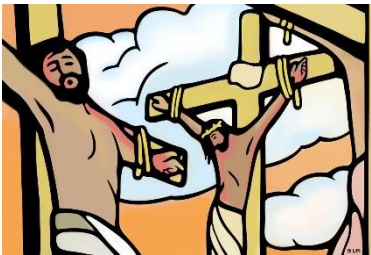
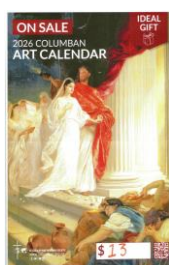


Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



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.lov.org.nz
St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres
Newsletter	11 November, Term 4 2025 Newsletter
	Tel (04) 972 4282
	E-mail office@lov.org.nz pp@lov.org.nz
	Tel (04) 939 1909

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe		READINGS YEAR C	23 rd November 2025
23 rd Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	2Samuel 5: 1-3 Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 20: 27-40	
30 th Nov	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 37-44	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Wed 26 th Nov	12.00 pm	CWL Lunch at Te Marua Golf Course	
Thurs 27 th Nov	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy 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/		



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 Nature of True Faith Amidst the mockery of leaders and soldiers, a condemned criminal sees the truth: Jesus's kingdom is not of this world. His simple plea, 'Remember me,' reveals a faith that needs no miracles, only the recognition of a Savior in the most unexpected place.

On the Immediate Grace of Jesus Jesus offers no probation or purgatory to the thief, only immediate grace. 'Today you will be with me.' This is the stunning promise of salvation: it is a gift received in a moment, based not on a reformed life, but on faith in the person of Christ.

On the Depth of Christ's Ministry Even in His excruciating suffering, Jesus ministers. He extends compassion and assurance to a fellow sufferer. This shows that His heart for the broken and lost never stopped, demonstrating that His mission of salvation was actively fulfilled even on the cross.

On the Hope for the Undeserving The thief admits he is getting what his deeds deserve, but Jesus offers what he doesn't. This is the gospel's core: paradise is not for the self-righteous, but for those who, in humility, cast themselves on the mercy of Jesus, the sinless King.

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!



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our final gathering of Friends will be our Christmas High Tea on Saturday 6 December, 2025, at 2pm, at the Pettit Centre.

Could you please bring a pretty cup, saucer, and plate to use. Also, a small plate of Christmas food to share would be most appreciated.

Come along and enjoy our Christmas celebration. There will be a Christmas quiz, some Christmas songs to sing, and friendly fellowship.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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SFX (Saturday Vigil service)

Eucharistic Ministers

Café, Altar Society, and Greeters

Collectors, Offertory procession and

Please contact the office as soon as possible as we are in urgent need of volunteers.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE



'Today, scenarios of war, unfortunately present in various regions of the world, seem especially to confirm that we are in a state of helplessness. Yet the globalization of helplessness arises from a lie, from believing that history has always been this way and cannot change. The Gospel, on the other hand, reminds us that it is precisely in the upheavals of history that the Lord comes to save us. And today, as a Christian community, together with the poor, we must become a living sign of this salvation.'

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!!!!



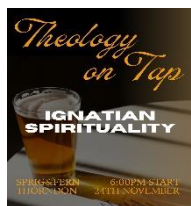
ADVENT: A HĪKOI FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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).

PARISH EXPO

The parish is organising an 'expo' for its missions and groups. This will be held in the Pettit Centre on Sunday 30 November, after the 10.30 mass concludes. There will be a cafe. We will have four groups present: the youth group, the bible study group, the music group, and the women's circle of friendship. Please come along and find

out more about the activities of these excellent contributors to parish life. We hope you will be moved to join one or more of these groups.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Is back on again at the Sprig & Fern! Come and enjoy a cold drink and good food and learn about Ignatian Spirituality! Monday, 24 November Sprig & Fern, Thorndon 6:00pm

P.S We would appreciate no outside food and drink - instead please support Sprig & Fern for hosting us by getting a cheeky bite and bevy from the bar!

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



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please fill out the expression of interest form and email Regina Fernandes at r.fernandes@wn.catholic.org.nz for any questions.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur

around this time.

CHRIST THE KING



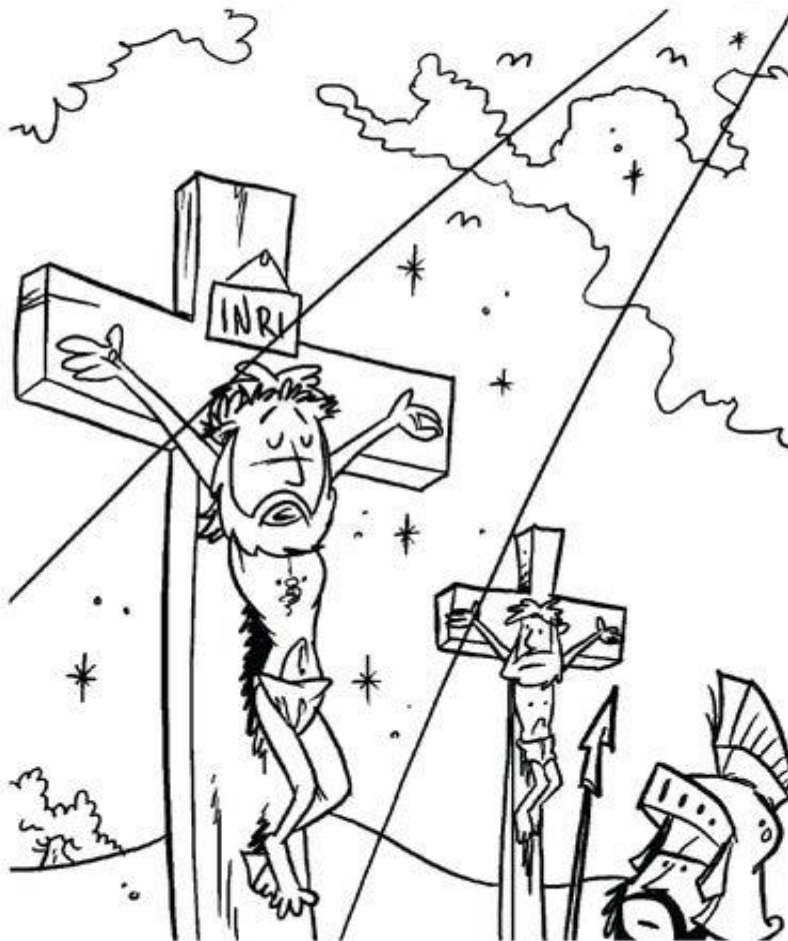
FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Christ the King • Luke 23:35-43

A PUZZLE FOR YOU

Christ the King

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 23:33-43 (NIV).



CHRIST THE KING

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