

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meet approximately every 6 weeks in Motueka. Both groups are looking for someone, from the Motueka area, to take their Minutes on an ongoing basis. If you are interested in this role or know of someone with the relevant skills. Please contact Adrienne Hill on 021 526 404 or howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz

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 for this week. (18) Mary Louisa Piner. May they rest in peace.



PARISH SOCIAL GROUPS

The idea of setting up PFG Parish Social Groups in the St Peter Chanel community has been received with enthusiasm as a way to get to know each other and put some more life into our community. You don't need to be "holy" (heaven forbid), you don't need to be a regular church goer, you don't need to be a catholic, you don't need to be young, you don't need to be old, you don't need to have your own family as this will provide you with one, you just need to want get to know your community better whilst having some fun. They will enable us to care and support each other like a regular extended family. The idea is that they are cross generational. After all, this is how the Church first began and this is what it can be now. So please consider joining a group.

STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

AROHA ROPU PFG will host a byo picnic tea following Mass at St's Peter and Paul, Waimea West, on Saturday 23 February. All parishioners most welcome. Bring your contribution to a shared meal, your drinks, chairs and utensils. In view of the proximity of the bush fire and fire ban we will NOT be cooking on the BBQ. Enquiries to Helen 544 9660.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed in February. James French (1875), Sarah Tomlinson (1953), Jack Higgins (1964), Kate O'Connor (1979), Peter McIntyre (1979), Ellnor O'Connor (1997), Leonie Staite (2007), Joan Mussen (2009), Owen Dunn (2010). May they rest in peace.

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 23rd February)
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.



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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

17th February 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ISSUE 85

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; Paul 15:12. 16-20; Luke 6:17. 20-26

Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Next Sunday readings: Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; Psalm 102; Paul 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Dear Parishioners

As I write these words the fires in the Pigeon and Moutere Valleys continue to burn, though they are contained now to some degree. The practical support offered by individuals, in combination with the coordinated response by civil and local authorities in response to the fires has been outstanding and deeply moving. It is a reminder to me, that in even in a fast paced cyberworld of sound bites and cynicism, that the human spirit flourishes, and can flourish astonishingly well. It's a beautiful reminder too, in fact it is a profound tribute, to the unsung heroes of our world who work so tirelessly developing a sense of civic responsibility, so when the day comes, those most in need can be cared for. How good for them to see their efforts in seeking the good of others returned.

As Christians, this kind of single-minded desire to see the best in my neighbour, and to do good by them, reveals something the deepest aspect of our human existence. It expresses something about the deeper unity of the human condition that we share with all beings. That despite differences between us we share a common good, a common destiny and dream for human life and its flourishing. St Paul beautifully integrates this message in his letter to his community in Corinth. A community beginning to fall apart by internal dispute, St Paul invites them to move beyond the world of appearances to the reality of who they are in love. True love, for St Paul, is God's love, alive within them, expressed most fully in Jesus Christ: a love that is willing to abandon everything to bring true good to those it loves. That kind of love is truly something! And we are nothing unless we have it. I am deeply grateful to all those over this last week or so who have so tirelessly given time, effort and energy to limit the damage of the fire and provide care and support to all those who have needed it.

God Bless, Fr. Seph Pijfers

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REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

THANK YOU: to everyone who donated so generously to the Mayoral Fund to support the relief effort in fighting the fire. A total of \$534.80 was given in the retiring collection with a number of people saying they will donate via internet banking. Please continue to keep everyone involved in our prayers.

MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL JOHN

To members of the parishes and schools of the Nelson area parishes and the wider community:

On behalf of Cardinal John Dew, who is currently at meetings in Rome, I wish to express a message of solidarity and prayer at this time when your communities have experienced the challenge of the current fires and fire danger.

We know that those who have lost homes or been displaced have been particularly affected but we have also heard of the great support and generosity of the local community, including the parishes at this time. We particularly note, too, the great work of those working to fight and contain the fires and to protect the community. Those who direct the services of the archdiocese are keeping a watching brief on any ways they can be of assistance at this time and into the future.

In this situation we are once again reminded of the call to care for Papatūānuku, our common home, the earth and its people.

In our common faith. Mons. Gerard Burns
Vicar-General, ADW.

Fr Andrew will be away on a retreat 18-23 February. Please contact Fr. Seph or the office for any inquiries etc. Please pray for him during this time.

CARDINAL'S CARE APPEAL 2018

Finishing on 6th March. All money raised helps support those most in need. Thank you to those who have already supported the appeal. If you would still like to contribute to support, please go to

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/cc2018>

YOU ARE INVITED to A Day Aside, Feb 22nd at Hira Anglican Church

9.30am -2.30pm. Led by Ilene Allan of Spiritual Growth Ministries.

Any questions to Ruth ph 547 4011.

THIS YEAR Fr Andrew has been invited to hold positions on both the Vocations team and the Clergy Trust Fund for the Diocese. These are both important areas for our Church and Fr Andrew will bring a fresh set of eyes and ears to these teams. It is also great that we will have a South Island presence and input into these areas!!

GRACIA BURNHAM will be speaking at Grace Church in Richmond on **31 March at 7pm**. In 2001 Gracia and her husband were kidnapped by terrorists in the Philippines while they were serving as missionaries. 13 months later she was freed but tragically her husband was killed in the rescue attempt. More information and RSVP is available at ethnos.nz/events and posters are on the church notice boards.

LAUDATO SI' Things you can do to look after our common home

Find a good alternative home for anything you have that isn't useful, beautiful or brings you joy.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

MOTHERS PRAYERS We are a group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the first & third Thursday of each month, 10.45 - 11.30am. Our first meeting for the year will be this Thursday, 21st Feb at 10.45am. For more information please phone Anne 544 7883 / 027 544 7883 or Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523 948
See noticeboard for future meeting dates.

VOTIVE CANDLES Please take care to be safe with candles for prayer. Please place a candle in the stand before you light it. Children need supervision so please watch them carefully. Thank you. God bless you as you pray.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is held around the World on first Friday in March. In Richmond it will be held at **St Paul's School. 1.45pm on Friday 1st March**. Everyone is welcome to this Ecumenical Service to be presented by the St Paul's children. It is hoped to hold it outdoors but if weather wet will be at OLPH Church Richmond.

See noticeboard for further details.

COMBINED ANGLICAN CATHOLIC SERVICE ON ASH WEDNESDAY Advance notice for 7pm on Wednesday 6th March at Holy Trinity Church, 27 Dorset Street..

RETREATS The 2019 programmes for Catholic Centres in NZ offering retreats and workshops are on noticeboard in Richmond. Any queries try Karen 544 0551.

SEVENTH HEAVEN PFG Group Picnic Lunch and Planning meeting at Jeff and Rosalie Jones, 12 Park Drive, Richmond. Sunday 24 February from 12.00 pm onwards. Bring along some picnic lunch, and ideas for 2019. Looking forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL/PARISH MASS On February 20 2019 it will be twenty years since Saint Paul's School was officially opened by Cardinal Williams. We will be celebrating this milestone along with the beginning of the new school year, with a mass at school on Wednesday 20 February at 5.30pm followed by a BYO picnic tea. All very welcome.

WELCOME MORNING TEA After Mass next Sunday 24th. Hosted by our Passionist Family Groups. Please bring a plate of food to share and get to know new members of our community. All welcome.

FOUND A necklace in the church last Sunday. Please come to the office to claim it.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka



WORKSHOP ON PRAYER.. To be held at **90 Matata Road, R D 2 Takaka** on **Saturday 9th March, 10am to 2pm**. Any queries and to register your interest in attending contact **Bertha Newman** 524 8440 or mikebertha@ruralinzone.net We welcome parishioners from Sacred Heart Church and any Christians who would like to come. Do invite your friends, they are very welcome. See noticeboard for further details.

PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Wednesday midnight.

Please send all notices to ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com