


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	9:00 am (Stokes Valley)
	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 Heretaunga	Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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2nd Sunday of Easter READINGS YEAR A 12th April 2026

12 th April	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 2:42-47 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31	
19 th April	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 2:14, 22-28 Peter 1: 17-21 Luke 24: 13-35	

UPCOMING EVENT

Wed 15 th Apr	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thur 16 th Apr	01.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
	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 MASS ON SATURDAY 11TH APRIL AT OLOG

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.00 AM ON 15TH APRIL AT OLOG



PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The New Tax year began on the 1st of April. The Parish Office is preparing and checking the Inland Revenue Charitable Donation receipts for 2025-26 year. These will be available by end of April /early May along with the envelopes for the year 2026-27.

Your contributions are much appreciated and support the life and ministry of your Parish. We do encourage parishioners to contribute by Automatic Payment.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

In baptism Christians first encounter the mystery of reconciliation and the forgiveness of personal and original sin. The sad fact is that Christians do sin even after they have passed through the waters of rebirth. That is something we acknowledge in the penitential act at the beginning of every Mass.



Believers are constantly challenged to configure their lives to the person of Christ, to encounter again and again the saving power of God's healing love. Pope Francis said: 'the Sacrament of Penance is like a 'second baptism' ... The day of our Baptism is the point of departure for a journey towards God that lasts a lifetime, a journey of conversion that is continually sustained by the Sacrament of Penance. ... When we go to confession, we go to ask the pardon of Jesus, but we also go to renew our Baptism through his forgiveness. And this is beautiful; it is like celebrating the day of Baptism in every Confession'.

The need for healing, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of trust has a personal and communal dimension, particularly in light of so many scandals related to abuse. The baptised have the privilege to know and the duty to extend reconciliation, to recognise mistakes, and to rebuild trust.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

The Circle of Friendship's afternoon gathering last Saturday, welcomed Paula Lardelli from ADT Alarms. Paula gave a very detailed talk about personal medical alarms. She advised us how to get an alarm, what types are available, how they work and the funds the Government provides. She also spoke about the rates rebate and who we contact for help with the needs we have. Lots of interesting debate took place and followed up with a cuppa and general lively conversation.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who bought tickets in our raffle and to those who joined us for hot cross buns after Mass on 1st April. The Easter goodies were won by Josephine Eynon and Colin Braddock and raised \$390 with a further \$40 from the sales table. CWL is always grateful for the support from the Parish.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY – Sunday, 12 April 2026 - St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay, will proudly host the Fest of Divine Mercy for Wellington this year. The event is scheduled to begin with Reconciliation at 2.00pm with Adoration and Worship. At 3.00pm we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, culminating in Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin at 3.30pm, ending with blessing of personal religious objects and refreshments.

PASCHAL CANDLE DESIGN

Once again students from St Brendan's have designed a logo of 2026 Paschal Candle. The designs chosen for this year is

Sky T - Room 4:



I wanted it to look like a stained-glass window so the light from the candle will make it look nice. It has palm leaves to represent Palm Sunday. The hands at the base represent surrender, gratitude and openness to receiving God's blessing. The dove represents peace, purity and innocence. The olive branch in the dove's beak represents peace and

hope. The light behind the cross is like God's light shining over the world.

Lucy L - Room 4:

When I created this, I made the middle a heart to represent that God is the Light of the World. I chose the stained-glass window because it reminds me of the Church. Then I chose the thorns to represent the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he sacrificed himself for us.



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.'

Pope Leo XIV



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

PLANNED GIVING



“Everything – time, talent and treasure – given to the parish is a gift.”

Have you ever considered going on the Planned Giving system here at Our Lady of the Valleys Parish? You can do this by Automatic Payment or the weekly envelope system.

Your donations entitle you to a 33% tax rebate and a receipt will be provided to you at the end of the financial year. Planned Giving forms are available in the foyer of both churches. These can be completed and placed in the collection baskets. If you have any enquiries please ring Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282

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, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



JOSHUA

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 16th April 2026 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Speaker: Lislie Pietersz, Current of Grace Wellington leader, on “Seek and witness Jesus’ love” Ring David Monastra 027-4477 280

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER.



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday of Easter • John 20:19-31

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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