


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)
 Tuesday / Thursday 9:00 am (Stokes Valley)
 Weekday Eucharist: Wednesday/Saturday 9:00 am (Heretaunga)
 Friday 9:30 am (Heretaunga)
 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
 Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 9.30 am (Heretaunga)
 Presbytery and Parish Office: 5 Palmer Crescent Tel (04) 972 4282
 Heretaunga
 Parish Administrator: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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 Newsletter: [24 March, Term 1 2026 Newsletter](#)

Palm Sunday READINGS YEAR A 29th March 2026





29 th Mar	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians 2: 6-11 Matthew 26: 14-27, 66	
5 th April	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 10: 34, 37-43 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9	

UPCOMING EVENT

Wed 1 st Apr	06.30 am	Mass during Lent at OLOG
Sat 4 th Apr	09.30 am	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre
	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/>

TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK		   
Tuesday 30th March	9:00 am	Mass - St Francis Xavier Church
Wednesday 1st April	6:30 am	Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church
	9:00 am	Mass - Our Lady of Grace Church
	7:30 pm	Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
Holy Thursday 2nd April	7:30 pm	Mass of the Last Supper Our Lady of Grace Church
Good Friday 3rd April	3:00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord, St Francis Xavier Church
Holy Saturday 4th April	7:30 pm	Vigil Light Service -S F X Church
Easter Sunday 5th April	8:30 am	Mass of Easter - St Francis Xavier Church
	10:30 am	Mass of Easter - OLOG



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE EASTER RAFFLE

CWL will be selling raffle tickets at all Masses this weekend 28th, 29th March.

There are two Easter hampers to be won so at \$2 a ticket or \$5 for three you won't want to miss out! The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, **1st April after 9am Mass** when all Parishioners are

invited to join us in the Pettit Centre for morning tea and hot cross buns. Members, please note this will replace our usual monthly meeting for April. With Easter blessings to you all.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 4 April 2026, 2pm, at the Pettit Centre. The speaker will be Paula Lardelli from NevaALone Medic Alarms who will speak about Medical alarms.

She will also cover health, wellbeing and peace of mind for people living alone. Paula will also talk about Government funded options.

Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations are always gratefully accepted. These donations go towards our funds for expenses such as tea and coffee supplies etc. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

'Christians ... are called to bear fruit by sharing the gifts they have been given and to be witnesses to the Gospel. In the Christian community, all the baptised are enriched with gifts to share, each according to his or her vocation and way or condition of life.' (*For a Synodal Church* 57).



A glance down any of our churches on a Sunday morning reveals a striking inventory. There are prophets and teachers, athletes and healers, labourers and miracle workers, poets and florists, linguists and singers, listeners and sharers, leaders and dreamers, pioneers and settlers. No one gift is more important than another. If one refuses to function or is impeded, then the whole body seizes up. Instead of boldly proclaiming the Kingdom, it limps blindly along, wracked by cancerous divisions. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit. Within the diversity there is unity.

By virtue of baptism, women and men have equal dignity as members of the People of God. However, 'women encounter obstacles in obtaining a fuller recognition of their charisms, vocation, and place in the various areas of the Church's life. This is to the detriment of the Church's mission' (*For a Synodal Church* 60).



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Christ's grace illumines this world, which seems to constantly search for novelty and change, even at the cost of sacrificing important things — time, energy, values, affections — as if fame, material goods, entertainment and fleeting relationships could fill our hearts or make us immortal. It is a symptom of a longing for the infinite that each of us carries within us, a need that cannot be satisfied by passing things. Nothing finite can quench our inner thirst, for we are made for God, and we find no peace until we rest in him.'


Pope Leo XIV, [Angelus](#)



On behalf of the Catholic Women's League UH & Ulysses Wellington, to those who supported our recent fun quiz evening through donating prizes, supper and/or attendance to support the Wellington

Free Ambulance. \$2,850 a marvellous effort.





PONTIFICAL
GOOD FRIDAY
COLLECTION

To sustain the "living stones" (local Christians) and maintain holy places amid economic hardship, war, and reduced pilgrim numbers.

Please support this collection on Good Friday

A special collection will be taken at the end of the service

Please place your donation into the baskets at the door of the church

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Catholic Parish of Wellington South is inviting former and current parishioners to a celebration of several historical milestones on **Sunday, 19 April 2026**. The first Catholic church, St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, was built in 1906, 120 years ago, and the current church was blessed and opened on 17 April 1966, 60 years ago. The weekend will also acknowledge 100 years since the opening of the St Madeleine Sophie primary school; the forerunner of the current primary school of St Francis de Sales. A special Mass of remembrance and thanks featuring past and present priests will be followed by a lunch at the Pines Cabaret, Houghton Bay. Registrations of interest are welcomed by providing contact details at: office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? OR HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

WELCOME
to our
PARISH

WELCOME

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll. We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, **OR TO CORRECT YOUR DETAILS** please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email office@olov.org.nz



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 Margaret Carson Fr. Denis Collins and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



SACRED HEART COLLEGE'S

Board of Proprietors is seeking a Uniform Shop Coordinator who is friendly, organised, and reliable person to run the College's onsite Uniform Shop. Please refer to the advertisement on our website for the details <https://www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz/our-school/our-people/staff-vacancies>

Reader / Writers to volunteer and help us support students with class related tests and assessments over several days. You will need good handwriting, spelling, and communication skills. Typing ability may also be an advantage. Training would be provided. For more information please contact Supported Learning Lead/SENCO Kate Baird via email bairdk@sacredheartcollege.school.nz

JOSHUA 40-YEAR CELEBRATION WEEKEND!

Fri pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August at Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua. Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad"

Cost: \$247pp including accommodation and meals

To Register: Follow the link below **OR** contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747

Link: <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

PALM SUNDAY



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • Matthew 21:1-11

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



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HOSANNA
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