



Faith is like a mustard seed, small, and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?

It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?

This is particularly true when it comes to love. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?



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!

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday the 7th of October at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish.



MEN'S GROUP

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.



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

This weekend at our Masses, we join with the Sisters of Compassion, and all the peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand, to celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa. Following her example, in this year of pilgrimage, let us be aware of the presence of God in our life's journey, and see Jesus in all who we encounter along the way.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE



'By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord's own self-sacrificing Love.'

Pope Leo XIV, [Message](#) for World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation.

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>



"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)



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

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

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2025 (12 OCTOBER)

Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life. Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, *Te Kahu o te Ora*: "We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a



lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions.” Support Life Sunday 2025 provides an opportunity, within this year of Jubilee, to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Does a person receive more grace by taking Holy Communion from the chalice as well as from the host?

The short answer is 'No'. Even a tiny particle of the sacred host is a total meeting with the Lord who is the Bread of Life.

However, for better liturgy we should be moving towards the availability of the chalice to all who receive. It is not a question of receiving more grace but a more complete fulfilment of the Lord's invitation at the last supper- to eat this bread and drink this cup.

1. The words of the Eucharistic Prayer say “take this Chalice, and drink from it ...”
2. Communion is only distributed by Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
3. Taking a ‘**self help**’ action to the Blood of Christ is not correct
4. It is a Priest who can intinct the bread into the blood and offer to communicants the Body and Blood of Christ – but the blood could not be placed in the hand and needed to be administered on the tongue. However, we are not supposed to give Communion on the tongue today for health and safety reasons.



COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS TO RESUME THIS SUMMER

Following thoughtful discussion between Fr Maleko and the Parish Pastoral Council, and in light of the recent parish survey (which showed a 50/50 split), we're pleased to share that Communion under both kinds—bread and wine—will resume starting the weekend of 6–7 December. Taking a ‘**self help**’ action to the Blood of Christ is not correct. This decision reflects our commitment to inclusivity and spiritual nourishment while respecting the diverse views within our community. The Parish Pastoral Council will review this arrangement again at Easter next year. Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey and helped guide this decision.



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, Maria Taguba Balao, Ann Wilson, and Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 17:5-10

PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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mustard
tree

ocean
thanks
servants

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MISSION

If you know of people in your church who are very old or sick, talk to your family about ways to help them. You could rake leaves for them, help them clean their house, or bring them groceries. Help with a smile.



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