


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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Trinity Sunday		READINGS	31st May 2026
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31st May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 Corinthians 13: 11-13 John 3: 16-18	
7th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Deutonomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 Corinthians 10: 16-17 John 6: 51-58	

UPCOMING EVENT		
Tue 2 nd June	05.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 3 rd June	01.30 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre
Sat 6 th June	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/>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Invitation to Birthday Party

CWL would like to invite all women of the Parish to our birthday celebration on Wednesday, 3rd June. Bring a friend and join us at 1.30pm in the Pettit Centre for a special afternoon tea and entertainment from some students from St Brendan's School. Don't forget our sales table if you have something you'd like to share. Members only a plate please.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 6 June at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. Our speaker for June is Gili Buchanan, a local resident and keen gardener who will discuss "Seasonal Changes in the Garden." She encourages questions, discussion and sharing and would love you all to bring your own tips to create a relaxed and chatty atmosphere.



Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations are always gratefully accepted. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.



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

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 or text 0211236291



CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS

Hello! Would anyone be free to join our Church Cafe group after 10.30am Mass? We have one other person in our group, and need a few more helpers! For more details contact Esther and Matt Kelly estmkelly@outlook.com

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

"Even in the darkest nights, the Lord raises up men and women who refuse to give up, who persevere in doing good, who protect the vulnerable and open pathways to reconciliation. The memory of the saints, righteous people, and the oft-forgotten peacemakers, show us that grace does not magically eliminate conflict, but instead it inspires active resistance to evil and an astonishing creativity in doing good."

Pope Leo



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Family is the seedbed of faith. Concern for young people was echoed in reflections on the family as the primary context for faith transmission and as a pastoral space needing greater support.

Families were seen as the key place where faith is passed on, with many emphasising the need for support in raising children in the faith. 'Families were identified as the first educators of the faith, yet many feel unequipped or unsupported.'



Family life was closely connected to baptism, formation, and belonging. Some called for stronger parish-school connections, insisting that 'a greater emphasis needs to be placed on nourishing and supporting the faith in families, and in our schools.'

Several submissions linked family vitality to the Church's vitality, warning that 'without supporting families... the future vitality of the Church' would be at risk. Calls were made for resources, pastoral accompaniment, and parish structures prioritising diverse families. As one group observed, 'Family is at the heart of community, and its support is essential to sustaining the Church's mission.'



LATE NIGHT MASS:

Come join us for Late Night Mass for Young People on **Friday, 5th June** at 8.00pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington. Bring a plate for fellowship!

COME & SEE

Vocations Morning for young men wanting to explore a vocation to the priesthood. 9.00am to 12:30pm on **Saturday, 6th June** at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish, 37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville.

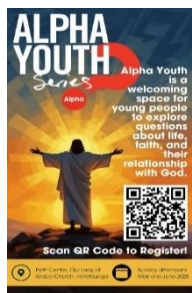
Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Text 021 164 5800 or email l.hensel@cadw.nz to let us know you're coming!



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



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.

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

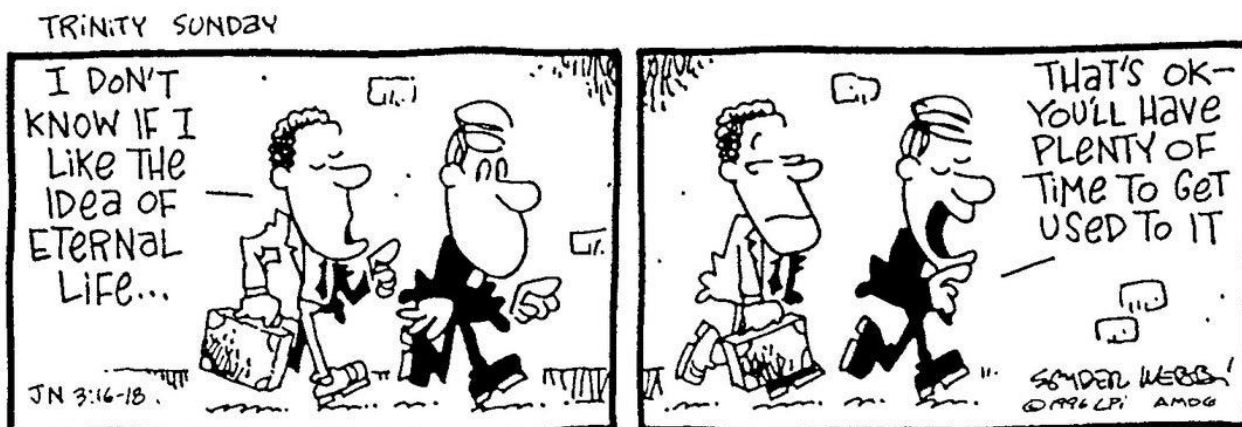
Santacruzán and Flores de Mayo with a mass presided by Archbishop Paul Martin. Join us as we celebrate Mama Mary on this Month of May



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.



The Most Holy Trinity • John 3:16-18

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Mystery of the Trinity

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." John 16:13-15 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15



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