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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	3 November, Term 4 2026 Newsletter	

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	READINGS YEAR A	8th November 2026
8th Nov	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Wisdom 6: 12-16 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13
15th Nov	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Thessalonians 5: 1-6 Matthew 25: 14-30



UPCOMING EVENT

Wed 11th Nov	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at St Joseph's Rest Home
Thur 12th Nov	07.30 pm	Parish Finance Committee

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



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.

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.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL
Exploring the Introductory Rites 1

The procession of the priest celebrant and ministers through the body of people is a visible reminder to us that we gather as the Body of Christ. Christ is with us, and we stand together as a sign of welcome and reverence for his presence among us. Our hymn unites us in one voice of praise. The priest reverences the altar with a bow and a kiss as the altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of this assembly.

GREETING: All make the sign of the Cross and the priest celebrant greets us from the Chair in words taken from Scripture. These words remind us that in our gathering, the God of the Trinity, the God of grace, love and peace, is with us and working upon us through this celebration.

PENITENTIAL ACT: Before we enter deeper into the Mass, we take one more moment to prepare ourselves, using one of three prayer options given to us in the Missal. Conscious that we all likely come with things we would like to change in our lives, behaviours we would like to be different, in the Confiteor we acknowledge before our brothers and sisters that we have sinned, and we ask for their prayers. But even greater than our sin, we trust in the enduring mercy and love of God, and so we can pray in confidence, Lord, have mercy. On some Sundays, especially in Easter Time, in place of the usual Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water to recall our baptism may take place.
catholicbishops.ie

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.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

"Our age needs men and women who have the courage to do good even when it comes at a cost. Draw close to those who are alone, support those who are weary, and seek out those who have drifted away. Have the courage to forgive, to begin again, and to engage in dialogue. Doing good does not always receive recognition and often requires effort, but this is the daily courage of charity. Friendship with Jesus Christ gives us the strength to live this way."

Pope Leo XIV

BEING ONE WITH EARTH - A REFLECTION DAY

On Saturday, 14 November from 10.00am - 3.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria | Led by Dr Mary-Ann Casanova rsj. A day moving through Earth, Atmosphere and Ocean - weaving scripture, science and creative reflection into one unfolding story. Bring a notebook or journal and a finger food contribution for a shared lunch. Everyone is invited to join with the members of the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission for this reflection day. RSVP appreciated to: d.meskill@cadw.nz by Thursday, 12 November.

MAKE ROOM | Preparing our Hearts for Christ.

Join the ICPE Mission community for a peaceful day of worship, reflection and sharing in preparation for the Advent Season. Saturday, 28th November, 9.30am to 4.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, Wellington.

TO REGISTER: Please Email: new-zealand@icpe.org by Friday, 20 November. BYO Lunch, morning and afternoon teas provided. A koha would be appreciated.

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL APPEAL:

Help us help people feel belonging! This has been a challenging year for many, especially the poor and vulnerable among us. These challenges have caused many people to feel a loss of connection to one another, and even to God. This is why the Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal is so important. Your ongoing support helps us connect to those in need. Running from **1 - 30 November 2026**, the Annual Appeal asks for community support so Catholic Social Services can continue supporting people and their whānau who need help. Donations can be made online at cadw.nz/our-work/catholic-social-services/donate

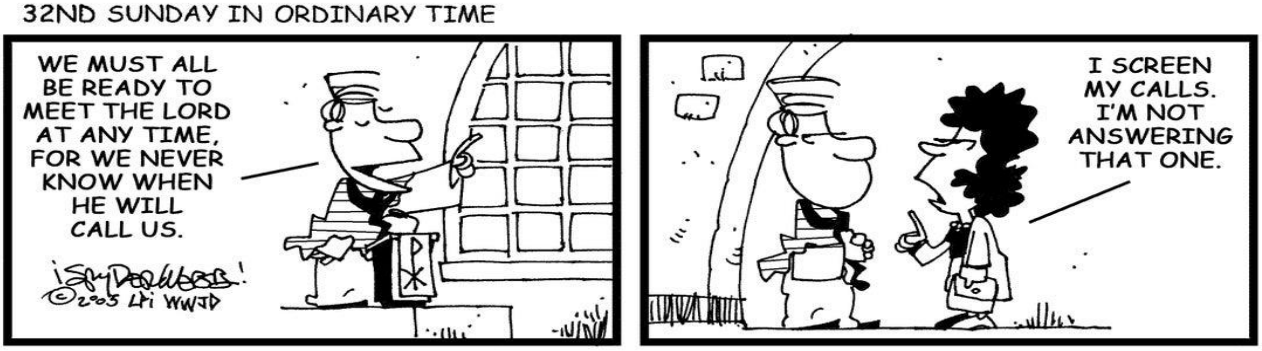
JOSHUA invites both men and women to our end of year Mass in Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (*not* Sacred Heart Cathedral) followed by supper at 7:30pm on Thursday 19th November Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

COME & SEE VOCATIONS MORNING

For young men wanting to explore a vocation to the priesthood. 9.00am to 12.30pm on Saturday, 21 November Our Lady of Hope Church, Main Road, Tawa.
Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Text 021 164 5800 or email: l.hensel@cadw.nz to let us know you're coming!



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 Elima Wilson, 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
CYCLE A

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Matthew 25:1-13 • 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PUZZLE FOR YOU

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



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MIDNIGHT	WEDDING	TRIMMED	RANG	KINGDOM
BRIDEGROOM	LAMPS	WISE	WATCH	COME
DOOR	ASLEEP	HEAVEN	OIL	WOKE

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