

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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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		READINGS YEAR C	9 th November 2025
16 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Malachi 3: 19-20 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Luke 21: 5-10	
23 rd Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Daniel 3: 1-4 Daniel 1: 1-6, 8-20 Luke 21: 1-4	

UPCOMING EVENT

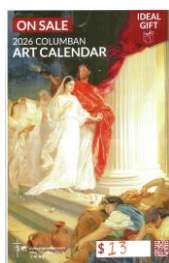
Thurs 20th Nov | 07.00 pm | Parish Council Meeting



EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASSES DURING THE WEEK STARTING FROM 18TH TO THE 21ST AS FR. MALEKO IS ON A RETREAT.
PLEASE DO PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUAL WELLBEING OF ALL OUR PRIESTS



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. **If anyone has taken a calendar and are yet to pay for it please do so now.**

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.



MEN'S CHRISTMAS GATHERING

To be held on Friday the 5th December starting at 5.30 pm at the Pettit Centre in Heretaunga. The cost is \$16 per head. There is a clipboard in the foyer of each church to put your name in if you are going to attend. Contact Roger Wasson for further details on 021116 2653



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

On the Temporary Nature of Things Jesus points to the magnificent temple, stating it will be utterly destroyed. This is a stark reminder that even the most stable and beautiful human institutions are temporary. My security cannot be founded on anything of this world, but only on the eternal, unchanging character of God.

On Not Being Terrified Jesus predicts wars and disasters but commands, 'Do not be frightened.' His words are not a promise of escape from hardship, but of His presence within it. This gives me a supernatural peace, knowing He is sovereign over global chaos and my personal struggles alike.

On the Purpose of Persecution Jesus says persecution will be an opportunity for testimony. This reframes suffering from something to be feared to a platform for witness. It challenges me to rely on His promised wisdom and words in difficult moments, trusting that He will use them for His purpose.

On Enduring to the End The ultimate promise is not a life without pain, but the preservation of our souls. 'Standing firm' through endurance, not escape, is the path to life. This steadies my heart, focusing my goal not on temporary safety but on final salvation through faithful perseverance.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Catholic Women's League Christmas Lunch You're all invited to our Christmas lunch at Te Marua Golf Course on Wednesday, 26th November at 12noon and is \$40 per head. Please feel free to bring a friend. Anyone interested ring Trisha on 5285161.



Catholic Women's League Hamper Raffle

CWL are selling raffle tickets for Christmas hampers full of Christmas goodies. There are 2 hampers to be won. Tickets are to be sold at all Masses this weekend and the weekend of 23rd November and will be drawn on Wednesday, 26th. Don't forget to bring some cash as you won't want to miss out!



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

'God's actions are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity. Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity, God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest'. - *Pope Leo XIV*

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



DATE CLAIMER 7th December 40 and 25 years

This year Fr Kevin Connors celebrates 40 years of ordination and Fr Tony Kearns marks his 25th anniversary of ordination. To mark these events the St Joseph's Parish Council is arranging a SPECIAL Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 7th December, at 10:00 am. Following the Mass there will be a Parish picnic. Look forward to seeing you all there!!!!

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.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

St Vinnies Shop (Petone) would love to welcome some new volunteers to the team.

You might like to help for a few hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly? Alternatively, you might prefer to be called in for a specific 'mini project' or task e.g. sorting clothes, books or linen, cleaning or fixing things.

If you would like to know more, please ring the Shop Manager (Kath) (04) 568 6408 or call into the shop Mon-Sat 10am-4pm.



NOVENA AND ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL

All are invited to join in the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal in our parish. There will be rosary and novena prayers on the following days and church schedule:

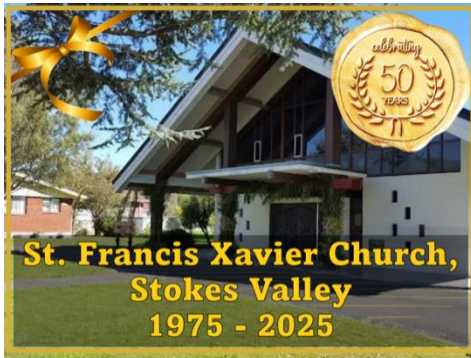
Novena and rosary is at 7 pm:

21 - 24 November 2025 Saint Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley

25 - 29 November 2025 Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga

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.





SFX JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

What a joyful weekend it was at St Francis Xavier Church as over 300 Parishioners and visitors gathered to celebrate the church's 50th jubilee! A heartfelt thank you to Archbishop Paul for leading us in a beautiful and moving Mass, and to everyone who helped prepare for the liturgy and the shared morning tea that followed - it was a true team effort. Special thanks to the Samoan choir whose vibrant presence and music lifted our spirits and added

such warmth to the celebration, and to the youth who helped set up the decorations for the morning tea and tidied up afterwards. It was a wonderful reminder of the strength and unity of our parish whānau. See some https://olov.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/SFX-50th-jubilee-celebration-2025_church.pdf https://olov.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/SFX-50th-jubilee-celebration-2025_celebration.pdf on the parish website.



33rd 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.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 21:5-19

A PUZZLE FOR YOU

We Work Hard

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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BELIEVE
BROTHERS
EARN
FAITH

GOOD
HARD
NEVER
PEACE
PERSEVERE

PRAY
SISTERS
WORK