

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 Tel (04) 972 4282
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time READINGS YEAR A 18th October 2026

18 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 1Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22: 15-21	
25 th Oct	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 22: 20-26 Thessalonians 1: 5-10 Matthew 22: 34-40	

UPCOMING EVENT

Tue 20 th Oct	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at Summerset Care Centre
Wed 21 st Oct	11.00 am	Anointing Mass in the Pettit Centre
Thurs 22 nd Oct	01.30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
Wed 28 th Oct	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting
	10.00 am	Parish Morning Tea at Wellington Royal Golf Course



EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER ON THE 23RD OF OCTOBER

THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.00 AM AT OLOG ON THE 21ST OF OCTOBER



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2027

In **LIMITED** numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office and the church foyers for \$13 each please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards are now available at the Parish Office and the church foyers. A pack of 8 cards is \$6 each.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

Synodality – A Missionary Resource

Synodality is not an end in itself. It exists so that the church may proclaim the Gospel more effectively and serve the men and women of our time more faithfully.

We live in a world marked by profound transformations.

Wars and violence continue to wound entire peoples. Social inequalities are increasing. Migration is reshaping the face of our societies. New technologies are changing the way we communicate, learn and even understand ourselves. Many people are searching for meaning, hope and authentic relationships. Many look to the church for a credible witness to the Gospel.

Faced with these challenges, synodality appears ever more clearly as a missionary resource. It helps the church to listen more attentively to the questions of humanity, to recognize the signs of the times, to value the gifts of all and to discern together the steps to be taken. In this way, the implementation phase becomes a new stage in the reception of the Second Vatican Council and in the missionary renewal of the church within the concrete realities of ecclesial life.

This is the responsibility that the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, encourages us to embrace together: not merely to preserve an inheritance we have received, but to make it bear fruit in the life of the churches and in the mission entrusted to the church in our time.

Cardinal Mario Grech,

Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops



CARITAS

Mass to mark the start of the Caritas Oceania Forum Sunday, 18

October - Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, at 7.00pm. Join Archbishop Paul Martin SM and the Caritas Oceania representatives including Cardinal Soane Mafi of Tonga, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong

of Fiji, and Archbishop Moses Vitolio Tui of Samoa, along with other overseas visitors, including the Caritas Internationalis Secretary-General.

NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

During the month of November, we remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated in the Parish during November.



On All Souls Day, **Monday November 2nd**, a Special Mass of Remembrance is being organised. It is to be celebrated in **St Francis Xavier's Church**, Stokes Valley, at **07:30 pm** for all the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months.

There will also be a mass at **9.00am at Our Lady of Grace Church**.

OLOV YOUTH GROUP

Youth **aged 12–18** are invited to join. Our sessions and activities are also **open to anyone in their late teens or 20s** who are keen to get involved!" Meeting schedule is every: 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month 1 - 3pm Pettit Centre, OLOG.



CAFE AT ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB

All parishioners are invited to our parish monthly morning tea on Wednesday, 28th October. 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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), programme of instruction in the Roman Catholic Faith and the preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, begins on Wednesday, 28th October 2026 starting at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room at the back of Our Lady of Grace Church. For further information, please contact: Liz McCaul: 527 3211 or 021 1028 297, or Father Maleko



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

The Church's mission is fulfilled also in contributing to the construction of the earthly city. However, her methods and aims are not primarily of a political order; rather, they consist in bearing witness to faith and charity, together with commitment for justice, peace, and fraternity. By worshipping Christ ... the believer cannot accept the oppression of the weak and the poor, nor the unjust structures that perpetuate conditions of dependence and injustice.'

Pope Leo

ADW YOUNG CHURCH NETWORK GATHERING

Calling all youth leaders, coordinators and all those involved with Catholic youth from across Wellington! Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship, discussion and reflection surrounding our young people on **Saturday 31st October** from 12noon – 4.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. We will provide afternoon tea and refreshments throughout the afternoon, but please bring your own lunch for the start. See you there!



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to welcome Erin Murphy as Chair, with Prue van Keisenberg as interim Deputy Chair and Roy Scoon continuing as Secretary. There is also plenty to celebrate across the parish: a well-supported AGM, a committed Bible study group meeting each Tuesday, and the many ways Fr Maleko serves our community—from Samoan Masses and baptisms to visiting new parishioners. We will share a separate update on the recent successful Youth Alpha course shortly. Thank you to everyone for the ways you contribute to our parish community.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 (Seoul, South Korea)

Is an incredible opportunity for young adults aged 18-35 years old to join millions of young Catholics from around the world for a life-changing pilgrimage of faith, friendship, and mission.

Applications for the Wellington pilgrimage are now open and close on Saturday, **31 October at 11.59pm**. To apply or find out more, contact Susilo Kentjana at: s.kentjana@cadw.nz For pilgrimage details, FAQs, and application information, visit the World Youth Day 2027 Wellington Pilgrimage page on the Archdiocese of Wellington website. Come and be part of this unforgettable journey!

HANDS AROUND THE BEEHIVE

A National Day of Remembrance for Health **Wednesday, 21 October**

2026. The Archdiocesan Ecology for Justice and Peace is supporting Hands Around the Beehive's gathering to remember those who have struggled to receive the healthcare they needed, to acknowledge the people who work within our health system, and to stand together in solidarity and hope for a healthier Aotearoa. Everyone is invited to attend to mark the minute of silence. In Wellington: 1.15pm - Gather at Parliament 1.30pm - Speakers 2.00pm - National Minute of Silence. At 2.00pm, people across the Motu are invited to stop wherever they are - in churches, hospitals, workplaces, parks, community spaces or at home with their friends and whānau - and share a National Minute of Silence. Further information is available at: www.ucanforhealth.co.nz

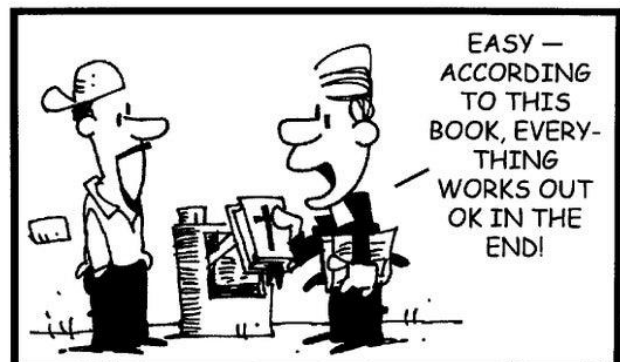


EXALT: CHRIST THE KING 2026.

You are warmly invited to EXALT: Christ the King, a National Worship Event to be held in Wellington on Saturday, 21 November 2026, from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm at Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. This special day will bring together people from across New Zealand for worship, Holy Mass, prayer, and fellowship as we honour Christ our King and pray for our nation. Please keep the date free and join us for this special national gathering of worship and prayer for New Zealand. The Mass Presider will be Archbishop Paul Martin. Registration is not required.

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 George Fidow, Shirley Mahoney, Carole Hoult, Colleen McKay, Martin Howley, and Ricarte Bonita and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

29TH 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.



Matthew 22:15-21 • 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.
A. pharisees B. republicans C. hypocrites D. democrats
- ___ 2. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
A. taxes B. plans C. trap D. words
- ___ 3. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.
A. trap B. plans C. truth D. coin
- ___ 4. Something that we speak or write.
A. taxes B. amazed C. words D. trap
- ___ 5. Someone who gives instructions to students.
A. teacher B. pharisees C. portrait D. Caesar
- ___ 6. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
A. plans B. words C. truth D. trap
- ___ 7. To give someone money in return for something.
A. trap B. pay C. plans D. truth
- ___ 8. Money paid to the government.
A. trap B. portrait C. Caesar D. taxes
- ___ 9. What a person thinks about something.
A. trap B. opinion C. truth D. plans
- ___ 10. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
A. coin B. taxes C. words D. pay