

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE GROUP every Tuesday morning at 10.15am. For details phone Janet 5284147 or Fran 5288695.

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

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

Thorp, Arthur Williams, Zillah Gilkes, Eileen Muir.

FIREWOOD HELPERS REQUIRED for Saturday 5th May We have sourced a great source of firewood at a handy location but we need a good team to get it all back to the sheds at St Peter Chanel church. Meet at the sheds by 9 am. All done by lunchtime! Ring Malcolm 5287484.



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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

30th April 2018

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER YR B

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Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1John 3:18-24; John 15:4-5
Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
Next Sunday readings: Acts 10:25-26; John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Last Monday Fr. Seph and I visited the Sea parish in Blenheim. It was a great opportunity to catch up with brother priests, Frs. John and Pat and share the ministry experiences and personal stories. On the way back to Nelson after enjoying their generous hospitality, we were so amazed with the vines in vineyards as they produced much fruits on each branches. It made a beautiful scenery with coloured leaves. After long waiting with farmers' sweat, finally it is a time to harvest. This fantastic scenery of vineyard recalled me this Sunday's gospel as Jesus describes our relationship with him. It is compared to a vine and the branches.

“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine.”

Yes, Jesus is the centre, source and foundation. Cutting ourselves from him and detaching ourselves from him will cause us to be lost in life. Away from Jesus, we will not bear fruits. Without him, we are useless and helpless. We will not survive apart from Jesus. Jesus is our support. He is our nourishment. He is our very life.

We are called to remain with him. It means to be united with him and to live with him. It is not just a matter of staying with Jesus. It is not just aligning ourselves with Jesus. But we have to begin communion with him. We are called to be pruned. It is cutting off what is useless in us. It is to get rid what is unnecessary in us. It is to let go of the excess baggage in our life. Our pruning is our self-emptying. And we must be ready for pruning so that we can be healthy and fruitful for the Lord.

Fr. Andrew Kim

“...and isn't it a miracle that crocuses bloom?
And you can banish cat hair with the sweep of the broom?
And that daffodils and children have the same kind of smile?
And you can take off your shoes and splash in water for a while?
That you can hear angels singing in the cooing of a dove
Or give a person something, simply out of love
And that God will paint colours on the clouds for us to see
And that we can watch together, you standing next to me.”
Excerpt from “Springtime” by Eva Cassidy

Newsletter deadline Thursdays 10am. 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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REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

LAUDATO SI' - Things you can do to cherish our planet and each other. Smile more. As the saying goes ... "spread the love" ...

A FUN EVENT..You are invited to a fun "Laudato Si'" event where you will have the opportunity to learn a few things about how to cherish our planet by getting answers to your questions and getting practical, professional advice on recycling and composting and then we will cherish each other by having a pot luck meal together. This will all take place on **Sunday 6 May in the Church Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Williams Street, Richmond starting at 4.00pm.** You are asked to bring food (and drink) for the meal that you have either grown yourself, sourced very locally or prepared yourself. It should be fun. If you want to know more or you are coming, please contact ...

Maria or Philip Archer 544 1580 (and leave a message) or email philipmaria@xtra.co.nz.

Mass in Māori: Kia hiwa rā! Kia hiwa rā! Pā Gerry Burns of the Archdiocesan Maōri Pastoral Care team will be celebrating Mass/Miha in Māori at **Garin college's** Whareniui Te Rongoā o Aotearoa

at 7pm on Thursday 3rd May. Pā Gerry is PP of Te Ngākau Tapu parish for Māori based in Porirua, and works with Danny Karatea-Goddard and Rangimoeroa Waikari-Panapa. Whether you are fluent in Māori or not, you will be able to follow the Mass. Please bring some kai/food to share after the Mass. Nau mai, haere mai, all welcome.

Any practical NON ELECTRICAL items gratefully accepted for the shipping container for our **Tongan RSE workers in the Motueka district.** Items can be left in St Peter Chanel church, or contact Trish Donaldson for more information 5289788.

ANOINTING MASS will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church Richmond, after the 9.30 Mass Sunday 6 May. Everyone is welcome to share in the Sacrament of Healing/Anointing. If you, or anyone you know, are in need of prayers and healing in some way please take the opportunity to share in this Sacrament.

FAREWELL AND DEEP GRATITUDE: with sadness we farewell Janet Thorp our parish secretary. Janet has seen through a significant time with our parish(es) in the last few years and contributed a huge amount of her time and energy to putting things in order and keeping everything running for us all. Janet's thoughtful and caring pastoral presence will be very much missed. Janet's final day will be on the Friday 4th of May. A process is underway to assess the role of parish secretary and advertise this position. God Bless Janet, may God Bless you and keep you in the palm of his hand. Fr. Seph

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP (CORS) Announcement: In October 2017, the St Vincent de Paul Society was approached by a group of local women who were keen to bring a person or persons to NZ under a newly minted government scheme CORS, and needed a community organisation to partner them and act as the umbrella organisation. To this end, a working group of 6 people has been formed, 3 Vincentians and the 3 women whose initiative drove the application. Following a detailed application process the Society was one of 4 organisations approved by government to be part of this pilot programme, under which 25 refugees are being brought to NZ. These people are additional to the refugee quota.

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Although not yet finalised, we are anticipating the arrival, in July, of a young Syrian couple who are presently in a refugee camp in Lebanon. A requirement of the sponsorship is a very detailed resettlement plan be formulated. This has been done and sited by ministry of immigration personnel. We are still to decide definitively on areas of responsibility but are meeting to discuss same next week.

This notice is to alert our local parishes to the project and to signal that where necessary we will be calling on our wider community for your prayerful and practical support. Watch this space !!!

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church Richmond this Thursday 3rd May from 10 - 5pm. Make it your day to visit Jesus.



TAIZE HOUR will be on Tuesday 8 May at 7.30pm in the Chapel at St Francis of Assisi, Songer Street, Stoke. All welcome for this ecumenical hour of Taize music and verse, candlelight and prayerful silence. A gentle way to restore yourself.

Contact ~ Diane Renwick 5473356

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♪♪MUSIC 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

St Vincent de Paul Motueka have a shed full of dry pallet wood & some logs. We have had some very good working bees lately. If you know of anyone desperate for help with emergency wood, please get them to ring Malcolm @ 5287484. First load to a client has been delivered this week!

STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

Please remember in your prayers, our community's faithful departed in April: Philip O'Brien (1864), Elizabeth Bolton , Dorothy Tomlinson (1877), Mary Redwood (1879), Bartholomew O'Leary (1885), Joan Hight, Bridget O'Connor, Ellen Sutton (1928),

C. Ted Tomlinson (1933), Antonio Fabrello (1942), Eva Glass (1973), Wattie Jenkins (1978), J. Bruce Cook (1980), Jana McNally (1989), Greta Higgins (1991), Geraldine O'Connor (1996), Noel Berkett (2003), Betty Askew (2013), P. John Kersten (2016),

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

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

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP We meet at 10.45am the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Enquiries to Anne Hill 544 7883