

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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St Brendan's School	56 Palmer Cres Tel (04) 939 1909
Newsletter	23 June, Term 2 2026 Newsletter

13 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	28 th June 2026
Time		YEAR A	
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	
5 th July	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Zech 9: 9-10 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 9: 14-17	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Wed 1 st July	12.00 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre	
Sat 4 th July	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at 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 Soup and Rolls Fundraiser

All parishioners are invited for soup and rolls lunch next Wednesday, 1st July at 12noon in the Pettit Centre.

Come and enjoy some delicious homemade soup and make a donation towards our 2026 At Home Appeal, Alzheimers New

Zealand.

We'd love to see you there.

Please feel free to bring a friend.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Day for Life

There were many expressions of hopes and concerns for young people and the future of the Church. In the context of belonging and inclusion, concern for young people was pronounced. Many highlighted the sharp decline in youth engagement. Strong calls emerged for creative outreach and meaningful involvement in liturgies, mission, and leadership. 'Young people specifically express a desire to belong, to have a home.'

Feedback repeatedly affirmed that 'young people are the future of our Church' and that 'young people should be a special mission of the Church.' Their absence was seen as an urgent challenge, with concerns for young men 'educated by social media' and vulnerable to suicide.

Youth engagement was not just about attendance but about listening to their experiences and creating opportunities for meaningful leadership. The call was for a Church where young people are active participants shaping its life and mission.

Celebrate St Brendan's 65th Jubilee: 'Setting Sail Through Time'

St Brendan's School is celebrating 65 years with our jubilee production, 'Setting Sail Through Time', next week. Our students have explored the decades that have shaped our history, and this production is the culmination of that journey, a meaningful celebration of our school's faith, history, and community.



We would be delighted to have our Parish community join us:

- **Dates:** Wednesday, 1 July 5.30 pm
Thursday, 2 July 1.00 pm and 5.30 pm
- **Venue:** Lane Park Church

Tickets are available online: <https://events.humanitix.com/st-brendans-school-production-2026/tickets>



CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 4 July 2026, at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. This month our guest speaker is fellow parishioner Roger Wasson who will speak to us about his life and the lead up to his career as a police officer. Accordingly, we extend a welcome to any men who may like to join us

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.



JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM!

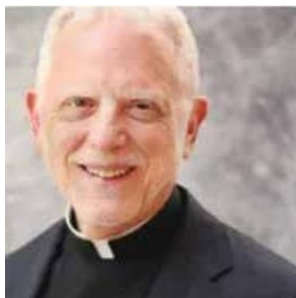
We're looking for more volunteers (ages 14 and up) to join our Children's Liturgy team. We're both in high school, and we'd love to see more teens getting involved in helping lead the younger kids. We'll be holding a workshop on Sunday 28 June, at 11:30am (after the 10:30am Mass at OLOG) to show new 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'Let us drink anew from this Eucharistic spring, which does not enclose us in private devotion, but sends us out to refresh our brothers and sisters, our families, the poor, the suffering, and those who have lost hope. Eucharistic grace transforms us and makes us protagonists of the transformation of history, a sign of hope for those we meet.'

Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#)



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.

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



DELARGEY AWARDS 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey Awards, which recognise significant and outstanding ministry with young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens and young adults. The awards are named for Cardinal Reginald Delargey, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland. Nominations close on 31 July. Find out more at: Delargey 2026



LATE NIGHT MASS:

Come join us for the Late Night Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street next Friday, 3rd July at 8.00pm. Come join other young Catholics from across Wellington in celebrating their faith together. Don't forget to bring a plate and a friend! We'll see you there.

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.

ONLINE SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS:

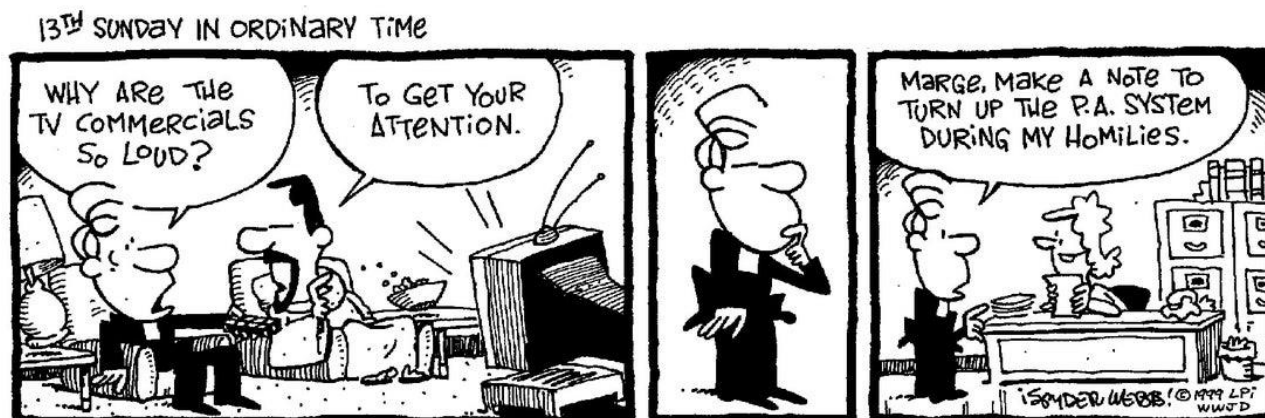
Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. Whether you are involved directly in Parish Ministry or not, enroll to attend an Online Safeguarding Workshop to learn about the actions we, as a Church, are taking to keep each other safe.

Monday July 20th 7.00 pm to 8.15 pm

Tuesday July 28th 7.00pm to 8.15 pm

Register with Kevin Plant by emailing: k.plant@cadw.nz The Microsoft Teams link to join the workshop will be sent out two days prior to the Workshop. See church noticeboard for full list of workshop dates for July - September.

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.



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:37-42

PUZZLE FOR YOU

"Welcome!"

"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:40-42



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