



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.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

Next Sunday we will welcome back our **Garin college** students Mary Lyons, Taylor Kirk and Lily Wilson and Tony Etchells as they participate in their respective Sacramental journeys. We continue to pray for them and their families as they continue to grow in God's Love.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS We are a group for those who wish to pray for their families. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.45 to 11.30am. Next meeting is 20th September. Please come and join us. Enquiries to Erin 544 0481 / 021 170 8406.

MASS CARDS A new supply Mass Cards (\$1.80 each) is available in foyer in Richmond. **PLEASE REMEMBER** our faithful departed anniversaries which are accrued in this week. William Joseph McKenzie, Athol Smith, Ann Patricia Hahn, Miep Therese van Zoelen, Mary Isabel Crombie & Gordon Coman. Ronald Richard Ivan Cavanagh. Matthew David Gardiner. Isabel Margaret Burdon. May they rest in peace.

WANTED Board for young woman from Kerala India for 8 weeks who is a nurse and has a placement at Oakwood. Contact Judy McLnerney 5486253.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers our community members: Aelis Pothin and Peter Woods.

PLEASE PRAY for the soul of Brian Reilly that he may receive the happiness of eternal life.

Newsletter deadline Thursdays 10.30am. 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 September)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 4pm (during Winter)

* 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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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

16th September 2018

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Next Sunday readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to you from Christchurch this week as the National Assembly for Diocesan Clergy draws to a close. It has been a full, rich week, reconnecting and sharing the journey of priesthood with old friends from the seminary and finding new friends across the dioceses. Equally, our time together has been an opportunity to take the pulse of the present situation of the church in New Zealand and across the world. Reflecting on the theme of our assembly, "Being a priest today in an unprecedented time of change", our keynote speaker (Fr. James Mellon from Canada) challenged us to consider a total re-think of the familiar ways we think of priestly ministry and parish life. I found Fr James an invigorating and thought-provoking speaker and many times I found myself reflecting on your feedback regarding our parish pastoral plan and the journey we are about to make together. These are indeed times of

unprecedented change for us all, inside and outside the church. However, this really should not be a time for us to feel daunted or dismayed, but rather hope filled and excited by the opportunities that times of change can present to us. Fr. James began his week quoting Pope Francis' first encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). Pope Francis' words, that Fr. James returned to again and again, I believe, sets the scene for each of us to reflect on the journey ahead... within our parish, our diocese, our church...

"I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." EVANGELII GAUDIUM #27

God Bless, Fr. Seph

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EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP Join us each Monday evening for Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All welcome. 7pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 043837769.

NZ CATHOLIC The Sept. 9 – 22 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Cardinal Dew in Ireland. Forgiveness is essential, Francis tells families. Involving God in our significant life decisions. Catholic 1st XV's take out premierships. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on September 23.

THE SUZANNE AUBERT TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP provides financial assistance to tertiary students from Wellington and Palmerston North Dioceses for their third year of tertiary studies. Please apply through www.compassion.org.nz/latest-news or the Facebook page by 31 October 2018. Contact Sr. Lusiana Raratini at sr.lusi@compassion.org.nz

'LIVING THE SPLENDOUR OF TRUTH'

International pro-life, pro-family conference: 5-7th October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School. Early bird rates apply only for a short time. Register now at www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 or phone 09 629 4361.

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

PASTORAL PLANNING PROGRESS

Thank you all for the comments and suggestions you provided at our Pastoral Planning sessions over the past weeks. Thanks also to Father Seph and all the folk who did the background organising as well as all those who helped to make these sessions a reality. We have received nearly 1000 separate ideas and comments which are now being collated and distilled into a shorter list of suggestions for our future.

WAIMEA VINES and friends are invited to a shared morning tea after Mass on September 23, at the home of Joanne and Dale Springer at 15 West Ave, Richmond. 5442341.

SEVENTH HEAVEN FAMILY GROUP Tour de Stoke at **1.30 pm on Sunday 30 September 2018**. Meet in the carpark of the Stoke Memorial Hall for a walk around Stoke. It should take about 1 1/2 hours. It is easy flat walk with no obstacles. Refreshments to

follow at McCashin's.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS This year is different. There will be a different theme each month. For September, the items for this period are Personal Bathroom and Laundry eg. Shampoo, Soap, Soap Powder, etc. The theme will change for October. We really appreciate your help. Please place as usual in St Vincent de Paul basket in the foyer.

THE CELTIC PROMISE OF SPRING All welcome to a community day with the Christian Meditation community and Rev. Dr. Hilary Oxford Smith, writer, poet, theologian, and whose faith is grounded in Celtic Christian spirituality. Please join us for day of reflection. **Saturday, September 22nd, 10am – 3pm**. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please bring a plate.. Tea and coffee will be avail. Mary Kroch: 03) 545 6525; Marie: 03) 538 0128; 027 865 032. **Koha** appreciated

LAUDATO SI' - *Things you can do to cherish our planet and each other.* Buy less but better. Only buy the things you really, really need: and make sure that you buy good quality, so it will last.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children



STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

Please remember in your prayers, our community's faithful departed in September: Mary (1865) and Jane (1872) Hyland, Mary (1884) and Rosanna (1887) Mercer, Patrick O'Connor (1903), Joseph Redwood (1918), Elizabeth Tomlinson (1925), Timothy Crowe (1936), Ellen

Pearson(1948), Genevieve Wadsworth (1954), Freda McKee (1969), Pixie Pearless (1983), Kevin Satherley (1987), Bill Higgins (2002), Gerald Tomlinson (2002), Tony McNally (2014), Gordon Coman (2015), and Marion Ring.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

ADULT LEARNING SUPPORT Motueka Work Fit course running 2nd October to 6th December on Tues, Weds & Thurs 10am—2pm. Bernadette P: (03) 548 3041 E: bernadette@adultlearning.co.nz W: www.adultlearning.co.nz

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely, sick and infirmed of our community, especially Bryan Hamilton, Trish Hall, Bill Nugent, Barbara Janson, Nancy Courtney, Tom Ingliis, Malcolm Garrett, Muriel Jackson and Therese Dunnill.

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Please remember their anniversaries which are accrued in this week. (16) Mary Gilkes, (19) Trevor Jones, (21) Rynelda Rencroft. May they rest in peace.

MINISTRY RENEWAL WORKSHOPS Over the next few months the liturgy committee will

be running a series of Ministry Renewal Workshops. We are starting with Minister of the Word(Readers) on Sunday 16 September after 9.30 mass. We hope as many existing readers as possible can be there, and we would welcome any one who would like to take up this ministry.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Wednesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm in the St. Peter Chanel Church. Everyone welcome. Enquiries phone 5284147.

HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK Sharing Eucharist with those in our church community who are sick or housebound. Let Father Andrew (ph. 0221 022 011) know and he will visit your friend or family member and then set up regular visits with Eucharistic Ministers.