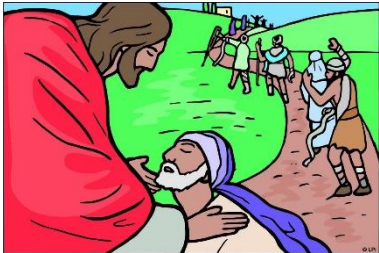


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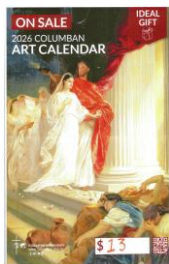
Parish Priest	Father Maleko Api-Tufuga
Churches	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)
Sunday Eucharist	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV) 8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
Weekday Eucharist	Tuesday / Thursday 9:30 am (Stokes 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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28 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	12 th October 2025
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12 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	2Kings 5: 14-17 2Timothy 2: 8-13 Luke 17: 11-19	
19 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 17: 8-13 Timothy 3: 14-4:2 Luke 18: 1-8	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 14 th Oct	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church	
Wed 15 th Oct	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre	
Thur 16 th Oct	01.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV	
Thur 16 th Oct	07.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Sat 18 th Oct	10.00 am	Workshop for Proclaimers and Eucharistic Ministers	
EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE			
What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/			

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 15th OCTOBER AT OLOG

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND The Council of Priests along with Archbishop Paul, have requested an Hour of Prayer in the Archdiocese, this Sunday, 12th October from 3:00 - 4:00pm, for "Peace which is badly needed in Gaza and the Holy Land." Sunday 12th October, is also, "Support Life Sunday so there is some synergy between it and praying for Peace." Please come together, as a community at Our Lady of Grace Church to take part in a Liturgy and a time for prayer and reflection.

CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of Season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.



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

The cure of the lepers is not just a physical cure, it was also brought the people healed back from exclusion into the community. Perhaps you have experienced the movement from exclusion to inclusion. What was it like for you to be accepted once again when you had felt excluded?



Who were the Jesus people for you who brought about this change? For whom have been able to do this, perhaps by healing a rift with a friend, or by listening to the opinion of someone you had dismissed out of hand, or by opening the door in some other way to another?

Some people work hard at breaking down barriers in society, seeking inclusion for those who find themselves labelled as lepers by society or by a section of society. Where have you seen this happening? Who has been doing this kind of work? Where is the good news in such action?

When we do good for another, we may not do it for the thanks we hope to get, but it can hurt when no gratitude is shown. Sometimes it is those closest to us who can take us for granted. What helps you to cope in such circumstances?

How have you experienced the positive effects of thanks 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!

MISSION NZ

Mission Sunday on Sunday 19th October celebrates our being witnesses of God, ready to proclaim, in word and deeds, the joy of the Good News of Jesus. We also express our solidarity to help missionary activities in other parts of the world. Give from your heart. Your gift is your legacy to missions. Donate online: <https://missio.nz/donate>





VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

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

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

'Therefore, there is life, a new possibility of life and salvation that comes from faith, because it not only helps us to resist evil and to persevere in doing good, but it transforms our lives so as to make of them an instrument of the salvation that even today God wishes to bring about in the world...



As Saint Paul VI affirmed, "it is our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel in this extraordinary period of human history, a time truly without precedent, in which, at the heights of progress never before reached, there are also accompanying depths of perplexity and desperation equally without precedent"

Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), 5 October 2025.

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 027 5556333

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP We were blessed to have Sister Clare O'Connor, who recently celebrated her 50th anniversary as a Cenacle Sister, to speak at our gathering last Saturday. She shared with us how God placed on her heart a burning desire to serve Him as a Cenacle Sister. Sister Clare sang a song she had composed relating to her call to religious life and also quoted Colossians 1:29. Cenacle means upper room and the Sisters specialise in spiritual direction and retreats. Conversation carried on over a cuppa and eats.





COMPASSION HOUSING has a house for rent at 2/46 Merton Street Upper Hutt. The house is a standalone property and is 2 bedrooms. The rent is \$420 per week. You can contact us on 0800 464 774 for more details.

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Thursday 16th October in Sacred Heart Cathedral FOYER (Connolly Hall unavailable!). Join us from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start followed by supper. Speaker: Simon Rayner on his walk of a lifetime - "Pilgrimage of Hope" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280, email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



Come & See Vocations Morning Saturday, 18 October from 9.30am till 12.30pm @ St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie. Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Text 021 164 5800 or email: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz to let us know you're coming!

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Love is a Decision - register online now on the Archdiocesan website for the next course, consecutive Sundays, 2 and 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



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.

THE PARISH CONGRATULATES LINDA AND GORDON HOLMES ON THEIR 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 17:11-19

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV).



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