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 Wednesday/Saturday Friday	9:00 am (Stokes Valley) 9:00 am (Heretaunga) 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
Parish Administrator	Jovena Fernandez	
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All Saints	READINGS YEAR A	1st November 2026
1st Nov	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12
8th Nov	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Wisdom 6: 12-16 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13



UPCOMING EVENT

Mon 2nd Nov	**09.00am**	**ALL SOUL'S DAY** Mass at OLOG
	07.30 pm	Remembrance Mass at SFX
Tue 03rd Nov	05.30 pm	Men's Group at Silverstream Bowling Club
Wed 04th Nov	01.00 pm	Catholic Women's League in the Pettit Centre
Sat 07th Nov	02.00 pm	Circle of Friendship at the Pettit Centre Parish

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE
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NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

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 OLOG.**

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday the 1st of September at the Silverstream Bowling Club at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this social event as it is an opportunity to get to know other men in the parish.





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

Sunday Matters – All Saints Day

From the very beginning, the early Christian communities realised the importance of Sunday. It is the day of Jesus' Resurrection, a day of joy and rest, as well as charity. Sunday is the Lord's Day, the day when we are called to remember what God has done and continues to do for us. This, then, is the day the Lord's people are called to keep holy, together. The observance begins with the evening of the preceding day. Early Christians did what Jesus had asked them to do; they gathered and celebrated the meal Jesus had shared with them, the Eucharist. We also know this as the Mass. This gathering of the community on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist gave rise to a basic principle of the Church: There can be no Sunday without the Eucharist and no Eucharist without an assembly of the faithful. This principle endures to this day. It led Voltaire to declare, 'If you want to kill Christianity, you must abolish Sunday.' As members of the Christian community, we are each called to gather with the rest of our faith community on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. The Sunday Mass is the place where we gather as a parish, as a community, as the People of God. This is at the heart of the life of the Church. It is the highpoint of our Christian life, where God nourishes us to go out and live as Christians. *catholicbishops.ie*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All women of the Parish are welcome to our special meeting at 1pm on Wednesday, 4th November at St Brendan's School. As well as our AGM St Brendan's has invited us to share afternoon tea with them and see some of the school's activities. We will have our usual raffle but no sales table this month.

Once again we are planning a Christmas raffle and would appreciate it if our members could bring some Christmas edibles towards it or a monetary donation please. If you have any queries please ring Chris on 0276462318.

PLEASE NOTE: We are starting the meeting at the earlier time of 1pm.

PARISH WEBSITE REDESIGN



We are planning to redesign our parish website and invite expressions of interest from parishioners who have professional experience in website design and development.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has prepared a specification detailing what we are looking for, and we are currently seeking three quotations for the project. If you are interested in submitting a quote, please contact olov.ppc@gmail.com and we will provide further details.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Our next Gathering is on Saturday, 7 November at the Pettit Centre at 2pm. This month our guest speaker is Sister Kathleen Ruck. She will speak about her life and experiences as a Missionary Sister of the Society of Mary. Sister Kathleen is a former pupil of St Brendan's School.

Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations to help cover our costs are always gratefully accepted. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Distributing the Precious Blood at Our Lady of Grace Church at 10:30 Mass.

From now on, there will be 5 parishioners distributing Communion at this Sunday Mass. Three Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers will distribute the Sacred Host, and two Ministers will distribute the Precious Blood. These two will stand half way between the two aisles. These changes have been instigated, because since COVID fewer parishioners are consuming the Precious Blood.

Receiving the Precious Blood

In the past 6 months, our Parish Congregation has been instructed on the practice of Intinction of the host into the Chalice. We have all been instructed by the Archbishop, the newsletter and notices read at the end of Mass that this practice is not acceptable. Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will now put their hands across the Chalice to prevent this practice continuing.

Proclaimers of the Word

Last week at OLOG, 3 parishioners were Commissioned as Proclaimers of the Word. New Proclaimers attend a workshop where they are instructed in the liturgical and practical requirements of this important Ministry. They are instructed in the requirements to Proclaim the Word of the Lord and what this entails. They are also instructed in the use of the microphone, techniques to project their voice and breathing, and the need to stand correctly so all this enables their voice to carry to the back of the church. The final step is the Commissioning before their name is placed on the roster. Congratulations to Kurt, Lew and Augustin. The Proclaimers Workshops are offered once a year

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

'Mary… now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world…She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51) and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.' *Pope Francis*

Action: As we mourn the loss of loved ones around this time of All Saints and All Souls, we mourn also the degradation of our environment. How does this invitation to ask Mary to enable you to look at this world with eyes of wisdom impact your mourning of ecological destruction?

LATE NIGHT MASS:



Come along to our second to last Late Night for Young People of the year! We hope to see you all there to celebrate our Catholic faith together. So, lock in the **Friday, 6 November** at 8.00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington and don't forget to bring a plate to share. We'll see you there!

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.



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



All Saints • Matthew 5:1-12a

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