



If you are new to our parish (or you know of any newcomers), please make yourself known, so that we can make sure you are made to feel a welcome part of the church community and the parish as a whole.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka



PFG Social Groups

The "sign up" last weekend for our PFG Social Groups went so well we ran out of sign up forms!. We are delighted with the response so far but if you missed out last weekend, we will give you another opportunity this weekend to sign up and join in. Forms will be available at both Masses and brochures are also still available in the church foyer. After the weekend we will be collating all the forms and someone will get back to you within a few weeks to start getting things rolling.

ACCOMODATION WANTED for a quiet young man (18/19 years old), attending the Flying School in Motueka. Full board needed please. Contact Liz, 021 263 8752 for details.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely and sick in 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 this week. May they rest in peace.

12 - Irene Dempsey

13 - Richard (Dick) Wallace

14 - Helen Whalley

15 - Dawn Whalley

ARE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY celebrating a significant event/birthday.

Please help us celebrate with you by letting us know on ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Wednesday night.

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 / Wed 9.30am / Fri 9.30am
St Peter & Paul, Waimea West	5pm on 4th Sat of the month (next Mass 25th May)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 5pm

* 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

12th May 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Readings: Acts 13:14. 43:-52; Psalm 99; Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17; John 10:27-30

Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Next Sunday readings: Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

Dear Parishioners

This week's gospel is a simple and beautiful narrative about call and response. The call of the "Good Shepherd" and the response of the "sheep" who hear his voice. In short, today's gospel is asking us, as "hearers", about where, and how, we notice God speaking to us in our world, in our hearts. Is Jesus (God) a Good Shepherd to me? Is my response to him one of loving trust? If not, why not?

It's good to notice then what goes on inside us when we think we hear "God's voice". The Bible can often leave the impression that God is often angry or full of condemnation. How do we reconcile this when the Bible tells us equally, God is loving and always forgiving? In many ways the answer is quite simple. It's not a matter of either a God who loves or a God who judges us, but rather, **both** a God who loves and judges.

To make sense of this it can be helpful to remember that God, as judge, does not do so by overpowering or coercing us, but by shining love and light into all those places where we find ourselves huddled in fear or shame, hostility or resentment. In these places, God's voice is completely trustful, like the presence a child whose innocence uncovers our false sophistications, whose generosity reveals selfishness, whose big-heartedness shows up pettiness, and whose truthfulness exposes deceit.

Understanding God this way has immense implications for everything to do with church and religion, from how we preach, reach out to those around us, or don't share our beliefs, how we approach divisive moral issues, or how loud we turn up the sound system in the church! God's voice is not coercive, threatening or diminishing. Rather, God's voice invites, beckons, leaves us free, and is as non-threatening as the innocence of a child, a saint, or a Good Shepherd.

God Bless, Fr. Seph

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St Vincent de Paul

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Takaka: 03 525 9809

AROUND OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH

FR JOHN PEARCE, the Parish Priest in Blenheim, passed away unexpectedly earlier this week. His funeral service was held yesterday. We keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers and may God grant him eternal rest.

TAIZE HOUR The May Taizé Hour will be on Tuesday 14 May at 7.30pm in St Francis of Assisi Chapel, Stoke. Our prayer follows the Taizé style of music, verse and silent personal reflection in a candlelit chapel. All welcome. Contact ~ Diane 547 3356

OLOB SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019 Please make contact before 26 May.

Richmond: Jamie Morris 027 455 9983 or email the19thnelson@hotmail.com

Motueka: Catherine Campbell 021 058 7761 or email catherine@catherinetalks.com

Takaka: Susi Struck email susibeyond@gmail.com

LAUDATO SI' Things you can do to look after our common home Support smart growth that creates liveable communities with beautiful design and plentiful green spaces for everyone, especially the poor. Tackle "visual pollution," and save cultural treasures. Design spaces that help people connect and trust each other.

LOOK OUT FOR more information in the coming weeks regarding Chris Duthie-Jung and his team from ADW visiting at the end of May to speak on youth ministry and "Imagining God"

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 12th May Today is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for our seminarians Alfred, Matthew and Kinh and all those discerning the call to priesthood. **Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest?**

Pray for this person. **Invite** him to consider priesthood. **Affirm** his gifts and qualities.

Encourage him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

In speaking of the Gospel account of the calling of the first disciples by the sea of Galilee (Mk 1:16-20) Pope Francis says, *"Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyzes us before the great heights to which the Lord points us. Always remember that to those who leave their nets and boat behind, and follow him, the Lord promises the joy of a new life that can fill our hearts and enliven our journey."*

Contact Fr David Dowling, Vocations Director: frdavidd@gmail.com



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

We wish all mothers and those taking the roles of mothers and care givers, a blessed Mothers Day.

FOR GIVING

Our bank account number is:

02-0747-0066112-00.

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

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

INVITATION to host a morning tea. The Richmond Leadership Group invite any organisation or group within our community and our affiliated schools, to consider hosting a morning tea after Mass once a year. This would give the opportunity for groups to mix socially with parishioners and provide information on their activities. If you are interested please email the parish office office.admin@parish.org.nz and a representative of the RLG will contact you.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS We are a group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the first & third Thursday of each month, 10.45 - 11.30am.

Our next meeting will be this Thursday, 16th May at 10.45am. For further information please phone Anne 544 7883 / 027 544 7883 or Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523 948.

See noticeboard for future meeting dates.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tim Fahey and Brooklyn Scott from Garin College who had success at Smokefree Rock Quest last weekend. They were awarded 2nd place in solo-duo. Well done "Brooklyn & Tim".

THANK YOU to those involved in the making and hanging of our new sign on the William St entrance.

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL The iCare Lapel pins are now available from the Office. \$10 donation to raise funds for opposition to this bill. Please continue to pray that life is valued and euthanasia is unsupported.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed this week. May they rest in peace.

Kathleen Margaret Wells - 12th May 2010

Kevin Martin - 12th May 2012

Eileen Mary Pattison - 13th May 2013

Irene Kathleen Havill - 14th May 2012

Fergus O'Connor - 15th May 2016

Peg Martin - 16th May 2017

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

RETREAT Coming up Saturday 25th MAY - 10am - 2pm at 90 Matata Road. Theme is "Be still and know that I am God." Facilitator – Karen Moynagh Any queries or to register please contact Bertha Newman 03 542 8440 or email mikebertha@ruralinzone.net Bring your own lunch and Koha please.

See noticeboard for more details.



Sacred Heart: Ecumenical "Way Of The Cross" on Good Friday morning.

Several parishioners participated