


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 [9 June, Term 2 2026 Newsletter](#)

12th Sunday in Ordinary READINGS 21st June 2026 Time YEAR A

21 st June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Romans 5: 12-15 Matthew 10: 26-33	
28 th June	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	1.2Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10: 37-42	

UPCOMING EVENT

Wed 24 th June	10.00 am	Coffee morning at the Royal Wellington Golf Club
Thur 25 th June	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 24th June at 10am. Bring a friend and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM!



We're looking for more volunteers (ages 14 and up) to join our Children's Liturgy team. We're both in high school, and we'd love to see more teens getting involved in helping lead the younger kids. We'll be holding a workshop on Sunday 28 June, at 11:30am (after the 10:30am Mass at OLOG) to show new volunteers how to plan a session and write their notes - no experience needed.

If you're interested in joining, or if you can't make the workshop but still want to help, please email us to plan ahead emily.stewart.835@gmail.com.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Day for Life

Women's participation in ministry and leadership drew strong support. Many saw this as a matter of justice and credibility rooted in baptismal dignity and co-responsibility. 'The roles of women in the Church are diminished compared to those of their male counterparts – there is a need for equality, diversity and an increase in leadership roles for women.' There was a strongly expressed view that women do not have equal dignity in the Church.



It was noted that the subject of women keeps coming up: 'this recurrence was felt to be an action of the Holy Spirit.' Women's voices in decision-making were highlighted as essential: 'it is critical that women make and are seen to make decisions at the highest level.'

Many felt the Church needs to do more to welcome and respect LGBTQ+ people. There was a desire for open, honest conversation, grounded in the dignity of every person and shared baptismal identity, reflecting a growing awareness of how the Church speaks and acts in these areas shapes its credibility. Calls for compassion, dignity, and pastoral care were persistent, though often entangled with tension. 'Discussions on sexuality revealed discomfort among some, but also a desire among others for the Church to be more compassionate and to listen to personal stories.'

From Baptised and Sent #17-18



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Just laws and methods of redistribution are certainly necessary for correcting imbalances, including tax systems that lighten the burden on the weakest and ask for more from those with greater resources. However, the pursuit of social justice should not be considered a separate issue that follows only after the production of wealth, as if the economy existed solely to create wealth, with politicians only intervening afterwards in order to distribute it. Justice concerns every phase of economic activity, from resource acquisition to financing, and from production to consumption; every choice has moral consequences.'

Leo XIV, [*Magnifica Humanitas*](#) # 162



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our last meeting 32 women gathered for an informal talk by Gili Buchanan an experienced local gardener.

Gili spoke about enjoying the seasonal changes in the garden (eg tucking the winter borders up with a "duvet" of fallen leaves left to mulch and enrich the soil). She included many entertaining anecdotes, and followed up with a 'round table' question and answer session, and a sharing of tips and ideas.

The afternoon ended with plenty of chit chat and afternoon tea.

Our informal gatherings are held on the first Saturday each month (2pm -4pm in the church hall) and always welcome new 'friends and neighbours'.

We have been very blessed with a wide variety of speakers over the 13 years since we 'officially' formed the Circle of Friendship group in January 2013, starting with just a small group of knitters making charity blankets, and 4 committee members.

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** (9.30am - 2.00pm), 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.



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.



THE ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION –

Love is a Decision & Commit - online registration available on the Archdiocesan website: Marriage - Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington Next course, consecutive Sundays, 6 & 13 September from 10.00am - 4.00pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early (couples attend both Sundays together in person). See the Archdiocese's website for information about getting married overseas and the papers required. Any email queries contact: marriage@cadw.nz

MAGNIFY XLT

Date: Friday 26 June Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm Venue: Our Lady of Fatima church, Main Road, Tawa
XLT (eXaLT) is night of music, worship, Eucharistic adoration and more for teens and young adults. Come along for a great, blessed time! ✨

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please fill out the expression of interest form: <https://forms.gle/cz2MF9QGfjxRSTSBA> and email Regina Fernandes at: r.fernandes@cadw.nz for any questions.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



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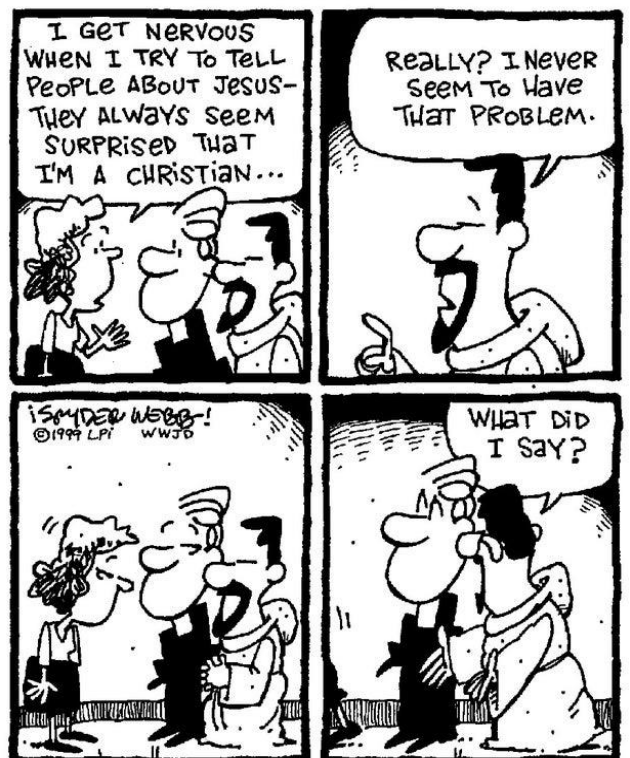
THROUGH TIME

Lane Park Church
22 Lane Street, Upper Hutt

July 1: 5.30pm
July 2: 1pm & 5.30pm



12TH 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.



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:26-33

PUZZLE FOR YOU

You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



God Cares for You

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SPARROWS	FALL	TEACHER	WORTHY	SOUL
WORTH	LIFE	HEAD	MASTER	CROSS
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