



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

12 Sept 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 50: 5 – 9; James 2: 14 – 18; Mark 8: 27 - 35

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

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20 YEARS ON FROM 9/11

Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York. For those of us old enough to remember that day, many will remember exactly where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news. Here in New Zealand we woke to the unbelievable images of carnage and destruction. We may have silently breathed a sign of relief that this was happening somewhere else and we felt safe in our “bubble” at the bottom of the world. In 2019 in Christchurch and as recently as a week ago in Auckland, we have been shown just how wrong we were! We keep all those affected in those incidents in our prayers and the people of today’s Afghanistan as they once again struggle to live with the freedom so many of us take for granted.

Pope Francis visited Ground Zero in New York in September 2015. He saw the memorial, the museum and spoke with members of families who had lost loved ones who were first responders on the day. The following is an excerpt from his speech on that day: *“I feel many different emotions standing here at Ground Zero, where thousands of lives were taken in a senseless act of destruction. Here grief is palpable.... Here, amid pain and grief, we also have a palpable sense of the heroic goodness which people are capable of and we have witnessed the heights of generosity and service. No one thought about race, nationality, neighbours, religion or politics. It was all about solidarity, meeting immediate needs and brotherhood. Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world which God has given us as the home of all and a home for all. Simply PEACE.*

The actions taken by so many during NZs dark days of attacks mirrored the Pope’s words above, *it was all about solidarity, meeting immediate needs and brotherhood.*

Adrienne Hill

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PLEASE NOTE; Any meetings/gatherings/activities advertised in this week's newsletter will be subject to any Covid Level announcement made by the Prime Minister.

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." *Laudato Si*

THE SEASON OF CREATION RUNS FROM THE Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September to St Francis Day on 4 October. A reflection sheet for each of those weeks is available at this link

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Season-of-Creation-2021-week-1.pdf>

ADW STAFF VACANCIES The Archdiocese is seeking applications for four roles. Manager Property and Support Services, Board and Committee Secretary, Consultant Catholic Secondary Colleges and Admin Assistant CSES. Further information is on https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/vacancies/ Applications are open until Friday 17 September.

TAIZE As we cannot meet in our chapel for now, the Taize website offers daily meditations and resources. Songs of Taize can be found on YouTube. More information is on https://www.taize.fr/en_rubrique8.html

A COMBINED SERVICE IS PLANNED FOR 28 SEPTEMBER 7pm at Grace Church, Headlingly Lane, Lower Queen St. You are invited to this year's service to celebrate Christianity in our area. This is part of the Richmond Waimea Ministers' Association commitment to work together.

RETREAT 15 AND 16 OCTOBER Friday 6pm to 9pm, Saturday 8am to 8pm. St Marys, Manuka St Nelson.

Treat yourself to a Retreat. Take this opportunity for time and space with God. There will be morning and evening prayer, short sessions of teaching and times for reflection, prayer and relaxation. All meals are provided. For more information email

karen@moynagh.co.nz for a brochure or phone 027 2457800 for any queries. This can be held at Level 2.

DID YOU HAVE A LEVEL 3 OR 4 BIRTHDAY? Congratulations and commiserations to all who have celebrated (or tried to) birthdays during the last 3 weeks.



ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

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.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS DEPLORE TERRORIST ATTACK IN AUCKLAND

The following message was signed by all the Bishops of Aotearoa.

The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand deplore the terrorist attack on innocent people in the supermarket in New Lynn, Auckland, on 3 September

To those who have been injured, we hold you in our prayers and pray for your recovery. We are deeply saddened, and our hearts go out to you, your *whānau*, and the wider affected communities.

We are conscious that perpetrators of such terror attacks always seek to divide communities as much as to inflict direct violence on individuals. We know that the actions of this one extremist are his crimes alone.

The Catholic community of Aotearoa New Zealand stands with people of all faiths and alongside people who profess no faith, as a people united against violence in every form.

A NOTE FROM GRAEME IN THE PARISH OFFICE Contact 03 544 8987 Ext 2, 03 528 8899 Ext 2, office.admin@parish.org.nz

Parish Office. The parish office is open during the Delta 2 Alert Level. I am working from both the office and from home and I can be contacted by phone and email.

Pastoral Care. If you, or any parishioners you know of, need assistance while we are in Alert Level 2, please contact me at the parish office and I'll endeavour to put the right people in touch with you.

Contact Information could you please remember to let me know of any changes to your address, phone number or email. If you are new to our parish, *'welcome to the top of the south'*; and please touch base. Our parish is committed to maintaining your information in accordance with the Privacy Act.

Gifting. Firstly, thank you for your financial support of our parish. Gifting this financial year is ahead of budget, but this is likely to change due to no Masses during Alert Level 2. Most of our overheads stay the same regardless of Lockdown levels, and regardless of whether there are Masses or not.

A great way to help the parish manage through these times is to set up an automatic payment (AP). So, if you are an envelope user who has been thinking about changing to AP, or a parishioner who has been considering joining the parish planned giving scheme, now is a great time to make a move. To get started please contact me and I'll give you the information and help you need to get started.

One of the advantages for you of changing from envelope to AP is not having to find cash for your envelopes each week. For parishioners joining planned giving one of the benefits is you receive a tax receipt for your donations which enables you to claim a tax credit (refund) of 33.33 cents for every dollar you donate. In both cases the benefit for the parish is having a steady income regardless of Alert levels, or whether Masses are being celebrated. I look forward to hearing from you.

When we first amalgamated into our new Parish of OLOB in April 2017 there were 120 parishioners were using envelopes and 95 were using AP's. This year we have 60 parishioners

using envelopes and 155 are using AP.

LAUDATO SI Things we can do to care for Creation



FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE IN NEED OF A LITTLE HUMOUR IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES



