


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)
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 Newsletter [12 May, Term 2 2026 Newsletter](#)

Pentecost Sunday		READINGS	24th May 2026
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24th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 2: 1-11 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 John 20: 19-23	
31st May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 Corinthians 13: 11-13 John 3: 16-18	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Wed 27 th May	10.00 am	Coffee morning at the Royal Wellington Golf Club
Thurs 28 th May	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy 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/>



PARISH MORNING TEA

All parishioners are invited to the Royal Wellington Golf Club, Golf Road, for morning tea on Wednesday 27th May at 10am. We'd like to make this our regular last Wednesday of the month venue so bring a friend and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

INVITATION

You are invited to St Michael's Taita on Sunday, 14th June, 10.30am Mass to celebrate the 250th Foundation Jubilee of the Presentation Sisters and 50 years of Profession for Sisters Frances Nicolle and Ruth Coleman. Following the Mass, there will be a celebration in the school. To assist with catering, please RSVP by Monday, 7 June to Sr Ruth at coleruthrc31@gmail.com or text 0211236291



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Faith formation, catechesis, and religious education emerged as another pressing theme, revealing a hunger for deeper understanding of the faith and authentic living of the Gospel. Participants emphasised adult faith formation for all, as well as innovative youth catechesis rooted in lived discipleship.



Formation was seen as foundational for renewing the Church. 'Faith formation brings us into personal contact with Jesus and is essential because the Church is the community of faith.'

Many stressed it must be ongoing to nourish the faithful at all stages and that 'faith formation is a top priority because it is foundational for enabling people to share their faith with joy.'

Others noted that 'faith formation was...a key element in preventing disengagement from the Church' and that 'unless there is faith formation, all other aspects cannot be addressed.'

There was a strong call for formation equipping people for public witness, 'vital to adult confidence in talking about their faith in public.' Several pointed to the importance of teaching, calling 'for improved education, particularly for teachers, to ensure effective faith formation' and that 'better-trained educators can empower parishioners with a clearer understanding of their beliefs.'

RELIC OF ST CARLO ACUTIS

We are honoured to host a relic of St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, from Sunday 7th June to Tuesday 10th June at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington!

You are all invited to visit the relic and join in the events prepared. Events include Holy Mass, adoration, talks, youth events, and a small exhibition in the foyer.

"We don't need superpowers to be saints, we just need to love." – St Carlo Acutis

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice and peace will return, once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves, but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world, but cultivating it and protecting it, as the Encyclical [*Laudato Si'*](#) has taught us.'

Pope Leo



MIGRANT FAMILY REQUIRING ASSISTANCE

A migrant family has moved into our Parish and requires a number of household items like whiteware, table and chairs etc. Food contributions would also be appreciated. If anyone in the Parish is able to help please contact Kevin von Keisenberg on 021 501 853 for further information.





PENTECOSTAL REFLECTION AND CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

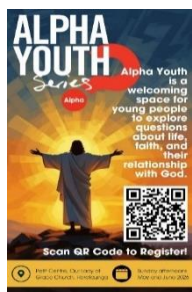
The Divine Retreat Centre NZ Wellington Unit cordially invites you to participate in a Pentecostal Reflection and Charismatic Healing Mass - Vigil Mass, led by the distinguished Fr. Kevin Connors. This day of spiritual rejuvenation is scheduled for Saturday, 23 May 2026, at Our Lady of The Rosary Church, 59 Waiwhetu Road, Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt, running from 2.30pm to 6.00pm. We warmly welcome all those in search of spiritual renewal to join us for this blessed occasion, where the Holy Spirit's transformative presence will be felt through worship, teachings, healing prayers, and the celebration of the Holy Mass. For further details, please reach out to us at: drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com



AN AFRICAN EXPERIENCE OF PARISH LIFE IN NEW ZEALAND

Calling all our African parishioners. There will be a fellowship and formation day on **Saturday, 23 May 2026 from 2.00 – 3.30pm** at the Connolly Hall of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington. Fr Patrick Bridgman, ADW Liturgy Advisor, will give a formation session on Proclamation of the Word, followed by reflection and fellowship. Bring the family and bring a plate to share. Email dr.bangure@gmail.com or 021 134 8476. See the poster for details.

ALPHA YOUTH SESSION



Sundays, 1pm-3pm, from 24th May to 28th June 2026, Our Lady of Grace Church (Pettit Centre).

Alpha Youth is a welcoming space for young people to explore questions about life, faith, and their relationship with God. Through short videos, meaningful conversations, and time spent together, we journey through topics such as purpose, prayer, Scripture, and what it means to follow Jesus. Whether you're curious, searching, or wanting to grow deeper in your faith, Alpha Youth offers a safe place to learn, share, and encounter God in a real and personal way. This is open to all our youth (13 - 25 years of age). Come, let's learn more about life, faith, and our relationship with God. Registration is now open. Scan the QR Code to register



MAGNIFY XLT

Date: Friday 29 May Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: Our Lady of Fatima church, Main Road, Tawa

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour...” (Luke 1:46-47) Join us for a night of worship, reconciliation, and adoration as we rest in His presence and join Mary in giving glory to all He has done for us ♡ Bring your friends, bring your whanau, bring your JOY ✨



LAUNCHING INTO THE DEEP: Going into the Heart of Lay Formation and Leadership in the Church - This book, with a foreword from Cardinal John Dew, offers a rich and thoughtful reflection on lay formation and leadership in the Church. It includes the history of Launch Out and the development of Lay Pastoral Leaders in the Archdiocese of Wellington (ADW). This publication will be of particular interest to those involved in lay formation, pastoral leadership, church leadership, and ministry development. The book is now available in two formats:

- eBook (USD \$14) - Available via Amazon Kindle
- Hard copy (NZD \$20 + postage)

To order, please email Bridget directly at bybridget@xtra.co.nz Please feel free to share this Information with others who may be interested.

MARIAN MONTH CELEBRATION

The Filipino Chaplaincy community has organised Marian Celebration for the Month of May.

23 May (Saturday), 6.30 pm - Our Lady of Immaculate Conception visits St. Teresa Church, Karori

The Marian Month culminating activity will be:

30 May (Saturday), 10.00 am - Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon

Santacruzán and Flores de Mayo with a mass presided by Archbishop Paul Martin. Join us as we celebrate Mama Mary on this Month of May



GREENSTONE DOORS

Join us Charity Dinner Fundraiser — an evening of great food, community spirit, an inspirational guest speaker, a silent auction, and raffles throughout the night. Saturday 20th June 6pm at Aston Norwood Tickets \$100 per person (includes a delicious two-course buffet meal) For more information or to book tickets, please email office@greenstonedoors.co.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 Stella Wadsworth, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Pentecost Sunday • John 20:19-23

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



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