

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: Peter Booth, Bridget McKenzie, Margaret Lynne Pound, Gertrude Annie Jean Nott, Ian William Shellock and John Adams (18th April).

CHURCH CLEANERS urgently needed in Richmond to help keep our church clean. It takes less than an hour and a half for 2 people and you get a turn about once in three months. Please consider helping. Please contact Karen Kersten 03-444279.

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 the19thnelson@hotmail.com before the end of April.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

The Winter timetable for Sunday Mass at 4.00pm will start on 15th April.

STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

WORKING BEE at Waimea West cemetery on Saturday 28 April 9-12pm Please bring buckets wheelbarrows, spades, forks, loppers, gloves etc. If wet, we'll have a cleaning bee in the church so in that case please bring ladders, extendable brushes and dusters, a few rags, buckets and cleaning products.

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 (next Mass 28th April)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
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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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

22nd April 2018

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Vocation Sunday)

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Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Next Sunday readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1John 3:18-24; John 15:4-5

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of himself as the "good shepherd... who lays down his life for his sheep." As such, he has a deep commitment to those in his charge, and will not desert us, his sheep, in times of need.

The good shepherd knows his sheep and they know him. There is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. We know God through other people, prayer, and sacrament. We need to be around other members of God's flock as life is not a solo effort.

"There are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well." We hope, pray, and strive that "there will be only one flock, and one shepherd", that the whole world will be one with God. This is the heart of the Gospel message – an openness to God and to all others.

This openness could perhaps extend towards our concept of vocations and leadership.

Traditionally we have limited the word "vocation" to a calling to be a priest or a member of a religious order. Sometimes we pray that others may answer that call, not us - we do not see ourselves and our children as included!

Every one of us has a vocation. No one gets out of this - but it doesn't have to be grand or saving the world! Our vocation includes what we do as married, parents, single, working, studying, retired, grandparents. It includes being kind and considerate in all our actions and interactions, no matter how small. And each of us should ask ourselves today, and periodically: Is what I spend my energies on every day my real vocation? Is this what God wants me to do with my life?

*Blessings and good will,
Merrick*

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EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

VOCATION SUNDAY

Want to know more about priesthood?

“Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us.” - Pope Francis

Contact Fr David Dowling
021 174 4248, frdavidd@gmail.com

Vocation Stories and Reflections on Priesthood (Cardinal John Dew, Fr David Dowling, Fr Andrew Kim, Fr Patrick Bridgmen, Saint John Paul II) - wn.catholic.org.nz/archdiocesan-ministries/priesthood/

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

LAUDATO SI' - Things you can do to cherish our planet and each other. Refuse to be part of our “throw away” society. Don't use anything disposable. Always ask yourself why you want to get rid of something. Maybe you shouldn't have even bought it ... like throw away coffee cups! But if something is damaged, get it fixed and continue to use it instead of buying a new one. If it is not needed, give it a new life by giving it to St Vincent De Paul.

Think about options before you throw it in the rubbish.

PASSIONIST RETREATS FOR OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS

The Passionists are running two retreats for young people. For those 15+ there is a Youth Retreat 9-12 July in Pohangina Valley, Palmerston North and for Young Adults (18-30) from 13-15 July in Featherston, Wairarapa. For further information see their web site www.passionist.org.nz/retreats

Tax Receipts

Tax Receipts for donations made via Planned Giving are available for collection at the back of the church. I would encourage you to complete an IR526 and apply for your tax credit of 33.33% from Inland Revenue – for most people the process will be relatively straightforward.

Just a note regarding envelopes for Special Collections; if you miss putting your envelopes in the collections on the designated dates, but you would like to support these collections, you can put your envelopes in any subsequent collections. Your gifts will be applied to the appropriate causes.

If your Name and/or Address details are incorrect or have changed please let me know. My contact details are; Phone 03 544 3179 (evenings), phone/text 021 154 7707 or email graeme@parish.org.nz

Thank you for your financial support of our parish.

Graeme O'Connell.

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.

LITURGY WORKSHOP Don't Miss this dynamic workshop 'The Purpose and Place of Music in the Liturgy'. Michael Mangan, an Australian composer, teacher and music liturgist will be presenting this interactive workshop on Monday 21st May, 7.00pm-9.00pm, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond. Michael is from overseas so a Koha would be appreciated but not compulsory. 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 16th May at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

NZ CATHOLIC The April 22 – May 5 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishops quoted in Pope's apostolic exhortation. Church teaching had impact on union leader. 40 Days for Life brings some special graces. Astronaut took Communion while orbiting earth.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on May 6.

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

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

ANZAC DAY MASS : 25 April 9.30am

Canton, Anastasia Thorp, Arthur Williams, Zillah Gilkes, Eileen Muir.

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, Muriel Jackson and Janet Price.

Hello to all **GOMFADERS** and Grandfathers! Any Grumpy Old Man is eligible to attend. We welcome teetotalers as warmly as the bottlers! Discussion is often erudite but never rude! We owe our beginnings to Richard Rayner of Motueka, who saw a need for the more mature members of the Parish to come together in fellowship and Discussion. We meet at 5pm on the last Sunday of each month. For more info, please ring Malcolm 03 5287484.

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur in April: Elizabeth Smith, Patricia Devine, Albert Dempsey, Jackie Guthrie, Kiyoko Williams, George Stephens, Agnus Brunning, Derrell Stuttard, Miles