

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed in the Church at 7pm every Friday evening in Lent.

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) Albert James Tasker. May they rest in peace.

STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed in March. John Fitzgerald (1874), Sarah Mercer (1880), Terrence Satherley (1909), Johanna Berkett (1914), Francis Sutton (1930), Mary Stewart (1937), Nigel Tomlinson (1938), Bridget Crowe (1950), Mollie Baggaley (1979), Bridget O'Connor (1962), Tas McKee (1973), Rona Tomlinson (1975), John Aindow (1984), Trudy Studd (1989), Ken McKenzie (1998), Maureen Cook, (1999), Billie/Nids Mckenzie (2004), Gabrielle Redding (2013). May they rest in peace.

FOR GIVING - Our bank account number is: **02-0747-0066112-00.**

Please use surname & initials as Particulars and /or planned giving number as Reference.

2019 Easter Mass Times Our Lady of the Bays Parish

	Motueka	Richmond	Wakefield	Takaka
Holy Thursday 18 April	7pm	7pm Night Prayer		7.30pm
Good Friday 19 April	3pm	10am Morning Prayer 3pm Service with Communion		3pm
Easter Vigil 20 April	7pm	10am Morning Prayer 7pm Mass		7.30pm
Easter Sunday 21 April	9.30am	9.30am	8am	

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 March)
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 March 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Readings: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Next Sunday readings: Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15; Psalm 102; 1Corinthians 10:1-6 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

“Glimpse of glory”

Last week we read in the Gospel that Jesus went out into the wilderness to prepare himself for his mission.

This week we see him ascending a mountain to pray with his three closest disciples – Peter, James and John. While he was praying his appearance changed, his clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, were also present at the conversion with him. For the three disciples the Transfiguration was one of those moments of comfort which offered the disciples to prepare them for what lay ahead.

We too will need the occasional “glimpse of glory” when we feel overwhelmed by the challenges facing us and by the opposition we sometimes experience. As we continue our way through Lent we find that sometimes our days are prayerful and we feel close to God – our “little glimpse of glory”. At other times we can experience the dryness and barrenness of the desert. Our lack of progress can discourage us as we recall all those good deeds we meant to do, but failed to accomplish, and all the opportunities for doing good that we missed, and like the apostles we seem to be “heavy with sleep!”

When God does reveal His Presence to us, we must do all we can to be aware of it, accepting it and responding with prayers of praise and gratitude.

The focus of this week’s readings is to remind us that in encountering God in our daily prayer, we draw strength to face the challenges of each day.

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AROUND OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH

TODAY IS LA FHEILE PADRAIG or the Day of the Festival of St Patrick. 17 March is the traditional date of the death of St Patrick, (c AD 285 – 461,) the Patron Saint of Ireland.



The tradition of wearing Shamrock to celebrate this day goes back to the 17th or 18th century. This was a time of suppression, by the British, of the Gaelic way of life and resulted in the Catholic religion being forced underground. Laws prevented Catholics attending school and “hedge schools” were operated in secret. They were run outdoors in secluded places, sometimes literally under a hedge. Teaching of religion was forbidden, so teachers used what was naturally available. The Shamrock plant was used to illustrate the message of the Christian Holy Trinity. Wearing a clump of Shamrock became a symbol of defiance toward the British.

Today we carry on this tradition by the wearing of something green. How things have changed for our Catholic children with the opportunities they are now given to take advantage of a strong Catholic education.

CARDINAL JOHN has been reflecting on the following words:

There is never a time to stop believing, there's never a time for hope to die, there's never a time to stop loving, these three things go on. Part of his reflection follows:

These words are from the hymn “There is a Time for Every Season Under Heaven.” In the midst of the difficulties the Church faces, the embarrassment we all suffer, we can do no more than look to the Suffering Servant, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is Jesus who invites us to put our faith in him, to trust him. Now that we have begun the season of Lent, this “season of grace”, we turn to Jesus with full confidence. In this time which can seem to be nothing more than darkness, crisis and perhaps even despair, we are powerfully reminded that Lent is the time to pay closer attention to the Word of God and to become more Christlike. This is not a time to be negative or to give up on our faith. Lent is a positive time for each of us to grow personally, for us as the Body of Christ to become stronger, knowing that in believing, hoping and loving, these three things go on.

Cardinal John's full reflection can be read in his newsletter issue number 193 which can be accessed on the Archdiocese website. website:- <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz>

LENT REFLECTION—SECOND SUNDAY The Mount of the Transfiguration is not too far from the Sea of Galilee. From every direction it rises distinctively from the plain landscape as a solitary hill. In a similar way, the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus rises up as if from nowhere in the Gospels. All of a sudden Jesus is speaking with the Old Testament prophets Moses and Elijah and his clothes become *dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them.*

The Transfiguration of Jesus is the event that communicates an open door between earthly ordinariness, (days and weeks of routine and mundane and struggling existence), and divine eternity. In this moment Peter, James and John got a taste of something more; so much so that they could not even put it into words and did not speak of the event when they went down the mountain. With the birth of Jesus God comes to earth. With the Transfiguration humans taste heaven. This is what happens every time we celebrate the Mass and the sacraments of the Church. The door between heaven and earth is thrown open by God: we express our struggle and our sin and God pours grace onto us and into us and we are enticed into the divine life of God.

When we leave the church after Mass we changed. Like Peter James and John we will struggle to put this experience into words. We are not even really sure what has happened. The fact is, we have tasted heaven and in the most tangible form of Holy Communion, heaven has come INTO us. We are different, and because of this, even though we go home into the same realities and relationships, every moment of the week ahead is different. This taste of heaven enables us to live fully in every earthly reality. **FOOD FOR FAITH** Lenten reflections by Father John O'Connor. <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/>

ARE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY celebrating a significant event/birthday. Please help us celebrate with you by letting us know on ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com at any time.

LAUDATO SI' **Things you can do to look after our common home** Appreciate all those who love you; help those who need you.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

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MOTHERS' PRAYERS - We are a group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 10.45 - 11.30am. Our next meeting will be this Thursday, 21st March at 10.30am. For more information please phone Anne 544 7883 / 027 544 7883 or Kath 970 6754 / 027 452 3948. See noticeboard for future meeting dates.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed for this week. Michael Gerard Hooper, Rosalie Ann Cave, George Thomas Wornall, Marie Florence Taylor, George Archer . May they rest in peace.

EASTER CHOIR All current, past and new choir members are invited to the rehearsals for the Easter Services. These will be held after the 9.30 Masses on Sunday 31 March, Sunday 7 April and Palm Sunday on 14 April. For more information please contact Doug Hill on 544 6288.

"DREAMS" Day Aside at St. Barnabas Church meeting rooms, 9.30 - 2.30, on Friday, 29 March. Led by Sister Maria of SGM. Queries to Ruth 547 4011.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Week 2 "Come back to me, with all your heart." The Richmond Leadership Group invites you to continue to reflect on the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout Lent. The leaflet included with our newsletter this week calls us to consider our personal relationship with God. Who we know God to be in our lives gives meaning to how we approach and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Copies of the first leaflet are available in the foyer if you didn't collect one last week.)

CHILDREN'S ROOM A comfortable couch has been added to the Children's Room to make it more inviting to mothers and family friendly.

NEXT SUNDAY , 24 March there will be a fundraising morning tea after Mass for the **Garin College Senior A Volleyball team** who are travelling to Palmerston North for the National Secondary Schools Championships. There is a significant individual cost for each girl to attend and any assistance is always welcomed by their families. There will be coffee/tea and cake for \$5 and possibly even extra baking available for sale to take home. Raffle tickets at \$2 each will also be available.

SATURDAY 30 MARCH , 2 – 4pm there will be an inside Working Bee at the church to prepare it for our Easter celebrations. If you can spare any time to assist we would love to see you with your cloths and elbow grease ready!