



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 9:30 am (Stokes Valley) Wednesday/Friday 9:30 am (Heretaunga) Saturday 9:00 am (Heretaunga)
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
Reconciliation	By appointment with Parish Priest
Presbytery and Parish Office	5 Palmer Crescent Heretaunga
Parish Administrator	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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4 th Sunday of Easter		READINGS YEAR C	11 th May 2025
11 th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 13: 14, 43-52 Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17 John 10: 27-30	
18 th May	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 14: 21-27 Apocalypse 21: 1-5 John 13: 31-35	
UPCOMING EVENT			
Thurs 15 th May	09.30 am 01.30 pm	Mass at St. Francis Xaviers, SV Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV	
Fri 16 th May	09.30 am	St Brendan's Feast Day Followed by Morning tea at St Brendan's School	
 EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/			

To all the wonderful Mothers



PLANNED GIVING – IRD CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The Tax receipts along with the new envelopes are now available in the foyer of both Churches. Kindly ensure that you pick up your receipts and the new envelopes. Those of you who have recently joined too have their new envelopes in the foyer. If your Donation Receipt/Envelopes are not in the foyer of the church please advise the Parish Office and it will be relocated for you.

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme or change to an Automatic Payment, please contact the Parish Office.



ST BRENDAN'S FEAST DAY – FRIDAY 16 MAY 9.30AM

Please join the staff and students from St Brendan's School for Mass at 9.30am, followed by morning tea at school.



THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

To fully understand today's short Gospel (Jn. 10:27-30) it's important to know how sheep were raised in olden times in the Middle East. They were raised mainly for the wool they produced and had therefore the prospect of a longer life-span than sheep in Europe. The shepherd got to know his sheep roaming on the open terrain. So intimate was the relationship of shepherd and flock that they would recognise the voice of the shepherd calling them by name. Those who keep pet sheep know all about this. When Jesus claimed a similar relationship with those who believed in him, his listeners had experience of what he meant.



The essence of the Christian life is to become attuned to Jesus' voice, gently drawing us towards becoming loving persons. We are aware that today there's the Evil One also tugging at our heart strings with a view to making us selfish, self-centred and less loving. Today's Gospel reading urges us to distinguish between these two discordant voices – the more we choose to listen to the voice of our Shepherd, the gift of eternal life will never be stolen from us.

MUSIC GROUP

The Music Group is keen to increase its numbers. Any musicians - guitarists, flautists, pianists, singers - who are interested in joining us in this music ministry, please contact the office or Josephine 027 2045875.



BOOKINGS FOR PARISH FACILITIES



Any parish groups or individuals wanting to book the use either church, or one of the meeting spaces, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email with dates and times to secure your booking. Booking with the Office is essential as it ensures that two or more groups are not expecting to use the space at the same time.



ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish then welcome. Please fill in one of the cards in the foyer: "New to our Parish?" so we can put you on the Parish roll.

We are a very vibrant and welcoming Parish and have lots of groups and ministries you might like to join. For more information, please contact Jovena in the Parish Office 972 4282 or email office@olov.org.nz

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME

Do you know of someone who is unable to attend and would like to receive Communion? If you do then contact the office 972 4282.



Mass please



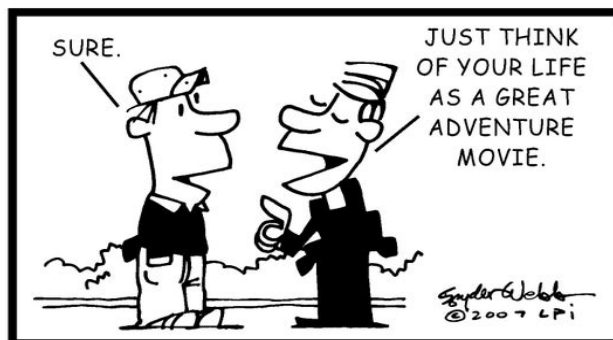
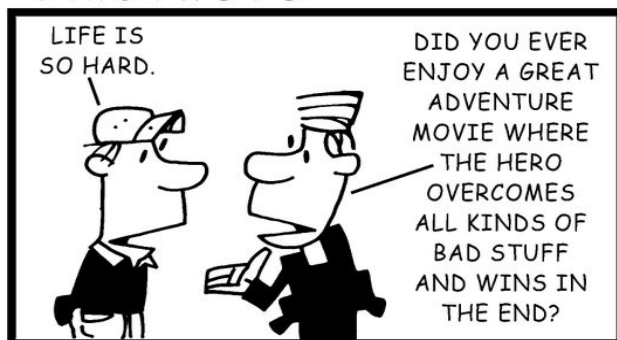
Visiting the sick

Do you know of someone who is unwell or is going to undergo a procedure or just someone who needs an ear to listen to? If you do then please contact the office on 972 4282.

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 Pope Francis and Bishop Owen Dowlan, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:27-30

PUZZLE FOR YOU



PUZZLE

Find your way through the bible maze.



MISSION

Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook. Ask God to help you love him more and more.



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CHURCHES MATTER