


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
Website	www.olv.org.nz	E-mail office@olv.org.nz pp@olv.org.nz
St Brendan's School Newsletter	56 Palmer Cres	Tel (04) 939 1909
	26 May, Term 2 2026 Newsletter	

The Body and Blood of Christ READINGS YEAR A 7th June 2026

7 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Deutonomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 Corinthians 10: 16-17 John6: 51-58	
14 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 19: 2-6 Romans 5: 6-11 Matthew 9: 36-10:8	

UPCOMING EVENT

Thur 11th June	07.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee
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EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>



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

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Lay Ministry is Essential for Parish Life. Co-responsibility was closely linked with lay ministry, particularly the need for meaningful training, support, and recognition of lay leaders, especially women and young adults.



Lay ministry was recognised as essential, not only because of the declining number of clergy, but also to meet parish needs and to provide lay men and women with the opportunity to live out their baptismal call to mission and ministry.

'The active role of the laity in ministry is vital for parish life,' one comment affirmed, while another called for 'training and commissioning lay ministers to serve in pastoral care, catechesis, and liturgy.' One group stating plainly, 'lay people should be more involved in the decision-making of the Church' and another, 'We need more lay-led services, especially in rural areas where priests are few.'

Expansion of lay ministry was also seen as a corrective to clericalism, noting that 'clericalism is a barrier to the gifts of the laity being recognised and used,' and that 'greater humility and openness from clergy' is needed so that lay and ordained may truly work together in service of the Gospel.

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.



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

The Eucharist opens us to justice and sharing, with a preferential concern for those who are burdened by poverty or marginalization... The Church — nourished by the Eucharist — is called to make visible a different paradigm, one that preserves human connections, gives a voice to the invisible and ensures that processes are aimed at respecting people's dignity.'

Pope Leo XIV

'...the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.' *Laudato Si* #236

Action: How does the Eucharist guide your concern for the marginalised and the environment in loving action?

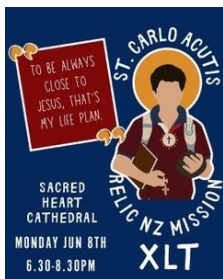
COME & SEE

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!



XLT St Carlo Acutis –

Monday, 8th June at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street from 6.30 - 8.00pm. Join us for a special night of adoration, reconciliation, prayer, fellowship, and veneration of a relic of St Carlo Acutis! St Carlo Acutis knew that holiness is not found in doing extraordinary things, but rather in staying close to Jesus in the Eucharist. Join us in spending some time close to Jesus as St Carlo lived. Bring your friends, whanau, colleagues, and classmates! We can't wait to welcome you all home



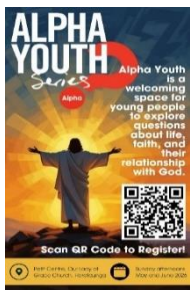
LATE NIGHT MASS – ST CARLO ACUTIS –

On **Tuesday 9th June** at 7.00pm we will be hosting a Mass with St Carlo Acutis' relic. All young people across Wellington are invited to this occasion at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. We hope to see you there!

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



JOB VACANCY FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVISOR:

The Catholic Schools Education Services team at the Archdiocese of Wellington are seeking a passionate Religious Education Advisor (Primary) to uphold and advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our schools by inspiring, strengthening, and supporting Catholic character and the Religious Education curriculum. Please refer to the ADW website link: [Job opportunities - Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington](#) Contact Kelly Ross, Vicar for Education, Email: k.ross@cadw.nz to submit your application by Monday, 22 June 2026 or for further information

LITURGY WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

US liturgist and parish priest, Fr Paul Turner, will lead a liturgy seminar on **Saturday, 1 August 2026** (10.00am - 2.30pm), in Connolly Hall, Hill Street, Wellington. Clergy, liturgy teams, school staff, and all involved in Eucharistic preparation are encouraged to join us for *Ars Celebrandi: The Art of Celebrating Mass*. Inspired by Pope Francis', *Desiderio Desideravi*, the day will explore how we can celebrate liturgy with reverence and fidelity. Fr Turner will offer practical guidance to deepen understanding of the Eucharist and strengthen parish and school celebrations.

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

To ensure our records remain accurate, the parish is required to keep all contact information up to date. If you have recently moved house or changed your phone number or email address in the past 12 months, please contact the Parish Office to confirm that we hold your current details. All parishioner information is kept strictly confidential and is used only for the purposes for which it was collected.



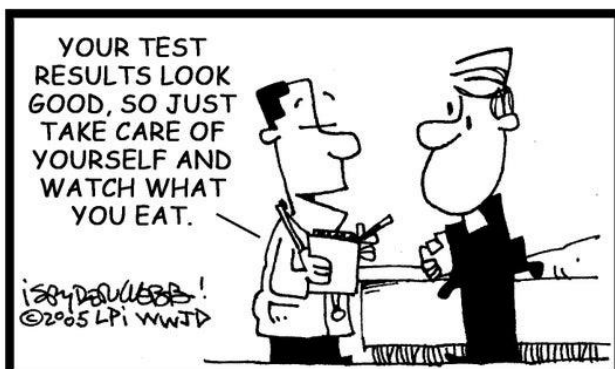
GREENSTONE DOORS

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.



BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Body and Blood of Christ • John 6:51-58

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



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