

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

NATIVITY PLAY – There are still roles available ! Please contact Jacqui Cleary at cleary.nz@xtra.co.nz or on 544 1535.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS Please keep real postage stamps from your Christmas cards received in the Mail. There is a container in foyer. This is a Mission fundraiser.

TRANSPORT TO MASS – There is a lady who is a new resident at Stillwater Gardens who would like support getting to and from Mass. If you are able to help please contact her

daughter, Monique on 03 5432323 in the evenings.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. Jack Staite, Joan Denise Haughey, Sterl Frederick Neve. May they rest in peace.

HELP NEEDED at Richmond SPCA charity shop ASAP to wash and iron clothing; Someone who has fabric knowledge for pricing of items (1-off job). Contact Peta. 544 5751 Shop hours Mon-Fri 9.30-4 Sat 10-1.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

Tuesday, Dec 25 - 5pm Christmas Mass: We would like to continue the tradition of the past years to give small presents to the Mass attendants on Christmas Day. These gifts can be hand or homemade (e.g. jam). The gift giving is aimed at showing visitors

the value of handmade, local, environmentally friendly (biodegradable) gifts that are a symbol of caring thought, loving action, inclusiveness and a means of practicing generosity.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Monday 24th December to Friday 18th January 2019.

There will be no late notices accepted after midnight Wednesday 19th December 2018 as our printers will be closing early for Christmas break.

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 / Tues 11.30am / Wed 9.30am / Fri 9.30am
St Peter & Paul, Waimea West	5pm on 4th Sat of the month (next Mass 22nd December)
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.



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

16th December 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ISSUE 81

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Psalm Isaiah 12; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Next Sunday readings: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

Today, we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent where our theme is Hope and we light the rose-coloured candle. Hot pink, pale pink, rose pink are all shades of pink painted into a sunrise. Like the various shades of pink, our expressions of joy can be so different. Joy can be exuberant when we experience the faithfulness of God, it can be calm confidence in His sovereignty, or pure delight as He expresses His love. Joy has many shades. It should never be determined by how we feel, but on who God is. The joy of the Lord can thrill us or make us resolute in the secure knowledge of God's presence. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16 to be joyful always. Jesus tells us "With God all things are possible." Mark 9:24 This combination of truth should help us be joyful each day.

An area of today's Gospel reading I would like to focus on is verse fifteen, which relates to our expectant waiting of Christ's birth

during Advent. The people had not seen a prophet in more than 400 years. It was widely believed that when the Messiah would come, prophecy would reappear (Joel 2:28 - 29). When John burst onto the scene, the people were excited. He was obviously a great prophet and were sure that the eagerly awaited age of the Messiah had come. Some, in fact, thought John himself was the Messiah. John spoke like the prophets of old, saying that the people must turn to God to experience mercy. This is a message for all time and places, but John spoke it with particular urgency - he was preparing the people for the coming of the Messiah. From the Garin College community I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes over the holiday period.

Nga Mihi Nui,
Jeremy Cumming, DRS Garin College

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OLOB Newsletter:

Deadline Wednesday midnight

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St Vincent de Paul

Motueka: 03 540 2824

Richmond: 03 544 0893

Takaka: 03 525 9809

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday 24 Vigil Mass

Richmond 6.15pm carols & 6.30pm Mass

Motueka carols & 6pm Mass

Tuesday 25 Christmas Mass

Wakefield 8am Richmond 9.30am

Motueka carols & 9.30am Mass Takaka 5pm

LAUDATO SI' - Things you can do to look after our common home. "We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it." Pope Francis

CARDINAL'S CARE APPEAL - Information and envelopes are now available at all churches for this year's appeal. Cardinal John has asked that Parishes generously support this appeal again this year. As well as using the money to welcome and resettle refugees into our communities, it will also be used to provide food, housing and counselling support to men, women and children who need our support. More envelopes are available. **Envelopes can be placed in the**

PARISH GIVING What's the best way to help?

Any donation method is very much welcome, however, it would be great if parishioners who do not donate via an automatic bank transfer, could consider setting one up. This saves a lot of time in processing and recording, compared to handling envelopes and cash, but is also helps streamline our smart accounting software as it recognises as regular donations via bank transfer. Our bank account number is: **02-0747-0066112-00**. Please use the following details:

PARTICULARS: Surname & initials. **CODE:** (blank, or continuation of names if long or two names). **REFERENCE:** planned giving number. (if new donor or don't know your existing one, please contact Graeme O'Connell on 021 154 7707 and 544 3179 (evenings and weekends), or Todd on 021 547 771 if you would like some help setting this up or need a planned giving number. Remember all donations are eligible for a 33.3% tax credit/refund after March each year. *We give what we can afford and we rely on the holy spirit to guide us in this regard.*

collection basket. Please contact Adrienne Hill 5441681.

CARITAS CHRISTMAS GIFTS – When you buy a Caritas Gift or make a donation on behalf of someone else, you help transform the lives of individuals, families and communities struggling to overcome poverty and injustice. Check it out at www.caritas.org.nz or call 0800 221022.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to help prepare and serve **Christmas dinner** to be held on Christmas Day for people who are in need of company and a special meal on this Day. It is held in the Richmond School Hall. Our Mayor will be there to welcome people and to say Grace. Interested in helping? Opportunities with the set up & serving and then the break down on Boxing Day. **Contact:** Vicki Spiers karlin.vicki@gmail.com

PEOPLE WHO ATTEND THE LUNCH It is a ticketed and free event, tickets are available at Age Concern, Holy Trinity Church Office and the Richmond Mall Information Desk. People must have a ticket to attend & for numbers. Bless you, Vicki.

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioner and centenarian, Claude Teece who turned 100 on December 12th. Claude's century of life is rich in experiences ; the most notable being his love-filled marriage of 70 plus years to Kath, who passed away about five years ago, and his service to the community as Mayor of Motueka in the 1980's. Claude was born and raised in rural Motueka and apart from three years military service overseas during World War 2, remained in the area all his life. In 1998, at the age of 80, Claude and Kath shifted to a new house in Pugh Road, next to their son Mark and his wife Anne Marie. Claude still lives there independently and along with his little dog, warmly welcomes the Ministers of the Eucharist who have

taken him Communion on a weekly basis since his arrival in our Richmond parish twenty years ago.

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS? – Kiwi Christmas \$20 and Veil Over The Light \$30, both by Joy Cowley , There Is A Time For... edited by James Lyons \$25 and The History & Heritage of Richmond Catholic Parish 1855 – 2000 \$25. 1 copy of each available. Either view in the OLPH foyer and order through Karen Moynagh or contact her on 544 0551.

ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL NELSON The Cathedral is looking amazing for the **Festival of Christmas Trees**. It is open 9am – 6pm every day. Our Lady of Perpetual Help have put up an angel tree. It is number 10.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available from St Vincent de Paul, in the foyer. \$2.50 per pack of 5. Please put money in envelope provided and put through slot in donations box. Thank you.

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 whose anniversaries occur this week. (18) Stella Elizabeth Monaghan (19) Mona Williams. May they rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS NATIVITY PLAY Every year, the Parish children come together to put on a delightful play of the birth of Jesus which is thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation. If your child would like to

participate in this year's play (small or larger parts available) could you please get in contact with us. Involvement will require one or two practices in the lead up to mass, so your child feels comfortable with their role. Any questions, please contact Luisa Cameron or Catherine Campbell on 0275847205 or 0211204995.

MOTUEKA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER (open to residents of Mapua, Motueka, Riwaka) – A free Christmas dinner will be celebrated on Christmas Day 25 Dec and everyone in the community is welcome. Time: 11:30AM - 2:00PM Venue: Motueka Memorial Hall, Pah Street. Register in person at Community House in Decks Reserve OR at The Salvation Army Family Store OR by phone Trindi: 021 728 035 OR Peter 03 528-5089 OR email Christmas@tourismdevelopment.co.nz