



A Catholic Parish of
The Archdiocese of Wellington

To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th Dec 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

Issue 303

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Peter 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8

MASS TIME Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA

Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND

Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2nd Sat each month

WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4th Sat each month

TAKAKA

Sunday 5pm, 1st & 3rd each month

Service of the Word with Communion
on 2nd Sunday of month at 9.30am

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA

Tuesday 9.30am

Friday 9am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, 9.15 Rosary

Friday 9.30am Liturgy of the Word

RICHMOND

Wednesday and Friday 9.30am

Reconciliation after Mass or
by Appointment

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

Dear Parishioners!

Peace!

How excited are we for the coming of the Lord? How passionate are we to behold once again the birth of our Lord Jesus? Are our hearts ready for his coming? Advent season is a preparation but also there is a penitential aspect.

Today's reading reminds us of that, to prepare the way of the Lord, calling us to repentance. The first reading from Isaiah, gives us the prophets calling to declare to the people that the Lord is coming to them. This news should give them comfort. The Lord will come with his mighty arm, to carry them as the shepherd carries the lamb back home. This message is being addressed to the people in exile - humiliated, suffering. The exile is the consequence of their turning away from God saying God we do not need you. So this is isolation, a consequence of turning away from the Lord. But God, through prophet Isaiah, told them "comfort my people, comfort them." I will lead them home. The Lord who has been hurt was the first one to call the people to come back in love and mercy. The question is, will the people turn to him? Repentance is turning back to the true God, to be carried again to the straight path.

The second reading emphasises that. The space (the delay of the Lord's coming) is a space for us to come back to the Lord's loving care. Going back to God's conscious desire for love and grace. This is a chance to look within ourselves, discern whether paths are of the Lord.

The Gospel according to Mark is labeled as the beginning of the Gospel - the announcement of the good news, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here we see John the Baptist announcing Jesus' coming. A voice 'crying' out in the desert, "prepare a straight path for the Lord." What is the straight path? Repentance. John the Baptist called them to repentance and baptism of the water. The coming of Jesus Christ is surrounded, clothed, embedded with repentance. This is as if telling us, there is no coming into our hearts without repentance. This is a message that seems strong yet loving. Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!! Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!!

Arohanui,

Cirilo



2nd Sunday
of Advent

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

Advent: A Forthcoming

Advent: Time to stock take
Stock takes on World Day of the poor
Contemplate how our Creator
gave us this world to share

Advent: A time of arrival
As we wait for a special birth
Like women in labour, so do we
Hold our breath, in anticipation

Advent
Rose: You soften darkness
A splash among the purple
You soften our amends and penance
On the third Sunday of Advent

Advent: At close
A great feast Day celebrates Christ the King
It brings memories of processions

When Little hands reach up
To settle white veils

White veils fastened by tiny flowers
To hold them in place

Boys white shirts, whiter still
Overnight soaked in blue
Their black shoes highly polished
By their loving dads

Banners, all liturgical colours
Held fast against the wind
Blue capes clipped firmly
Balloon out from human forms

The greatest of all Christ the King
Held up for the world to see
Gold sparks ignite and diminish
As Sun beams on the Cyborium

Vestments of white and gold splendour lead
Let voices resound
"Praise the Lord
O King of Kings "

Poetess by Diane Smith

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Kia Ora Tatou,
The St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas outreach to families in need will operate in the same way as it did last year. Bearing logistics in mind and in the interests of keeping things simple our giving will again be in the form of grocery and petrol vouchers. Should you wish to make a donation to this cause:

Our bank account number is: **03-0703-0394763-02**
Please use **Christmas** as your reference.

If you require a receipt for tax purposes, please supply your physical address, by email, to our treasurer, Margaret Pattison: pattison@ts.co.nz

A receipt will be posted out.

Nga mihi nui and God bless from Our Lady of Perpetual Help conference

Prepare the way of the Lord

Rite II Advent Parish Reconciliation on the 13th of December, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond at 6:30pm. All are welcome

Advent
Reconciliation Service



Reconciliation Opportunities

For those who cannot come to Reconciliation on Wednesday, don't forget that reconciliation is always available after our weekday Masses and also by arranging a time with one of our Priests. Just ring 03 5448987 and follow the instructions to contact them.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

This Monday 11th evenings at 7.30-8.15 pm will be our last group for 2023. You are welcome to come early from 6.45pm for cuppa, Christmas cake and a chat
We begin again as a group in February 2024

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

If you have children or young people who would like to be part of this year's Nativity Play on Christmas Eve (24 December 6.00pm) we are looking for Narrators (readers) and actors.

You must be available for a rehearsal on Sunday 17 December and Saturday 23 December. Times to be confirmed.
If you would like to help with the costumes we would also like to hear from you.

This is always a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season, we look forward to hearing from you.

Karla Biggs and Joy McGahern, karla77.biggs@gmail.com

SIMBANG GABI (Novena Mass at Night): This is Filipino tradition which involves 9 consecutive Masses being celebrated from 15 to 23 December, at 7pm each night. They will be held in St Francis of Assisi church, as this will be more central for Filipinos from Richmond and Motueka to attend. Originally, it popularly came to be known as Misa Aguinaldo. De Aguinaldo means gift, which is peculiar to Christmas. The faithful makes this their “Aguinaldo” to God for the great gift of Jesus. The practice can also be understood as the preparation of the faithful to receive from God the great gift or “Aguinaldo” of Christmas, who is Jesus, the saviour of the world. These nine Masses are also considered as a novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Catholic faithful. This refers to the Roman Catholic practice of performing nine days of private or public devotion to obtain special graces. This is the time where we mostly feel the presence of the Lord because it is the spiritual preparation for Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a great source of spiritual nourishment to all of us as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to experience a different style of celebration. The Mass is in English. Fr Michael and Fr Cirilo together with Fr Marlon will take turns to celebrate the different days.

Garin Dux & Proxima accessit Winner



Maddie Cornelisen



Sarah Cools



SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

10 December (Sunday) – 2nd Sunday of Advent, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion, 9:30am
 17 December (Sunday) – 3rd Sunday of Advent, mass at 5:00pm
 24 December (Sunday)-*Christmas eve*, mass at 5:00pm
 25 December (Christmas day) – no mass
 31 December (Sunday) - mass at 5:00pm

Prayers are with Fr Larry Barnett remembering his 42yrs ordination and work as a Columban missionary

There is a box by the entrance door for *donations of non-perishable goods*.. St Vincent de Paul Society will forward these donations to the Mohua Social Services for distribution. **St Vincent de Paul Society** (Sacred Heart Takaka) also welcomes monetary donations which will be used to provide fuel and food vouchers to those in need. Donations can be deposited directly to this bank account: **03 0703 0394763 005**
 If you require a receipt for tax purposes, please state your name and address by email, to our treasurer: csaccountancy@xtra.co.nz

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

From the Leadership Group

There was a good response to the Reconciliation Survey .It is being collated and will be discussed with Fr Michael. The Driveway is going to be resealed and depending on the weather this may be finished before Christmas. Thanks to the Parish Finance Committee of Our Lady of the Bays who are contributing \$2000 towards the cost of our new Electronic Piano. Stand by for innovative fundraising to obtain the balance.

Thanks to Hemon Dey for once again producing the Parish Roster. Hard copies are available in the foyer.

Please remember in your prayers the Elderly, ill and housebound of our Parish ,including Joan Curtain and Peter Goodman. And also those family members of our Parish Community who may be far away and experiencing health challenges.



St Vincent DePaul are still collecting food items for distribution. The basket is in the foyer. As well as staples ,please think about including a Christmas treat this week.



St Peter Chanel School

Community Prayer

Loving Jesus, during this season of Advent we pray that we keep your birth and life on earth at the centre of our consciousness, remembering your sacrifice and devotion to all peoples' welfare, even at the expense of your own. You were born into the world a tiny baby, divinity and humanity mixed, sent to lead us to eternal life in Heaven. We thank you for being a martyr for our sins. Amen.

SPC Kapa haka Festival Performance.

Last Friday 9 schools attended the festival. I was so impressed with the performances of our group who moved and sang so beautifully.

Dance Motueka

Congratulations to Mhairi Campbell, Gracie Copeland and Abi Hay for their performances in the Motueka Dance Show last weekend. Your dedication to dance is excellent.

Advent at St Peter Chanel School

Each class has an Advent Wreath with a candle lit for each Sunday of Advent. To celebrate this important time with our Parish community and to practice our faith through celebrating the sacrament of the Eucharist and the word of God, the whole school attended Mass last Tuesday

Reporting to Parents

Teachers are busy completing end of year summative reports. These reports record the teacher's overall judgement as to the achievement of the individual student and comment on the learning that has taken place during the year.

Thank You!

A school is very much a community institution and our school community is very generous with their time and energy. I wish to thank you so much for contributing , from providing transport and fundraising and many other activities, to the Board of Trustees. This is a great place to learn and a great place to teach and work. Thank you everyone for your contribution to the success of our school. Best wishes to our Year 8 students who will be graduating primary school soon. God bless and keep you well over the Christmas period and summer holidays.

Ngā Mihi

Kind Regards

Margaret Campbell-McCauley-Principal

	10/12/2023	10/12/2023
Greeter	M Carr A Lane	S&V Cameron
Morning Tea	E Taggart Z Ogilvie	S & V Cameron
Music	Scott Cameron	Josie Moriarty
Prayers Faithful	MARGARET JONES	VERONICA DUGDALE
Readers	M Kilmartin E stolten	D Ogilvie V Dugdale
Eucharistic Ministers	A Lane K O'Gorman	S & V Cameron
Cleaning	S & C Collins	
Lawns	Mike Carr	Paul Hay

Journey to Bethlehem - Motueka's State Cinema is showing this film for a limited time. It is a family friendly, musical, live-action film about the Christmas story - enjoyable to watch, with some comedy moments. The next screenings are at 3.25pm on Sunday 10 December and 5.45pm on Tuesday 12 December



Garin College

Teacher Aide

Part Time fixed Term position available, term time only, 2024 School year.

Full job details and Application information packs are available on our website <https://www.garincollege.ac.nz/vacancies/>

Applications close 9.00am, Wednesday 13 December 2023.

Business Manager - Garin College
35 Champion Road
Richmond, Tasman

Full Time Permanent Position

(I) Garin College Business Manager

Garin College is a Catholic State Integrated co-education college recognised for its provision of education with excellence.

We seek a professional, innovative and enthusiastic Business Manager to join our collaborative and experienced Senior Leadership Team.

Primary responsibilities include leading the strategic operational business and financial planning and reporting, including risk management and property management. Knowledge and experience in management of Human Resourcing is desirable. The provision of well-formulated business advice and support to the Principal, Senior Leadership Team and the Garin Board will be essential aspects of the position. The successful applicant will accept the condition to support, uphold and be positively involved in the special character of Garin College.

Start date 22 January 2024, or by negotiation with the Principal on appointment. Applications close 9.00am, Monday 11 December 2023. Application packs are available on our website <https://www.garincollege.ac.nz/vacancies/> Please email a cover letter, completed application form, CV and ID proof to hr@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz