

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	28 October, Term 4 2025 Newsletter
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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		READINGS YEAR C	9 th November 2025
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	
16 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Malachi 3: 19-20 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Luke 21: 5-10	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Tue 11 th Nov	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church	
Thurs 13 th Nov	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/		

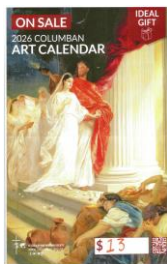


50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

St. Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley- Sunday, 9th November 2025 at 10:00 AM

“Following mass there is a morning tea celebration across the road at the RSA. Please bring a plate to share.”

Saturday 8th November vigil mass remains. There is no mass at OLOG Heretaunga on the 9th.



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 and are flying out fast 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 Holy Zeal Jesus' righteous anger reveals a passion for His Father's house. It challenges my own complacency. What in my life – my heart, which is now God's temple – should be cleansed to restore its proper purpose: pure worship, uncluttered by the world's commerce and selfish motives?

On True Worship The temple was meant for prayer, not profit. Jesus disrupts the system that hindered access to God. He calls me to examine my own practices: do I prioritize ritual and convenience over genuine, heartfelt connection with Him? True worship requires a clean, undivided heart.

On the New Temple When Jesus speaks of the temple's destruction and raising, He points to His body. The center of worship is no longer a building but a Person. Through the cross and resurrection, God's presence dwells directly with humanity, offering grace and access to all who believe in Him.

On Remembering The disciples remembered and understood after the resurrection. This shows that Christ's actions often find their full meaning in light of the cross. It encourages me to trust that even in events I don't yet understand, His purposes are at work, and clarity will come in His time.

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. 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

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE



'God, the refuge of the poor, denounces through the prophets — we recall in particular Amos and Isaiah — the injustices committed against the weakest, and exhorts Israel to renew its worship from within, because 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,*



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

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 20th November from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start followed by supper. Note: Change of Venue - St Joseph's Church, 42 Ellice Street, Mt Victoria.



Speaker: Peter Ewart SM on "Is there an opportunity for peace?"

Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

AROHA AFTERNOON IN TE AWA KAIRANGI, from 5pm Sunday 16 November, Hutt Valley Irish Society, 12 Raroa Road Come and share an evening of conversation, stories, music, fun and kai with people from diverse backgrounds. Everyone is welcome. A contribution of food is appreciated. Strictly no peanuts at the venue. *Aroha Afternoons bring people in communities together, building connections across the spaces between us.* Catholic Social Services partners in this Kaupapa. Contact: Deirdre Meskill d.meskill@wn.catholic.org.nz

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 \$8.00 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.



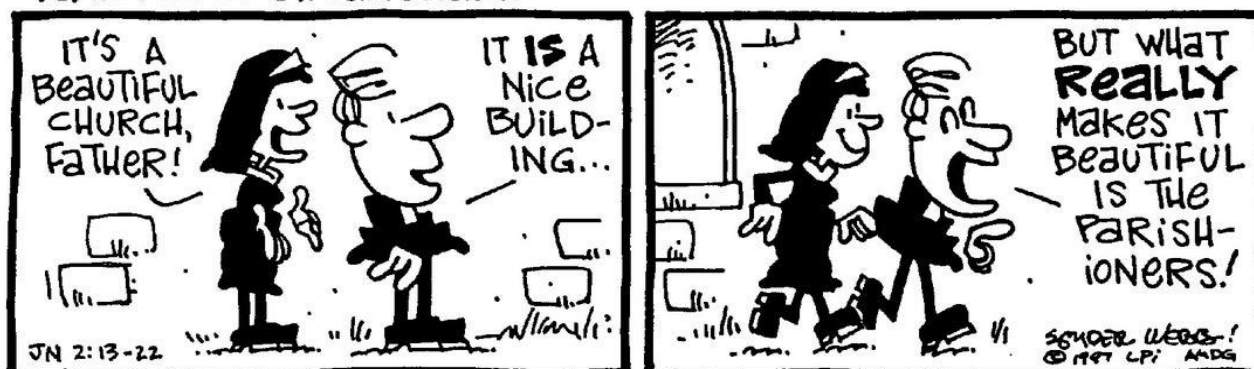
MISSION HUB Monday, 10 November from 7.00pm – 8.15pm online. Can you believe it's almost a month since the Hope & Renewal Summit? The conversations, the prayer, the fire of the Holy Spirit — it hasn't faded. If anything, it's growing. We're thrilled to be holding the very first Mission Hub

online gathering — a new monthly opportunity to connect, pray, and share in the spirit of renewal that's spreading across Aotearoa New Zealand. It is an evening of prayer, inspiring content, and small group discussion — a chance to reconnect with others who share the same desire to fuel the fire of renewal in our parishes and communities. Whether they were at the Summit or are not — all are welcome! email: missionhubnz@gmail.com or <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91234567890>

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), and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica • John 2:13-22

A PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

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TEMPLE
CATTLE

SHEEP
DOVES
MONEY

WHIP
DESTROY
RAISE

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MISSION

After Jesus rose from the dead, God promised to live inside of us. Love and respect God by taking good care of your body, just like your body was God's temple.



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