



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

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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Amos 7: 12 – 15; Ephesians 1: 3 – 14; Mark 6: 7 - 13

## MASS TIME

### Sunday Mass

**MOTUEKA** Saturday vigil 5.00pm,  
Sunday 9.30am

**RICHMOND** Sunday 9.30am

**WAKEFIELD** Sunday 8.00am

**WAIMEA W** 5.00pm Saturday vigil  
(on 4th Saturday of the month)

**TAKAKA** Sunday 4.00pm

### Weekdays Mass

**MOTUEKA** Tuesday and Thursday  
9.30am

**RICHMOND** Wednesday and  
Friday 9.30am

## CONTACT

### Priests

**Fr Seph Pijfers**

**Parish Priest**

**Richmond**

**Fr Paul Finlayson**

**Assistant Priest**

**Motueka**

**Fr Larry Barnett**

**Visiting Priest Takaka**

### Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours:** 9.00am to  
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## The Christ Without Hands

During the Korean war the Catholic parish church in a little village there came under heavy artillery fire. Outside the church there was a life-sized statue of Christ mounted on a pedestal. When the smoke of battle cleared the statue was in fragments on the ground. Sometime later a group of soldiers helped the priest pick up the pieces of the statue and put it together again. They found all the pieces except for the hands. The soldiers offered to have new hands made for it. But the priest said, "I have a better idea. Let us leave it as it is without hands. We will put it back on its pedestal as it is and call it THE CHRIST WITHOUT HANDS. In this way people will see that Christ has no hands but ours with which to help the needy and uplift the fallen."

The second way in which the story applies is that, even if we, his followers, are out there doing his work, it is the hands – the power – of Jesus that works through us. Jesus instructed the disciples, "take nothing for the journey." I think he was saying that they would need to recognize the ultimate fruits of their efforts would not be from their wisdom or technique or abilities but that it would be a gift that was His doing.

In today's world many people believe that science has supplanted God. Our egos tend to take credit for the work of God's hands. Our selfish selves, our egos, are ever trying to Edge-God-Out (EGO). From this point of view when it comes to His work we do not have hands. It is paradoxical that from another point of view when it comes to his work He does not have hands. He is Christ without hands.

Fr Paul Finlayson, SSC  
St Peter Chanel  
Motueka

## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

**QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS from Evangelii Gaudium** "Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and as any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others. As it expands, goodness takes root and develops. If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good.

**FR SEPH** will be away from the Parish between 17 July and 20 August. **Fr Larry Barnett**, who is based in Takaka for the rest of this year, will be based at the Richmond Presbytery from each Wednesday to Sunday during this time. Fr Larry can be contacted on **021 02785538** or through the Parish Office.

**3daysoffasting.com** Drastic times call for drastic measures. There are so many problems in the world today it can seem overwhelming. Fasting and prayer are very powerful. This website was set up by Clare Dargaville, the founder and organizer of NZ's Coast to Coast Rosary. It was originally only going to run for 3 weeks but there has been a significant response and the intention is now to keep it going. For more information, visit the website.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS** Thank you to all who came to our PFG Formation Day with Paul Traynor last weekend. It was a thought provoking and enjoyable weekend, which culminated with Paul speaking at Mass in Richmond last Sunday.

The Family Groups began in 1972 as an inspiration of a Passionist Priest, Fr Peter McGrath, in the tiny parish of St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills, an outer suburb of Sydney. Peter guided the movement with a down-to-earth, practical, and friendship-based spirituality. Peter used to describe it as "a matter of the heart." For more information go to [www.passionistfamily.org.nz](http://www.passionistfamily.org.nz) or contact Maria and Philip Archer on 03 544 1580.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

**THANKS** to Liz Masson and her team of helpers for a very successful mid-winter morning tea following Mass last week. We look forward to the next event.

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME** a number of recent arrivals to OLPH

- Robert Cavens and family
- Gerard and Judy Cronin
- Jacqueline Glen
- Rosjier and Evelyn Hall and family
- Doug and Jerri Pirc
- Wishnu Wardhana and family

We trust you will find a warm welcome, companionship and a sense of spiritual community with us.

## **ARE YOU ABLE TO VOLUNTEER A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME EVERY 3 MONTHS?**

Without new volunteers for this Ministry we are in danger of being unable to produce some rosters. These are an important tool in ensuring that the times when we come together to celebrate Mass and receive the Eucharist are supported and run smoothly. Consequently, we are looking for a parishioner (or 2) willing to coordinate and produce 4 Ministry rosters. The next round of rosters is due for main collation by 11 August and a few hours would be required from late July to put these together. For more information, please contact Adrienne Hill on 021 526404 or [howard\\_adrienne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz)

**REST HOME CHURCH SERVICES** OLPH is one of the Richmond Christian churches who take turns to conduct a service at two local rest homes. The services are 30 minutes and include reading, prayers and hymns. We are rostered on 3 - 4 times a year. With people's personal circumstances changing, we are looking for people to help with the readings and singing. Our next visit to Stillwater and Oakwoods is this Tuesday 13 July at 1030 at Stillwater. If you would like to be part of this group we would love to have you join us. Please contact Philip Archer on 03 544 1580 or 027 659 0888 for more information or to volunteer.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS** We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 1045 to 1130. Our next meeting is this Thursday 15 July. For more information, please phone Anne 03 544 7883/027 544 7883 or Kath 9706754/027 4523948.

**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP** in Richmond has been doing a brisk trade in winter clothing and stocks are not being replenished as quickly as we need. PLEASE if you are having a clear-out of your wardrobe and/or warm bedding, remember us.

**ALSO**, if you have been thinking of becoming a volunteer, now is the time as we have gaps in our rosters and would welcome some new energy in our team for shop sorting and sales roles. We are also seeking fit drivers for collections and deliveries. Call in at the shop and talk to a Supervisor or phone the office on 03 544 0893.

### ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

**A PARISHIONER** new to Motueka needs accommodation to share with another person(s). Male in my 50s, honest and trustworthy. If you can help, please call me on 022 0356624 or email [mattodonoghue@hotmail.com](mailto:mattodonoghue@hotmail.com) Many thanks Matt O'Donoghue.

**SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION** – 2 rooms for 2 ladies to rent are required for August and September. We are seasonal workers and may well rent each year if agreeable. We are Christian and don't drink or smoke. Turn that sleepout, or those spare rooms into funds for a project or a dream holiday once the borders open again. Please contact Veronika on 021 1526685.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers the elderly, lonely and sick in our community. Peter Goodman, Bryan Hamilton, Maureen Fon, Marie Douglas, Ron Sharp and John Clifford.

### LAUDATO SI – things we can do to care for creation



**ST PETER CHANEL ROSTER**  
**10/11 & 17/18 July 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sat 10th</b>	<b>Sun 11th</b>	<b>Sat 17th</b>	<b>Sun 18th</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Robin & Wendy McGregor		Elaine Taggart	Dinky Nugent
<b>Music</b>		Hemon & Katie		Mary Wilson
<b>Prayers</b>	Jim Maguire			
<b>Readers</b>	J Roper	C & N Campbell	J Maguire	L Cameron & F Peacey
<b>Eucharistic</b>	M Devine & K Courtney	J Moriarty & E Taggart	A Le Long & D Ogilvie	H Duncan & A Lane
<b>Children</b>		Hamish		Emma Paaka
<b>Altar Servers</b>		Warren & Ivan		Finn & Dominic
<b>AM Tea</b>		C Buenz & P Duncan		Ellis Family
<b>Cleaning</b>	M & M McCauley			