

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) 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga
Presbytery and Parish Office	Monday – Friday 9.00 am to 1.00pm Te (04) 972 4282
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21st Sunday in Ordinary READINGS YEAR A 23rd August 2026

23 rd August	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 22: 19-23 Romans 11: 33-36 Matthew 16: 13-20	
30 th August	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Romans 12: 1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27	

UPCOMING EVENT

Wed 26 th Aug	10.00 am	Coffee morning at the Royal Wellington Golf Club
Thur 27 th Aug	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting
Sun 30 th Aug	12.00 pm	Annual General Meeting 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/>

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DATE CLAIMER



The 2026 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday 30th August at 12:00 noon in the Pettit Centre.

The Annual Report for the Parish is now available. It is emailed out to those on the Newsletter Distribution, in printed form in the foyer of both Churches and is also available online <https://olv.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026-AGM-Annual-Report.pdf>.

CAFE AT ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB

All parishioners are invited to our parish monthly morning tea on Wednesday, 26th August. Please note that we have been reminded by the Royal Wellington Golf Club that their dress code is that no jeans are to be worn on their premises. This beautiful venue is so warm and welcoming and we encourage you all to join us at 10am on the last Wednesday of the month.





THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

There was strong support for co-responsibility as a structural and cultural shift. Lay people – women and men – expressed a desire ‘to be empowered, not just consulted’ tied directly again to baptismal identity: ‘All are anointed as priest, prophet, and king.’ Participants stressed that new leadership models, parish support structures, and inclusive decision-making are needed for this to be

realised in practice.

Deepening faith formation was described as essential to move ‘from inherited faith to intentional discipleship.’ Catechesis should be anchored in ‘authentic, lived faith, not just doctrine,’ and ensure both laity and clergy are well-formed for ministry. Several groups linked adult catechesis, teacher training, and lay formation directly to mission, evangelisation, and meaningful liturgy.

The family was recognised as ‘the first educator of the faith,’ the seedbed of belonging. Participants called for stronger pastoral support for families, children, and intergenerational ministry, urging a shift toward ‘nourishing and supporting the faith in families, and in our schools.’ The domestic Church was seen as central to sustaining faith in an increasingly secular context.

Liturgy was described as a vital point of connection between daily life and spiritual meaning. Some emphasised ‘language, music, and ritual that resonate with people’s lives today,’ while maintaining a sense of tradition. Many called for participatory, inclusive, and inspiring liturgy especially for youth and newcomers. As summarised in one submission: ‘renewing our Liturgy means connecting the Word to life.’

From Baptised and Sent #30-33

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD WORKSHOP

This is an invitation for present Proclaimers of the Word and those parishioners who would like to take on this Ministry. This will be held after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 30th August at OLOG. This is the workshop that was cancelled earlier. Projection of the voice is such an important consideration because you are Proclaiming God's message to His people. The congregation needs to hear this message. You will be given an opportunity to practise the projection of your voice. Contact Liz Mccaul for further information: 5273211



STREAM SHOWCASE - - ST PATS SILVERSTREAM

Thursday 27th August at St Pat's Silverstream Auditorium. Doors open at 6pm and show starts at 6:30pm. Tickets online via our school website or at the door.

As with the previous two years we are fundraising to support our own Performing Arts programmes along with a local charity. With this in mind, this year we ask that those attending to bring a non-perishable food item that will be collected for St Vincent de Paul. Our Young Vinnies Group will be on hand that evening to collect items as well as helping run operations Front of House.

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

'As the guardian of a hope that enlightens the path, the Church is also invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development, and to take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit.'

Pope Leo XIV



PLANNED GIFTING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

Remembering the Church and leaving a gift in your will is to make a commitment to future generations that they too may know God through His Church. With a will or bequest, we can make sure our treasures are put to good use to look after Christ's flock and to grow the kingdom here on earth. Every gift, regardless of size, helps strengthen this mission, and supports your local parish and the Archdiocese. Leaving a will or bequest can support your local church in many ways. To find out more, go to <https://cadw.nz/wills-and-bequests>.

THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region. We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.

Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD - REVEREND DEACON EMILIO CAPIN

The Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington warmly invites you to Deacon Emilio's Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, 5th September 2026 at 11.00am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 40 Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington. Please join us in prayer and celebration as Emilio is ordained to the priesthood and begins this new chapter of ministry and service in the

Church. All are welcome

COME & SEE

Vocations Morning - for young men interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood. 9am - 12:30pm on Saturday 29th August 2026 at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga. The morning begins with Mass at 9.00am. Text 021 164 5800 or email: l.hensel@cadw.nz to register. Join us and bring a friend!

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, 25th August 2026 and every 4th Tuesday of the month.



Greenstone Doors
Charitable Trust

GREENSTONE DOORS is holding a Garage Sale Fundraiser at Korowai House, Saturday 29th August 10am-1pm, 194 Naenae Road. Cash & Eftpos available, all funds raised go towards the running of Greenstone Doors.

UPPER HUTT HOUSING TRUST

You are invited to join us for an exclusive Movie Night at Monterey Cinema on Tuesday, 1 September at 6pm. The film is Tony and tells of a budding author who has his entry to university suddenly cancelled and takes a job as a kitchen hand in a local restaurant where he finds he has no initial talent in preparing or cooking food or even doing dishes. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will benefit the Upper Hutt Housing Charitable Trust's Drop-In Center. To book your seats please contact Judy Dixon by text or ringing 022 043 4703 or by email judy@uhht.org.nz



JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Save this date – Saturday 10th October 2026, 9:00am to 4:45pm, Home of Compassion, Island Bay – for men's retreat organised by Joshua Wellington.

Theme: "I am ready for anything anywhere" Retreat leader: Murray Adams, a member of the 'Association of Christian Spiritual Directors in New Zealand; specialises in Ignatian spirituality. Text or call Steve Ready 027 356 9555

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 Fr. Pene Patelesio, Sr. Carmel Paul, David Carter, and John Burt, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



21ST 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.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 16:13-20

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



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CHRIST	EARTH	SON	PROPHETS	PEOPLE
BLESSED	KINGDOM	CHURCH	GATES	BAPTIST
LIVING	ROCK	FATHER	HADES	ELIJAH
JOHN	HEAVEN	PETER	KEYS	JEREMIAH

