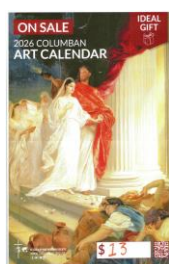


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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
Newsletter	14 October, Term 4 2025 Newsletter
	Tel (04) 972 4282
	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
	Tel (04) 939 1909

30 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	26 th October 2025
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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	
2 nd Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Apocalypse 7P: 2-4, 9-14 1John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 28 th Oct	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church	
Wed 29 th Oct	10.00 am	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 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 29th 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.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 1 November 2025, at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. This month our theme will be gardening. Come along and share tips and advice on how to have a colorful or productive garden. Bring along any cuttings, bulbs or seedlings which you wish to share/swap. There will be a quiz to test our knowledge. Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations are always gratefully accepted. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa



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.

On All Souls Day, **Sunday November 2nd**, a Special Mass of Remembrance is being organised. It is to be celebrated in **Our Lady of Grace Church**, Heretaunga, at **10:30 am** for all the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months. All are welcome to attend.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

We are often defensive in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?



Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?

The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees them differently. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions? What lessons did you learn for yourself from this?



LATE NIGHT MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE Come join us for this November's Late Night Mass on 7th November at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Like always, Mass begins at 8.00pm followed by fellowship in the foyer. Bring a plate and a friend to celebrate together in the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist!



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!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Once again CWL are going to be selling tickets for a hamper of Christmas treats. Don't forget to bring along some cash as you won't want to miss out! Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5 and will be available at all Masses on the weekends of 16th and 23rd November and will be drawn at our Christmas lunch on 26th November. Would all our members please bring something for the raffle at our next meeting on Wednesday 5th November. No toiletries or perishable goods please. If you would prefer a small monetary donation would be appreciated.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

'One cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest. From the beginning of Scripture, God's love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them.'

Pope Leo XIV, [*Dilexi Te*](#), 4 October 2025



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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All parishioners are invited to our Christmas lunch at Te Marua Golf Course on Wednesday 26th November at 12 noon and is \$40 per head. Come and bring a friend. Anyone interested please ring Trisha on 5285161.



PARISH COUNCIL IS ORGANISING AN 'EXPO' so that our missions and groups can show you what they are doing. This will be at the Pettit Centre on 30th November, starting at 11.30 am. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, and join the group if you wish. We have four groups signed up so far. If your mission/group is not already on the list, and you want to display at the expo, just call Philip on 9709052



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available. They will be at the foyer of both Churches and in the Parish Office. A pack of 8 cards is \$6 each.

GREAT SAINTS OF ITALY TOUR 2026 Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a tour to Italy in May 2026. Please contact Pilgrimage Tours Ph 0800 99 77 88 or www.theTOURcompany.net for the full itinerary and price.



YOUTH MINISTER NETWORK EVENING If you're a youth minister, working in the young people space or wanting to start your own group, come to the Youth Minister Network Evening to meet others across Wellington and learn more about young people's ministry! This will be held on 11th November from 6.00-8.30pm with the location still TBC. Please RSVP to r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz

We are inviting all Filipino parishioners of Our Lady of the Valleys Parish for a meet and greet on the following schedule: Parish Filipino Community Meet and Greet, Friday 31 October 2025 at 7.00pm, Pettit Centre, Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga. This will be our platform to meet and get acquainted with each other, especially the new members of our parish. We will also talk about our upcoming activities and how we can participate. Hope to see you there. Kitakits po =)



NOVEMBER IS CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL APPEAL MONTH. We live in challenging times – times that are causing many people to lose hope. The poor and vulnerable among us are especially affected. This is why we

need your help. Your ongoing support helps us bring hope to those who need it. Supporting this valuable mahi is easy, and there are many ways to do so, including the link: www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate

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 and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



30th 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.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 18:9-14 (NIV).



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