



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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The Ascension of the Lord

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Acts 1: 1 – 11, St Paul 1: 17 – 23 (or) St Paul 4: 1 – 13, Mark 16: 15 - 20

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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Ascension of the Lord - 'Go tell everyone the Good News'

Mark's gospel tells us that Jesus left some very strong directives for his disciples before he was taken back up to heaven to sit at the right hand of God. These include:

- Anyone who believes me and is baptised will be saved
- Everyone who believes in me will be able to do wonderful things
- By using my name you will be able to force out demons
- You will handle snakes and will drink poison and not be hurt
- You will heal sick people by placing your hands on them
- Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world

Mark uses dramatic language (demons, snakes and poison) to illustrate that those who believe in the good news of Jesus Christ and share it, can overcome all that destroys and threatens life. This is truly good news. We are daily and consistently bombarded with 'snakes and poison' in our own lives - sickness, stresses, challenges and hardship in our personal circumstances, in our communities and in our world. Busy-ness threatens our sense of peace, and our wellbeing is challenged at so many levels. But God's promise is clear.... 'We will be able to do wonderful things'.

Jesus confirmed his ongoing presence through the power of the Holy Spirit and his promise that 'I will be with you always'. We are the baptised today and the same promises that Jesus made to the apostles then, belong to us now. We can literally share the good news to those around us in so many ways. Not all of us can go out to the whole world, but all of us are called to bring the good news wherever we are in our daily lives.

Are there areas where we can be 'good news' to others or for the earth? Do we need to revisit our commitment to reconciliation with other people or to recycling? Can we reduce our consumerism, share with those in great need, reduce waste, plant a tree? The task that Jesus asks of us may not be easy. However Jesus' presence with us will ensure that we can link into the power he has promised to continue the work.

Markelle Ward - ADRS Garin College

[adapted from www.liturgycentre.org]

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A QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS "To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be." *May 2021*

FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH For Parishioners who receive the newsletter by email, you will find the report as another attachment. If you receive a printed copy the report will be an insert inside the newsletter. The report is also available on the Parish website under Other/Reports.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION. Would you like to deepen your relationship with Our Lord? Perhaps understand better how you experience God? Or how God may be speaking to you? If so, I am undergoing formation as an Ignatian Spiritual Director and offering Spiritual Direction as a way to journey with you and deepen your personal encounter with Our Lord. This is without cost and completely confidential. I am under professional supervision for any work I complete with you. Fr Seph, who completed his training a year ago in the Ignation method, has happily endorsed my journey to work with you in our Parish. Please contact Angela Francis at angela.francis@outlook.co.nz

ECUMENICAL DAY ASIDE will be held Friday 28 May at Garindale 248 Wakapuaka Rd Atawhai. Sr Maria Park will lead the day and the theme is Pentecost. See the poster on noticeboards or contact Ilene Allan on athlene16@gmail.com or 547 8279 for more info.

DAY WITH THE PASSIONISTS will be held on Saturday 3 July. Paul Traynor who has recently been appointed as the PFG National Co-ordinator will be here and if previous years are anything to go by, it will be an inspiring day. For all who are interested. Please mark this day in your diary and watch the newsletter for more info.

VEHICLE NEEDED Fr Larry Barnett, a Columban priest from Taiwan, will be visiting and helping in our Parish for 6 months. If you have a car you think may be suitable and are

able to help this would be fantastic. The Parish will cover running costs/repairs. Please contact Fr Seph on (03) 544 8987.

THE PARISH IN TRANSITION: A SEMINAR ON WORSHIP, MUSIC AND PASTORAL LIFE will be held in Palmerston North 10 – 12 September. All are welcome and more details will be published at the end of May.

NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Pastoral Care and Support Retreat will be held 28 and 29 May at Our Lady's Home of Compassion Retreat Centre, Island Bay, Wellington. Registration and programme details can be found on www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

ST JOSEPH'S UPPER HUTT PARISH MISSION A reflection on Pope Francis' letter for the Year of St Joseph, will be held 1 – 3 July. More information can be obtained by emailing Barbara Neho at stjosephsuh@gmail.com

PRO LIFE FACTS Focus on the Family – NZ's 2021 ACTIV8 Pro-Life Training Week is happening 5 – 9 July. It is an intensive formation programme aimed at helping pro-life people aged 18+ learn how to promote a culture of life in New Zealand. Full details and registration on www.activ8nz.org

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

RICHMOND LEADERSHIP GROUP are looking for new members. We need people who are interested in the well being of our parishioners and the running and future of our church community. We meet once every 6 weeks and are a supportive group of people. If you want to know more please speak to Fr Seph, Bob Rankin (544 6802) or Maria Archer (544 1580.)

THE LEADERSHIP GROUP MET on 11 May and discussed (amongst other things,) the Parish database; expanding and fine tuning the welcoming/visiting ministry; the ongoing after Mass morning teas; catering to our youngest parishioners with activities during Sunday Mass; finding new members for our group. Full minutes are on the notice board in the foyer.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SHARED MORNING TEA after Mass this week to welcome and meet new parishioners and also catch up with the families whose children are beginning the programme toward Reconciliation.

DATA OPERATORS REQUIRED We are seeking more PowerPoint Operators for our Sunday Mass. Full training and support will be given. Contact Philip Archer on 544 1580 if you are able to do a duty approximately once a month.

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MOTHERS PRAYERS We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. Our next meeting is Thursday 20 May 1045 to 1130. For more information phone Anne 544 7883/027 544 7883, or Kath 970 6754/027 4523 948.

FOUND in the Richmond church carpark, a number plate surround with Southern Automobiles – Dee St Invercargill on it. This can be collected from the Lost Property box in the foyer of the church.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

COMPUTER WHIZZ REQUIRED. We are looking for someone in Motueka with good computing skills. The requirement is for an hour now and then ongoing on an on call basis. Please contact Angie Lucas 021 02203196

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely and sick in our community. Peter Goodman, Bryan Hamilton, Maureen Fon, Marie Douglas, Pat Harvey and John Clifford.

LAURDATO SI: THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP CREATION:



TAKE NOTICE OF THE GENTLE AND ABUNDANT LIFE THAT SHARES THIS EARTH WITH US.

WAIMEA WEST

THE NEXT MASS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 22 MAY AT 5.00PM. ALL WELCOME.

ST PETER CHANEL ROSTER
15/16 May AND 22/23 May 2021

Date	Sat 15th	Sun 16th	Sat 22nd	Sun 23rd
Greeter	Trish Hall	Elizabeth & Brian McNab	Janet Price	Brian Browne
Music		Hemon & Katie		Fran Peacey
Prayers	Jim Maguire		Margaret Jones	
Readers	K Courtney	M Kilmartin & P Bebar	J Roper	S & V Cameron
Eucharistic	D Holgarth & M Lucas	J Moriarty & E Taggart	A Le Long & D Ogilvie	H Duncan & A Lane
Children		Frances		Luisa
Altar Servers		Finn & Dominic		Tricia & Ayesha
AM Tea		Angie & Jim Hee		R & K O'Gorman
Cleaning	R Robert & L Hay			