

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION held at St. Peter Chanel church each Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30. All welcome. For information phone 03 528 4147.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely, sick and infirmed of our community: Madhu Dey, Malcolm Garrett, Peter Goodman, Pat Stack, Bryan Hamilton, Trish Hall, Bill Nugent, Barbara Janson, Nancy Courtney and Therese Dunnill.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed for this week. (10) Annie Leonard (12) Carol Cowell. May they rest in peace.

THE SONG KEEPERS The Gecko theatre has arranged for the film to be shown on Saturday, 16th March 2pm. Brochure on notice board. Any inquiry, **Frances 528 4559**. "Australia's answer to The Buena Vista Social Club. The Song Keepers tells the inspiring story of an Aboriginal women's choir. With their charismatic musical director Morris Stuart, the choir embarks on an historical tour of Germany, singing the baroque Lutheran hymns brought to their great grandparents by German missionaries in their own Western Arrarnta and Pitjantjatjara languages. Together these remarkable women take their music and stories of cultural survival, identity and cross-cultural collaboration to the world."

2019 Easter Mass Times Our Lady of the Bays Parish

	Motueka	Richmond	Wakefield	Takaka
Holy Thursday 18 April	7pm	7pm Night Prayer		7.30pm
Good Friday 19 April	3pm	10am Morning Prayer 3pm Service with Communion		3pm
Easter Vigil 20 April	7pm	10am Morning Prayer 7pm Mass		7.30pm
Easter Sunday 21 April	9.30am	9.30am	8am	

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 23rd March)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 5pm (during summer)

* 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

10th March 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Next Sunday readings: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

At St Peter Chanel School we have begun the school term with an action statement for all students to aspire to: "Jesus calls us to follow His teachings of compassion and friendship to be CLEAR". The CLEAR relates to our school values of being Connected, Loving, Excellent, Active and Respectful. The students have been relating this to their actions in school and out of school, asking themselves how we can show friendship and compassion to others in the way Jesus modelled. For our younger children it is useful to ask them what friendship and compassion looks like, sounds like and feels like. This is a very positive way to begin our school year. We are also focusing on learning more about the life of Jesus.

Our teaching of Lent to the children is that it is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Easter. It is a time to do something extra for others, a time to grow closer to God. We also teach using the Caritas resources as a focus for our learning. The theme for Lent 2019 is inspired by a quote from Pope Francis "Living our lives with love" we are called to live our lives with genuine love – for others and for God. This year we are learning about life in South Sudan. This provides a comparison and contrast for our children to reflect on and includes learning about the recent history of South Sudan, about the challenges the people there face, and about the humanitarian efforts there. We will be encouraging the children to think about what they can do that will show love to others.

Let us all use this time of Lent to grow closer to God through our thoughts, words, prayers and actions.

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REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMME Tonight (10 March) at 7.30pm on TV1 there will be a segment on Kiwis heading to Guinea, West Africa volunteering for a Christian medical charity called Mercy Ships.

Surgeons, nurses, physiotherapists and radiographers provide surgeries to thousands of patients from the world's poorest countries. This segment profiles them and their incredible work. Further information at <https://mercyships.org.nz>

NELSON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY 2019 VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Do you feel God calling you to become a part of the Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry? Applications for 2019 Volunteer training are open now, to be received by 4pm Friday, 15 March. To find out more please phone 03 546 1800 and ask to speak to Hospital Chaplain, Henk Lups, or email henk.lups@nmdhb.govt.nz

LAUDATO SI' Things you can do to look after our common home When you use the Church halls, make sure you recycle everything possible. We are a caring community who cares for our environment. There are recycling bins and a compost bin. Please use them properly.

UK PILGRIMAGE - join Msgr David Tonks on a spiritual journey to Ireland, Scotland & England: 25-days departing Sunday 23 June 2019. For further details, please contact Laura on phone +64-9-921 5106 or 0800-277 477 or email: laura@skytrain.co.nz.

FOOD FOR FAITH

Lenten reflections by Father John O'Connor can be found daily at this website. <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/> Sign up for a daily thought.

Pope Francis reminds us that the three temptations Jesus experienced are also common for us: the temptation to play God, the false security of economic well-being, and giving in to evil as a short-cut to power. A temptation is an empty fantasy, always powerless to deliver what it promises. When we give into temptation, we are left feeling even more unsatisfied than before.

It is helpful to know when we are most vulnerable to sin. Think H.A.L.T! When we are hungry, angry, lonely or tired we are likely to grasp at anything or anyone promising even a moment of satisfaction. Maturity of self-awareness (knowing our vulnerabilities) prepares us for growth in relationship with Jesus and therefore with each other. A healthy and positive discipline is required for this growth, like the athlete in training for competition or the musician rehearsing for performance.

The greatest achievement of the devil in our world today is that so many people think he doesn't exist. This means the he can operate without being noticed and in ways that are devious and destructive.

An Invitation: Take a few moments every day to notice Jesus present and active in the events and encounters of your life in the last few hours. Now become aware of where you have experienced the presence and action of the devil in your life today. Conclude these moments by remembering that in a conflict between Jesus and Satan, Jesus always wins.

Fr. John O'Connor www.foodforfaith.org.nz

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

ON 17 MARCH, at the end of Mass, Maureen Phillips will introduce the 2019 student leaders from St Paul's. We look forward to welcoming them and celebrating their success.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed in the Church at 7pm every Friday evening in Lent.

LENTEN Giving Envelopes Packs have been distributed at Mass today. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope.

The envelopes may be returned during the parish weekly collection or sent directly to Caritas. A freepost envelope is available for this option.

NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. *Donations received by Caritas before 31 March will be sent receipts for the 2018/2019 year. Donations received after April 1 will be sent receipts for the 2019/2020 tax year.*

LENTEN GROUPS It is not too late to join a Lenten group. There is a morning group on a Tuesday, or an evening group on a Thursday evening. Contact Mary @ 03 541 0770 for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed for this week. Frederick Patrick McGrath, Eva Elizabeth Fowler, Maureen Winifred Cook, Clorine Offord, Gertrude Edith Studd. May they rest in peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"Come back to me, with all your heart."

In the process of forming our parish plan through 2018 one of the areas of need identified was the struggle many of us have in our understanding of and participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For many of us our only learning about this sacrament took place many years ago as young children when we made our 'First Confession'. There has been considerable change in both understanding and celebration of the sacrament in the last few decades. However, this has perhaps been poorly (if at all) explained to us. This has left many of us feeling alienated and unsure whether this sacrament even has any relevance in our lives.

What hasn't changed though is our faith in the powerful love and mercy of God which we receive and celebrate in this Sacrament of wholeness and healing, of peace and of hope.

As we see Lent as the ideal time in our liturgical year to focus on this topic, we will be inviting you throughout these next 6 weeks to reflect on some of the themes of this Sacrament both within our Mass time together and in your personal prayer time. Included with this newsletter is the first of a series of prayer and reflection guides we will be offering over this time.

Richmond Leadership Group

FOR GIVING - Our bank account number is: **02-0747-0066112-00.**

Please use surname & initials as Particulars and /or planned giving number as Reference.