


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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11th Sunday in Ordinary READINGS YEAR A 14th June 2026

14 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 19: 2-6 Romans 5: 6-11 Matthew 9: 36-10:8	
21 st June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Romans 5: 12-15 Matthew 10: 26-33	

UPCOMING EVENT

Tue 16 th June	07.00 pm	Bible Study Class in the room behind the church
	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at Summerset Care Centre
Wed 17 th June	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thur 18 th June	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/>

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.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

People care deeply about the Mass and worship, but many feel that liturgy needs to be more engaging, accessible, and beautiful. Calls for renewal were frequent, especially to help young people and newcomers feel connected: ‘Renewing our liturgy also featured prominently with comment on language, participation, involvement, singing and somehow connecting liturgy and the Word to life.’



Liturgy was affirmed as central but often experienced as stale or disengaging, particularly for younger generations. Some expressed that ‘liturgy is important to everyone, but some people find it uninspiring and in need of renewal.’ Others stressed ‘the need for more inclusive language, participation, and a sense of belonging through worship.’ There were also concerns that ‘liturgical language and symbolism are often inaccessible or outdated, particularly for young people and those unfamiliar with Church traditions.’

Several called to ‘review how liturgy is celebrated to ensure it supports participation, community, and mission.’ Renewal was linked with lay participation: ‘people expressed a desire for more active involvement in liturgy, especially in music and lay ministries.’ The underlying hope was for worship that is beautiful, relevant, and capable of drawing people into deeper communion.

From Baptised and Sent #16



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

‘Instead of waiting for the benefits of growth to reach the poor “eventually,” decisions need to be taken to ensure that growth becomes inclusive from the outset. The experience of recent decades shows that in economic and financial crises, it is always the poor who pay the highest price, while the theories that promise automatic general prosperity often prove to be illusory.’

Pope Leo XIV

*Key Quote from Pope Leo XIV on Safeguarding:
A Church-wide “culture of safeguarding”*

*“[The Commission] promotes and accompanies with dedication the growth of the whole Church in the culture of protection.”
— Message supporting the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, 2025*



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.

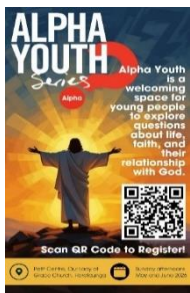
CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS

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



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

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



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.

COME TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD

You are invited to the prayer workshop on Saturday, 20 June from 9.30am – 4.00pm, at Connolly Hall, 10 Guilford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington. Come and encounter the presence of God, be equipped in prayer ministry, and grow together in faith and intercession. The workshop highlights Prophetic Intercession, prayer group formation and prayer ministry teaching. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Lislie Pietersz 0273476327 or email currentofgracewellington@gmail.com

BILLINGS LIFE NZ SEMINAR:

Billings Life NZ will host a two-day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in Whanganui on Friday and Saturday, 19/20 June 2026. The event is designed for couples using or considering the Billings Ovulation Method, health professionals or others wanting to learn more about the method, and people interested in becoming accredited Billings teachers. Find out more and register at: www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar



HOLY HOUR

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! 7.30 - 8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon on Tuesday, 23rd June and every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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.



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



11th Sunday of Ordinary Time • Matthew 9:36-10:8

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Jesus Calls for Workers

"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'" Matthew 10:7 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 (NIV)



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HEALING	TOWNS	GOOD	NEWS	HELPLESS
VILLAGES	HEAVEN	SICKNESS	NEAR	SHEEP
WORKERS	JESUS	COMPASSION	SHEPHERD	PREACHING