



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

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**Ezekiel 17: 22 – 24; Corinthians 5: 6 – 10; Mark 4: 26 - 34**

## 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

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**Parish Priest**

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Dear Parishioners,

When I finally considered entering the seminary, I was feeling quite anxious about it. Not knowing quite what to do to finally take the 'leap of faith', I needed to, I said a prayer and asked God to show me the way. I then casually opened the bible to see what inspiration God might give me. The page I opened the bible on was the parable of the mustard seed. This week's gospel!

I have since learnt this is not the greatest way to pray or make decisions. However, God works with what we give him. And, after reading the passage, I knew immediately that God was telling me to simply plant the small seed of faith he had given me and let Him do the rest. I have learned over the years, that the kingdom of God is very much like this. It cannot be explained simply and fully, any more than God can. However, the many faceted parts of God's kingdom reveal themselves constantly in certain moments of time. The parable of the mustard seed highlights the quiet, but certain ways in which God goes about his divine project of salvation. I may be worrying about the state of world affairs, but God takes everything into account and does not panic!

At times we can all feel overwhelmed, anxious, or fearful and not know what next to do. At times like this it can be deeply relieving to realise that it's not up to us to 'save the world' and that Jesus has done that for us. What Jesus is telling us in the parable of the mustard seed, is that our main task in his kingdom is to simply sow the seeds faith, no matter how small, and to trust that they will grow in their own rhythms and come to harvest in good time.

'Let me sow with love, since only love endures into eternity, and let me keep my eye on you always, Lord: I am the disciple, you are the Lord of the harvest, the project manager.

God Bless, Fr. Seph

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### PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT

*Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your rothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Maori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognized in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification. Amen*

**CARDINAL JOHN** received his first COVID vaccine earlier this week. NZ's Catholic Church leaders are campaigning for people to line up for the vaccine programme, to protect not only themselves but also their whanau and community.

**COLOUR IN THE LITURGICAL YEAR** The sense of sight, including colour, plays an important part in our worship. The colours of the vestments and some of the church linen help us know which liturgical period we are celebrating. Today, the white Vestments and church decorations of Easter are replaced with green. Green is used during Ordinary Time, which is the period of the year that is not the Christmas or Easter season. It is still important, it just has an unexciting name!

**UNBORN REMEMBRANCE DAY.** Peaceful vigils will be taking place around NZ on 19 June. More information can be found on [www.voiceforlife.org.nz/events/nelson-unborn-remembrance-day](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/events/nelson-unborn-remembrance-day)

**MEDITATION COMMUNITY DAY** is being held on **Saturday 19 June 9.30am to 12.30pm**. You are warmly welcomed to this opportunity to learn more of and deepen our spiritual journey. Experience how Christian meditation, a silent and contemplative prayer, can enhance our lives. To be held at **All Saints Church 30 Vanguard St, Nelson**. Morning tea is provided. A koha toward cost and support for the NZ Community of Christian Meditation would be appreciated. Contact for any queries, Mary Kroch 027 3721173 or Marie Shepherd 03 538 0128; 0278658032 [mlshepherd54@gmail.com](mailto:mlshepherd54@gmail.com)

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** The remaining weekends for this year are 17/18 July and 30/31 October at the Catholic Presbytery, 301 Karori Rd, Karori, Wellington. For more information or to register contact Simon & Kate 027 486 0700 or [www.cce-wellington.co.nz](http://www.cce-wellington.co.nz)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Zac Griffith, a Year 12 student at Garin College, who recently won the intermediate section of the MLT NZ Gold Guitar Award in Gore.

**GARIN COLLEGE MAHI TOI SHOWCASE** will be held at the college on Friday 25 June. There will be a dress rehearsal on that day from 3.30 to 5pm for those with younger children or others who are unable to make the evening performance. The main event will be held that evening from 7 – 9.30pm. Tickets are now on sale from the College office.

**HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS RECENTLY?** A friendly reminder to let the Parish Office know if you have changed your address, email, phone...cancelled your landline. This will help us keep our Parish Roll up to date and ensure we have the correct details should we need to contact you. Changes can be emailed to [office.admin@parish.org.nz](mailto:office.admin@parish.org.nz) or phoned through to 03 544 8987 ext 2 or 03 528 8899 ext 2. Thank you.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** Our annual lunch will be held this Thursday 17 June at The Dress Up Box, Main Road, Hope at 11.30am. More information from Anne 544 7883/027 5447883 or Kath 970 6754/027 4523948

**NEXT SUNDAY** 20 June will be our monthly Family Mass followed by a shared morning tea. Please bring a plate if you are able and all are welcome to join this social occasion.

**A REMINDER** that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on 27 June.

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** This is an important Ministry in our community. At present we have a team of 3 who take their turn to prepare the prayers each week. We warmly invite you to join Margaret, Jim and myself. Contact Fran on 022 6647362 or at the 9.30am Mass, or Margaret at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Many thanks

**ST PETER CHANEL CHURCH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** If your child/children are 8 years or older and you wish then to begin/carry on their Sacramental programme of Baptism, Reconciliation (penance,) First Holy Communion and Confirmation please contact St Peter Chanel School on **03 5287366** or text **027 5287366** and leave your name, the name of your child/children and your contact details. We will then pass these on to those who will teach the programme. Dates will be confirmed soon for the programme to begin in the next few weeks.

**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.

## SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

**A SOUP & DESSERT LUNCHEON** St Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be holding a Soup & Dessert Luncheon on Wednesday 16 June at 12 noon at the Takaka Bowling Club, Hiawatha Lane. Half of the proceeds will go toward a community project.

## LAUDATO SI: things we can do to help all Creation.



"Laudato Si' reminds us that human life is grounded in three fundamental intertwined relationships: with God; our neighbour; and our planet home..." (from Welcom article talking about "action plans.")



For the Laudato Si' item in our weekly newsletter, I focus on "our planet home", calling attention to the beauty and encouraging us to pay attention – to ponder – and to protect.

Annette Sivak SPC

**ST PETER CHANEL ROSTER**  
12/13 and 19/20 June 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sat 12th</b>	<b>Sun 13th</b>	<b>Sat 19th</b>	<b>Sun 20th</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Angie Lucas		Judy Roper	Mary Kilmartin & Elaine Taggart
<b>Music</b>		Hemon & Katie		Mary Wilson
<b>Prayers</b>	Jim Maguire		Margaret Jones	
<b>Readers</b>	A McIver	C & N Campbell	J Maguire	P Beban & A Sivak
<b>Eucharistic</b>	A Le Long & D Ogilvie	J Moriarty & E Taggart	M Devine & K Courtney	H Duncan & A Lane
<b>Children</b>		Hamish		
<b>Altar Servers</b>		Tricia & Ayesha		Warren & Ivan
<b>AM Tea</b>		C & E Buenz		A & S Lane
<b>Cleaning</b>	T & P Donaldson			