

Cards for mass intentions are available in the foyer

NB: An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. When a person asks a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention, a stipend (monetary offering) is usually given to the priest for offering the Mass, which thereby in justice creates an obligation which must be satisfied i.e. the mass must be said. The origins of this practice date back to the early Church.

Depending on the intention of the request made by the person, the intention may or may not be announced at the mass when it is said. It is not necessary for the person who has requested the mass to be present. In our parish when a mass is intention for a recently deceased loved one, or a death anniversary is requested it is usually printed in the newsletter so the person knows the mass has been offered. Asking for a mass intention on someone's behalf is a beautiful gesture and a reminder for us all that when we face the loss of someone we love, even a person who is not Catholic, that the prayers offered for the repose of their soul are beneficial, comforting and appreciated.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

MOTHERS' PRAYERS We are a group for those who wish to pray for their families. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.45 to 11.30am. Please come and join us. Next meeting: This Thursday 16th August. Enquiries to Erin 544 0481 / 021 170 8406 or Anne 544 7883 / 027 872 0142.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed anniversaries which are accrued in this week. Bernard Wareing, Claire Marie Baker, Wilhelmina Zwart, John Henry Goddard, Marjory Margaret McDowell, Rosaline Emily Rodman and Patrick Michael Ring.

FEEDBACK SESSION Our Community feedback session will be held after Mass next Sunday 12 August. Please take the time today or during the week to read the charts on the wall and reflect on your responses. Tea and coffee will be available in the foyer following Mass.

MASS CARDS A new supply Mass Cards (\$1.80 each) is available in foyer in Richmond.

NO WEEKDAY MASS on Wednesday 8th August : Parishioners are invited to join junior syndicate at St Paul's school.

Newsletter deadline Thursdays 10.30am. 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 July)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 4pm (during Winter)

* 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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The Archdiocese of Wellington
To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS
MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

5th August 2018 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B ISSUE 62

Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17. 20-24; John 6:24-35
Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
Next Sunday readings: 1Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

Dear Parishioners,
The simple words of Jesus in this week's gospel as he says "I am the bread of life" are an important and tangible reminder for us as Catholics of the sacramental gift of his love we receive each time we share in the eucharist. Equally though, it is of decisive importance for us all to realise, that however mundane it may seem at times in our celebration of the eucharist, our faith in God can never be "just" an abstract or conceptual belief. When Jesus proclaims that he is the bread of life he is challenging us (humanity itself) to the possibility that within life the life we live there is a doorway (Jesus himself) that once opened, can utterly transform us and our world that can meet our deepest hungers. As the bread of life Jesus is challenging us to see beyond the

limitation of our perceptions into a wondrous and beautiful realm of transformative love. William Blake the 17th century English mystic says it most beautifully and succinctly in a poem of his when he says... "If the doors of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is, infinite." How important then to realise that our freedoms as human beings come as much as a responsibility as a gift in which we need to make our choice to be or not to be. The sacramental significance of the Eucharist we celebrate each week is equally a reminder of our human potential, and, an invitation to be sharers in the dance of divine love existing around us. How blessed are we...

God Bless, Fr. Seph

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EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

THE JULY 29 - AUGUST 11 ISSUE OF NZ CATHOLIC is out now. Some headlines are: Quake safety risk sees Wellington cathedral closed. Number of marriages declared null in NZ doubles. What is Western Civilisation anyway? Vocations feature. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on August 12.

PRAYER PLEASE The next step towards the Beatification of **Venerable Suzanne Aubert** requires the Church's recognition of a miracle through her intercession. Many people have testified to requests and prayers answered through Suzanne's intercession and there are hopeful signs. If it be God's will, the necessary enquires will lead to formal recognition of a miracle. Please can you pray for Venerable Suzanne Aubert's Beatification and Canonisation.

You are invited to pray this prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that your healing presence may be experienced by those who request Suzanne Aubert to intercede on their behalf.

If it be your will, and for the welfare of Aotearoa/New Zealand Church, please grant a miraculous cure through Suzanne Aubert's intercession.

We make this prayer with confidence as we remember her love for the Maori, and her care for the poor, the sick and the underprivileged. Amen.

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

Please reduce the amount of plastic you buy/use/recycle New Zealand is stockpiling our recycled plastic and the best things we can do is simply use less of it. Go and have a look at Bin Inn to see what you can refill so you can reuse containers.

TAIZE HOUR Tuesday 14 August at 7.30pm in the Chapel at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke. All welcome for this ecumenical time of quiet personal prayer with Taize hymns and verse in candlelight. Contact Diane Renwick 5473356.

A WARM WELCOME to all from Years 1 to 4 students at St Paul's Catholic School. We would love to have you at our syndicate Mass on Wednesday 8th August at 9:30am. When you arrive you will be greeted by

students who will direct you to the classroom. An ideal time to come and see our school, especially if you haven't yet had a chance. Please come and enjoy our Mass and morning tea. St Paul's school, 63 Salisbury Rd, Richmond.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

The Nelson Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is meeting on the 11 August. We are looking forward to hearing about Cristina Miccio's visit to Medjugorje.

Join us for Praise and worship and fellowship. As usual we will meet in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. Come and join us.

We look forward to seeing you.

Contact Mary 03 5410770.

For more information. www.dove.org.nz

HEALING MASS Fr. John Rea, will be celebrating a mass with healing at St. Francis Catholic Church, Songer St, Stoke, on Wednesday 8 August, commencing 7pm. Supper to follow. All welcome. Enquiries, Phone Willie, 0274625983.

LOOKING FOR A JOB - Aveline Wong from Malaysia, with 9 years of working experience in ACCOUNTING related field, is looking for an ACCOUNTING related job in Tasman district. Contact: 021 0826 6826 or aveline.wong88@gmail.com

FAITH & LIGHT RAFFLE Thank you to all who supported our raffle held in conjunction with the Fr Chris Skinner concert last Saturday, a wonderful evening. Prize winners were; 1 Clair, 2 Merle, 3 Marys Gunn. All prizes were collected on the night. Your support will help fund our participation at the National Faith &

Light Gathering in Canberra next March.

FINAL BOOTEES NEWSLETTER. The latest update is on the News Board in the foyer. Please read it and note the Web pages of VFL where you can see and hear what really happened on 25th July at Parliament, and not just what the media decided to report.

Primary & Secondary Religious Education Hui If you are interested in what is happening in our students Primary and Secondary Religious Education Programmes please come along to Garin College on Wednesday 22nd August, 4 - 5pm.

MEDITATION GROUPS in both Richmond and Motueka are taking a break. Information will be in the newsletter once a new start date has been confirmed.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE GROUP We welcome you to join us at 10.15 am on a Tuesday morning. For details phone Janet 5284147 or Fran 5288695.

ANOINTING MASS will be held on the first Thursday of every month at the St Peter Chanel Church Chapel during 9.30am weekday mass. Everyone welcome. Next mass is at 9.30am on 6th of September.

SHARING EUCHARIST with those in our church community who are sick or housebound. Let Father Andrew (ph. 0221 022 011) know and he will visit your friend or family member and then set up regular visits with Eucharistic Ministers.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely, sick and infirmed of our community, especially Bryan Hamilton, Trish Hall, Bill Nugent, Barbara Janson, Nancy Courtney, Tom Inglis, Malcolm Garrett, Muriel Jackson and Therese Dunnill.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed anniversaries which are accrued in this week. (06) Renata Reinhoff, (08) Alleen Keenan, (09) Katherine West and (10) David Cowell.

St Peter Chanel students and staff will be celebrating St Mary of the Cross Feast on Wednesday 8 August with Mass at 11.30am. We welcome you all to join us.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

PLEASE REMEMBER Elis Pothin in your prayers, who is in Nelson hospital.