

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 Tel (04) 972 4282 Heretaunga
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Website	www.olv.org.nz E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909
Newsletter	14 October, Term 4 2025 Newsletter

29 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	19 th October 2025
Time		YEAR C	
19 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 17: 8-13 Timothy 3: 14-4:2 Luke 18: 1-8	
26 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Eccl. 35: 12-14, 16-19 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 21 st Oct	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church	
Thur 23 rd Oct	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting	
EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE			
What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/			

TRANSCRIPT OF THE HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labors.

When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

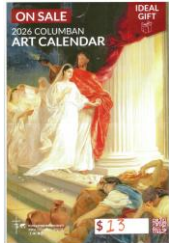
I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. God bless you all!

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>



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)

This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with an Introductory/Welcome session. These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. The **Introductory Session is scheduled on Wednesday 30th October 2024 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

The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind but to change ourselves, and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?



The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had doubts about the outcome? What, for you, have been the fruits of persistent prayer?

Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?



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, 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE



'All the members of the People of God have a duty to make their voices heard, albeit in different ways, in order to point out and denounce such structural issues, even at the cost of appearing foolish or naïve. Unjust structures need to be recognized and eradicated by the force of good, by changing mindsets but also, with the help of science and technology, by developing effective policies for societal change. It must never be forgotten that the Gospel message has to do not only with an individual's personal relationship with the Lord, but also with something greater: "the Kingdom of God (cf. *Lk* 4:43)"' Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi Te*, 4 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



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

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.

NOSTRA AETATE Celebrating 60 Years of the Church's call to dialogue with people of all faiths. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations welcomes all who wish to join us as we acknowledge Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II document promulgated on 28 October 1965, and outline contemporary approaches to religious dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand Today. To be held on: Tuesday 28 October 2025 from 7.00 – 8.00pm. Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NA-NZ-2025>

CONCERT AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL The Cathedral Saturday Vigil Music Group of Sacred Heart Cathedral has been putting together a concert for Sunday 2nd of November at 2.00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. It is primarily to honour our leader, Sr Marie Gore, and it is also a fundraiser for the Cathedral. The programme is of classical, operatic, and contemporary music, all performed by the Vigil Mass Group and other Wellington musicians. The entry fee is \$20.00 Adult, \$15.00 Concession, \$40.00 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children). Tickets at the door.

CALLED & EQUIPPED FORMATION PROGRAMME Applications for 2026 now open! Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others? Would You like to know more about what it means to be catholic? Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough? Join us on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. For more information, contact Lucienne Hensel at: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 04 496 1715.

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE enrolment for Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma in Theology for Semester One 2026 will take enrolments until **21 November 2025**. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to enrol. You can find the post for this on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



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, Kathleen Mary McKernan (Sr Mary), Maria Taguba Balao, Anne Wilson, and Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

29th 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.



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 18:1-8