

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

Christian Meditation Group. Thursdays 9.15-10.00am at the Parish Centre, 35 William St, Richmond. All welcome. Information: Marie Shepherd, 538 0128 or 0278658032.

MOTHERS PRAYERS : Next Meeting 15th March at the home of Ann Hill. All welcome. Phone Erin 5440481 / Ann 544 7883.

WE REMEMBER... those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Mary Pattison, Irene Kathleen Havill and Fergus O'Connor.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Preparation classes of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion will begin in Our Lady Of Perpetual Church Richmond on Sunday 20th May. These classes are suitable for children in years 4 to 6. Families interested enrolling their children are asked to contact Jamie Morris at

Emma O'Connor Trust update

On Friday the 1st of May, Justice Peters delivered her judgement in which she approved the scheme to vary the Emma O'Connor. The variation now means the terms of the Trust extends to all the church communities within of Our Lady of the Bays Parish. Importantly, in consultation with the St's Peter and Paul community the wording of the terms of the trust were updated, highlighting the

the19thnelson@hotmail.com before the end of April.

WELCOME to baby Gabriel Winch born on 24th April to his delighted parents Philippa and James. Philippa is on leave from her role with Young Vinnies.

CAN YOU HELP?

Leigh Snodgrass created the original design for our new parish logo. She is placed in top 30 for NYX FaceAwards 2018 in New Zealand. Current challenge is Mother Nature. Public vote decides who goes to semi finals. Can you go to nyxcosmetics.co.nz, register and vote for her fabulous winter face. Voting closes Sunday 13 so be in quick. You can vote 3 times daily. Thank you so much. Any queries contact Karen 544 0551, karen@moynagh.co.nz

ongoing maintenance of Saints Peter and Paul church as the primary purpose of the Trust, with surplus income extended to the wider parish. And, that spending the income of the Trust within the Parish, for example on capital items, also applies to Saints Peter and Paul. I wish to extend special thanks to Derek Craze, as chair of the Finance Committee for his commitment and work over the last 2 years in seeing this variation to its completion.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Thursday 10.00am.

Please send all notices to ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE BAYS - SCHEDULE OF MASSES

St Peter Chanel, Motueka	Sat Vigil 5pm / Sun 9.30am / Tues, Thurs 9.30am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond	Sun 9.30am / Tues 11.30am / Wed 9.30am / Fri 9.30am
St Peter & Paul, Waimea West	5pm on 4th Sat of the month
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am (next Mass 17th June)
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 4pm

* If there is a funeral Mass it replaces the Mass of the day.

* Reconciliation: After weekday mass or by appointment with the priest.



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13rd May 2018

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Year B

ISSUE 51

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Next Sunday readings: Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature!”

‘The Ascension is not just a vertical parting, but it has a horizontal dimension as well.’ We often focus on the vertical recalling Jesus’ ascent into heaven to prepare a place for us. This promise of eternal life gives us hope and comfort. The greatest challenge though is the horizontal dimension of the Ascension – the reaching out that is part of our everyday mission.

Pope Francis reminds us that we too are called to obey the Lord’s command given 2,000 years ago. We are to work out together how to share the Good News. We cannot bury or hoard the gift we have been given, because everyone needs to hear the good news that they are loved. We are to be ‘the good news in the present tense’

We are Jesus’ disciples today, and we have our instructions. We have been empowered by the Holy Spirit. We have been given what we need in the Word and the Eucharist. We can be the good news.

As we bless ourselves at the end of Mass today before being sent forth we could perhaps focus on the horizontal movement of our hand as it moves from shoulder to shoulder noting that we cross over the place of our heart. In this moment we can remind ourselves that this movement signifies the love of the human community reminding us to ‘carry one another’s burdens’ and to do all things with love.

*Maureen Phillips
Principal - Saint Paul’s School*

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EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE - THE PURPOSE AND PALCE OF MUSIC IN THE LITURGY.

Don't Miss this Dynamic Workshop! Michael Mangan, an Australian composer, teacher and music litrgist will be presenting this interactive workshop at 6.30pm - 9.00pm on Monday 21 May at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond . Everyone is welcome.

This will be of particular interest to members of Liturgy teams, Children's Liturgists, Musicians and Directors of Religious Education. Please register with Ann Williams before Wednesday 16 May a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz. Michael is from overseas so a Koha would be appreciated but not compulsory.

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

LAUDATO SI' - Things you can do to cherish our planet and each other.

Start composting your kitchen scraps and garden rubbish. They break down a lot quicker in your compost bin than they do at the landfill. And then you can put the result on your garden which is very good for it. There is lots of information available on line or ask your neighbours as there will be a composting guru amongst them.

And for the month of May the Councils are offering \$30 discounts on compost bins, worm farms, worms or a Bokashi bucket! More information is available on their websites and libraries (and there are also some booklets in the foyer of the Richmond church).

PFG Fun "Environmental" event Last Sunday

A very stimulating, informative and entertaining event was held last Sunday evening at the Richmond Church Hall on environmental and sustainable issues. We learnt about the process of creating aluminium and how the recycling of aluminium cans is one of the better things you can do for our environment. We also learnt about all manner of things including composting (with a demonstration of the Bokashi system), what can be recycled, reducing the amount of waste we produce,

reusing things and ideas for upcycling; but unfortunately we didn't have time for the much anticipated paper folding demonstration (but you can find this on the internet). We finished with a delicious potluck dinner with all manner of local foods - with only a few feijoa dishes! Thanks for those of you who made the effort to come and we hope you went away inspired!

LABYRINTH, walking meditation Tuesday 24th April 2018; 6.00 -7.00pm; Christ Church Cathedral. An opportunity for those interested to have an introduction to walking the Labyrinth as a form of meditation. For more information: Mary 545 6525; Marie 027 865 8032 mlshepherd54@gmail.com WCCM [World Community for Christian Meditation] www.wccm.org

SEVENTH HEAVEN PEAVEN PASSIONIST GROUP Group outing for Sunday May 20th, from 2.pm at Wakefield Faulkner's Bush. Please bring afternoon tea to share and seating cushion/rug/chair. Choice of short beautiful bush walk, all flat, easy going and/or small hill walk with great views of Waimea plains/Wakefield and Pigeon Valleys.

Our Tongan RSE workers in the Motueka district have organised a shipping container to go back to their families in the islands in May. They would welcome any useful items such as; garden tools, children's books, bicycles, cotton clothing, cotton bedding, household furniture items...PLEASE NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS. Items can be left in St Peter Chanel church, or contact Trish Donaldson for more information 5289788.

PART TIME OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR The Parish of Our Lady of the Bays is a recently amalgamated Parish and covers 5 communities from Richmond to Takaka. We are looking for an experienced Office Administrator to work from the Parish Centre in Richmond. The main responsibility

of the role is to support the Parish Priests and the Chairpersons of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. Strong interpersonal skills, flexibility, the ability to prioritise tasks, empathy and confidentiality are some of the attributes required. The successful applicant will be a New Zealand citizen. Previous administrative experience, along with proven knowledge and experience of most common software and internet applications, is required. A detailed Position Description is available. If you believe you have the requisite experience and abilities please email Adrienne Hill on howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz for a copy. Applications will close at 4pm Monday 21 May 2018.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets every Wednesday at St. Peter Chanel church 3.30-4.30pm. All welcome. For more information phone 5284147.

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE GROUP is in action again for 2018 with our study of Acts. We welcome you to join us at 10.15 am on a Tuesday morning. For more details phone Janet 5284147 or Fran 5288695.

PLEASE REMEMBER in prayer the elderly, lonely, sick and infirmed of our community, especially Bryan Hamilton, Trish Hall, Bill Nugent, Barbara Janson, Nancy Courtney, Patti Ogilvie, Tom Inglis and Muriel Jackson.

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur in May: Rosealine Hutchinson (1st) , William Hilton (3rd), Michael John O'Brien & Keith Fry (5th), Stan McDonnell (6th) Gerardus Hofsteede & Margaret Moon (8th), Francis Hailes (10th) , Irene Dempsey(12th) Richard Wallace (13th), Helen Whalley (14th), Dawn Whalley (15th), Frances Muller (19th), Russell Wallace (20th), Hazel Mary McDonald (21st), John Kelly &

John Kilmartin (23rd), Louis Whalley (24th), Isabella Lennon & Shirley McNabb (27th), Iris Leckie & Donald Coghlan (29th), Tim O'Sullivan (30th)

We pray for those who passed away recently, Charlaine Griffith and Ethel Hofsteede. May they rest in peace.



Celebration of St. Peter Chanel's feast day last Sunday by St. Peter Chanel school and church community in Motueka.