

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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Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed		READINGS YEAR C	2 nd November 2025
2 nd Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Apocalypse 7P: 2-4, 9-14 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12	
9 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9. 12 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 John 2: 13-22	

UPCOMING EVENT

Tue 4 th Nov	05.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 5 th Nov	01.30 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre
Sat 8 th Nov	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship in the Pettit Centre

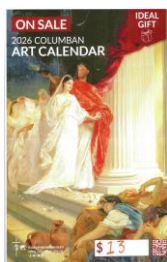


EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

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.



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.



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.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

On Unmasked Compassion Jesus wasn't summoned; He acted from pure compassion. He sees our deepest griefs before we even form the plea. This reminds me that His love is proactive, meeting us in our silent despair with a word that can restore what was irrevocably lost.



On Interrupting Sorrow Jesus interrupted a funeral procession. He is not afraid to step into our deepest pain and disrupt it. This challenges me to believe He can still interrupt cycles of grief and hopelessness today, bringing life to situations that appear finished.

On the Power of a Word An entire life was restored with the simple phrase, 'Young man, I say to you, get up.' The same voice that spoke creation into being speaks into our dead places. My hope is found in the power of His word to resurrect what is lifeless within me.

On Witnessing Awe The crowd's reaction was holy fear and awe. Witnessing Christ's power changes us. It moves faith from theory to experienced reality. This passage invites me to look for His works, allowing them to stir fresh awe and propel me to share the news.



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!



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

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.



Catholic Women's League Christmas Lunch

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

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



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!

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE



'The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout creation by his universal Lordship. "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Col 1:19-20). This leads us to direct our gaze to the end of time when the Son will deliver all things to the Father so that " God may be everything to everyone"



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

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

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

ADVENT: A HĪKOI FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

In this new booklet, Bringing the Word to Life, Fr James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. Connecting Biblical truth with modern-day examples, they provide valuable spiritual nourishment for Catholics as this Year of Jubilee comes to a close – and a new year begins. As Archbishop Paul says, "I highly recommend it, and I know that you will find the reflections by fellow Catholics relevant and reflecting our faith experience within the context of this beautiful country we live in." Speak to the parish office about obtaining a copy of this booklet (priced at \$5.00 per copy).

CALLED & EQUIPPED

Formation Programme - 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. Applications close on **30th November 2025**. For more information, contact Lucienne Hensel at: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz / 04 496 1715.

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 especially Mary Powlesland.



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



All the Faithful Departed • John 6:37-40

A PUZZLE FOR YOU

The "Bee Attitudes"

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



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