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
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	17 November, Term 4 2026 Newsletter	

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	READINGS YEAR A	22nd November 2026
22nd Nov	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Matthew 25: 31-46
29th Nov **Year B**	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1,3-8 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 33-37



UPCOMING EVENT

Sun 22nd Nov	**04.00pm**	**Rite II Reconciliation at St. Joseph's**
Tue 24th Nov	07.00 pm	Bible Study Group at OLOG
Thurs 26th Nov	07.30 pm	Parish Liturgy Meeting

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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



RITE II RECONCILIATION

Advent is a time for preparing our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ into human history. To help parishioners with this preparation the Parish is once again offering Rite II Reconciliation.
This year we are having a joint Reconciliation service with parishioners from Our Lady of Grace Parish in Heretaunga/Stokes Valley and St Joseph's Parish in Upper Hutt. The ceremony will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd November at 4:00pm in St Joseph's Church in Upper Hutt.
All are invited to come and experience the healing and forgiving presence of the God at this time.

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL



Sunday Mass digging deeper A Glossary of Terms

Liturgy – refers to all the official public prayer rituals of the Church Lectionary – the name of the liturgical book from which the readings are proclaimed. Taken from the bible, the scripture texts have been specially selected for each celebration of liturgy.

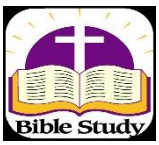
There are 3 lectionaries –

1. for Sundays, feasts and seasons
2. for weekdays in ordinary time and
3. for ritual celebrations (weddings, funerals etc).

Lector – the Latin word for Reader, sometimes used for the parish Reader.

Liturgical Year – beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, in the LY the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from the Incarnation until the day of Pentecost and the expectation of Christ's second coming through the seasons of Advent, the Christmas Season, Lent, the Easter Season and Ordinary Time. The highpoint of the year is Easter; the highpoint of the week is Sunday. The readings are chosen specifically for the season we are in within the LY. Lectern – the place in the sanctuary area reserved for the proclamation of the readings. This is the table of God's word. Often called the Ambo.

A Word on Silence… Silence is one of the most essential elements of the Mass. Both our own interior silence and the shared external silence in the church building during and between the readings, helps us to really listen to God speaking to us and to begin to hear what God is saying to us. Silence creates a space for God. *catholicbishops.*



BIBLE STUDY GROUP GROWING IN FAITH

The OLOV Bible Study Group continues to flourish, bringing together parishioners from diverse backgrounds to reflect on Scripture, share insights, and deepen their faith through weekly fellowship. They meet at 7pm each Tuesday in the meeting room at the back of Our Lady of Grace. It has become a vibrant and welcoming community centred on God's Word. To learn more about the group and its inspiring journey, read the full story emailed with this newsletter or pick up a copy in the church foyer

SAMOAN MASS | MISASA SAMOA



All are welcome to celebrate mass in Gagana Samoa (Samoan language) together at St Francis Xavier Church every 4th Sunday of the Month. We will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King on **Sunday 22nd November @ 11.30am-12pm**. Rosary will start at @11am prior to mass start - hope to see you there!



ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECOLOGY, JUSTICE & PEACE

'Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, "The poor you will always have with you" (*Mt* 26:11), also promises the disciples: "I am with you always" (*Mt* 28:20). We likewise think of his saying: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (*Mt* 25:40). This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.'

Pope Leo XIV

WYD SEOUL 2027 FUNDRAISER | PREMIUM AND JUNIOR RAFFLE FUNDRAISERS

We are running two exciting raffle fundraisers and prizes are Premium and Junior Hampers. This is to support Lagi's pilgrimage to World Youth Day in August 2027. Premium Raffle tickets are $30 and the Junior Raffle tickets are $15 per ticket. Winners will be drawn on Saturday 19th December 2026. Please contact Lagi at 021 132 1952 or follow _thewaddlingpilgrim_ on Instagram and Facebook for more information 😊

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 is keen to get involved!") Meeting schedule is every 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month from 1 - 3pm Pettit Centre, OLOG.

YOUTH MASS

At 5.30 PM (Parish Vigil Mass) on Saturday, 28 November 2026 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Stokes Valley

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL APPEAL:

Help us help people feel belonging! This is why the Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal is so important. 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

INVITATION TO SHARE STORIES OF SYNODALITY: We invite parishioners, parish groups, leadership teams, religious congregations and faith communities throughout the Archdiocese to reflect on the fruits of a synodal Church emerging in their local communities, and to share their stories with the wider Church. Your contributions will help give shape to a diocesan report, which in turn will provide reflection material for diocesan and national Evaluation Assemblies in 2027. Submit your story by Monday, 7 December 2026. Visit www.cadw.nz or email Lucienne Hensel at: l.hensel@cadw.nz for more details.

GRECCIO THE SONG

A musical inspired by the life of St Francis of Assisi brought to the stage by volunteers across parishes in the Wellington Archdiocese. Featuring music by NZ composers Douglas Mews and Dr Robert Loretz and Franciscan friars from the Philippines - will be performed on December 5 at 7:30 pm at the Allan Gibbs Centre, Wellington College. Parents, grandparents and heads of children's ministries - bring your children to witness the musical. Family concessions and group discounts are available. Children under 7 years go free. Tickets are available through Humanitix. Contact vineyardhouse.nz@gmail.com for enquiries.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL



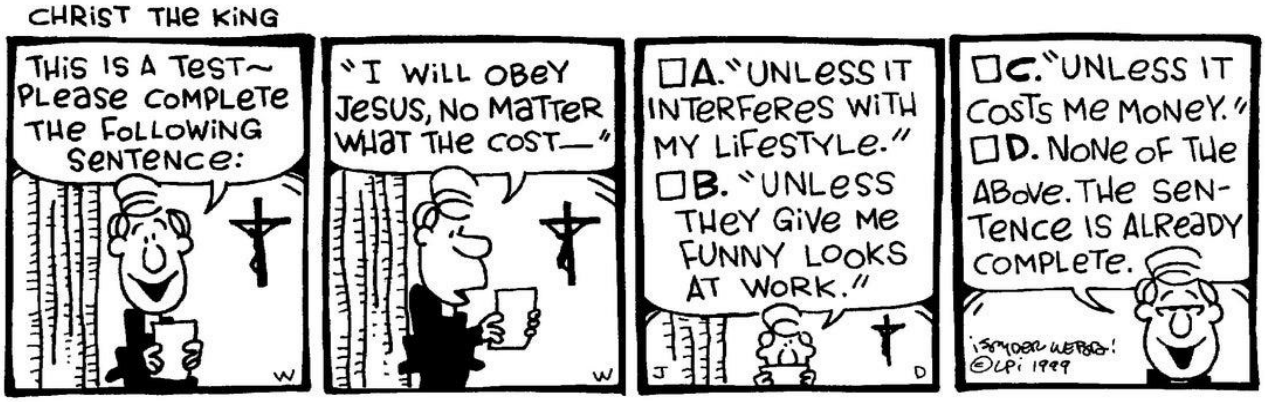
In celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, there will be novena and rosary prayers on the following dates:
Day 1 – 4 of the Novena and Rosary, SFX 7pm, 19th–22nd November
Day 5 – 8 of the Novena and Rosary OLOG 7pm, 23rd– 26th November
Day 9 of the Novena and Living Rosary Feast Day OLOG 7pm, 27 November 2026

UPPER HUTT HOUSING CHARITABLE TRUST
warmly invites you to a special fundraiser movie night.
Date: Friday 4 December 2026 Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Miro Street Cinema, 8a Miro Street in Trentham
Come and take a break from the Christmas rush! Enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and family watching the much-loved classic *Sense and Sensibility*.Ticket prices: Adults: $25 Senior citizens: $20
Tickets can be purchased directly from the cinema

THE ARCH DIOCESAN COMMISSION EJP
Would you like be part of a growing movement working with the intersection of Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Leo's call for active commitment to issues of equity, justice and peace? Then there is a place for you on the Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. We have three Committees comprising Integral Ecology, Bi-cultural Relations, and Social Equity with a committee for Peace forming. Being part of a committee involves bringing your own expertise and shining the light of Catholic Social Teaching on issues of injustice through submissions to Parliament, supporting initiatives like the Housing Forum and the Living Wage, Te Tiriti awareness, embodying the Season of Creation and peace activities. Opportunities for ongoing personal formation, in your particular area is embedded into the Committee zoom meetings and with support from the EJP Commission. https://cadw.nz/our-work/ecology justice-and-peace-commission-2/ecology-justice-and peace-commission/ Expressions of interest for 2027 are very welcome through EJP Commission Facilitator, Deirdre Meskill: d.meskill@cadw.nz - Ph. 021 2213944



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 Anne Jonnasen, Elima Wilson, George Fidow, and Shirley Mahoney, 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.



Matthew 25:31-46 • Christ the King

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Sheep and the Goats



All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Matthew 25:32

The puzzle is based on Matthew 25:31-46

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