

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

HELP! The Parish Centre key with kitchen screen door is missing!

MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP Our last gathering for this year will be a celebration of our 4th year together, on Thursday 15th Nov. For more information please phone Erin 544 0481 or 021 170 8406.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for the children on the **Sacramental Programme** will be celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 25th November. A celebration supper for the First Communicants will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass. We invite the Parishioners to come celebrate and welcome them to our Parish Family. A plate to share would be gratefully received.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. David Huggins. May he rest in peace.

NOVEMBER PRAYER REMEMBRANCE Parishioners are invited to put the names of their loved ones in the basket in foyer. They will be prayed for at all Masses in November. Envelopes available if you wish to

give a mass offering.

HOUSE EXCHANGE – A retired Hanmer Springs couple would like to exchange their home for a home in the Richmond area from **26 December** 2018 for 4 to 6 nights with another person or couple who would like to go to Hanmer. Enquiries to Mary or John Quick on 03 315 5286, 027 686 1199 or email jmquick16@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS We take this opportunity to congratulate the **Garin College 2019 Leaders** who have been appointed. Service Leaders: Jed Frethey & Megan Ritchie. Learning Leaders: Amy Krammer & Dylan Didi. Nga Amorangi Leaders: Christian Andrew & Rahania MacDonald. Sports Leaders: Tele Likiliki & Zac Lackner. Arts Leaders: Theo Gabites & Jade Alborn

HOGSMEADE The Parish Fete is to be held on **1st December** with a Volley Ball Challenge, Cowboys and a host of other "attractions" at the Popes, Hoddy Road. All details are on Church notice boards.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Thursday noon.

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 24th November)
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

18th November 2018

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Readings: Daniel 12:1-13; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

Psalms: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Next Sunday readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

The sign of the budding fig tree

The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The prophet Joel mentions its fruit-bearing as a sign of favor from the Lord (Joel 2:22). The Talmud (a Jewish commentary and instruction on the Torah or Five Books of Moses) said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came, he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time.

This parable foretells the joy of God's kingdom - the joy of new life and the promise of a new age of peace and blessing. The signs of spring are evident for all who can see. Just so are the signs of God's kingdom. The "budding" of God's kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God's word. Those who trust in God's word

will bear the fruits of his kingdom. And what are the fruits of that kingdom? "The kingdom of God ..is *righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit* (Romans 14:17).

We do not know the day or hour when the Lord will return again in glory. But now in this present age we can experience the first-fruits of the kingdom of God - the abundant new life in the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, and the fruits of the Spirit - love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) and so many other qualities which the Spirit works within us.

Do you know and experience in your life the first-fruits of the kingdom of God?

Fr. Andrew Kim

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Deadline Thursdays 10.30am

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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

PLEASE NOTE : Fr Seph will be away from the Parish from 11 - 18 January. A notice advising Mass arrangements for that period will be published early December.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN The draft of the Plan is now available as hard copy at all churches and on our website (ourladyofthebays.org). We welcome any feedback on the plan **before 19 November** either by email office.admin@parish.org.nz or written comments may be placed in the offering baskets.

MONTH OF THE SOULS Parishioners are invited to put the names of their loved ones they wish to be remembered at Mass during November, in the box in the church foyer. Envelopes available if you wish to give a mass offering.

PARISH RETREAT Sunday 18th November. 1pm to 4pm at 95 Clover Road East, Hope. We will meet at the Chapel at Garden of Remembrance for prayer. You will also have access to St Francis Grotto and the Gardens of the World. Cost is \$10 and includes afternoon tea. Facilitated by Karen Moynagh, 544 0551 and Frances O'Leary 547 6202. Please register, any queries, or for transport.

2nd PARISH RETREAT Thursday 22 from 10am to 2pm. when lunch will be provided.

LAUDATO SI' Things you can do to look after our common home. For short distances, consider walking as your first option. You can meet people, it is better for your health, you save on petrol and the planet breaths easier.

HELPERS FOR FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES at The Nelson Cathedral. Richmond Catholic is **decorating** a tree of angels Sunday 26th November? There is also a roster of people to do two hours at the Cathedral

to **welcome** visitors in December and January. Contact Karen 03 544 0551.

Fishing Rods and Reels Needed Do you have an unused, but in-working-order **fishing rod and reel** lying around in your garage or shed? Would you be willing to donate it? I am a Red Cross volunteer working with a refugee family. A keyboard would also be appreciated by this family. I would be glad to pick up. Annette Sivak text 027 540 2256 OR ring 03 540 2256.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
Hello Everyone, It is so encouraging to the Hamper helpers to see your response to this cause. Please keep the goodies coming in over the next few weeks. A container will be taken to **Wakefield** for goods to be placed in. It will be in the church from today until 9th of December, when it will come back to Richmond for the Hamper Mass at 9.30am.

Waimea West. On 24th November, there will be a container for your contributions. As it is the only day there will be Mass there before the Hamper Mass, please leave your goodies on that day, and they will be brought back to Richmond after Mass. **Richmond** A container will remain in the foyer until 9th December for your contributions.

Everyone is invited to join in the Hamper Mass at 9.30am at Richmond on 9th December, followed by a festive morning tea in the Parish Centre.

NZ ROSARY CRUSADE We are holding a pro-life Rosary Crusade (from conception to natural death) on the FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION **Saturday 8th December** at 3pm in our St Peter Chanel Chapel. Please come and pray THE ROSARY for our nation and its unborn. Further information contact Angle Lucas 021 022 03196 .

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

FIREWOOD working bee for St Vincent de Paul this coming Saturday at 9am. 47 Dawson Road, Mapua – signs will be out. We will be cleaning the site and splitting the last of the firewood on the tractor. All help appreciated please!

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 our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. (18) Mary Ogilvie (19) Campbell Bellshaw (20) Dorothy Hilton (21) Alva Lauder (23) Briam Jones. May they rest in peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely, sick and infirmed of our community: Malcolm Garrett, Peter Goodman, Pat Stack, Bryan Hamilton, Trish Hall, Bill Nugent, Barbara Janson, Nancy Courtney and Therese Dunnill.

MINISTRY RENEWAL WORKSHOPS (Extraordinary Eucharist Minister) Over the next few months the liturgy committee will be running a series of Ministry Renewal Workshops. We have had a workshop for the minister of the word in September and many

thanks to all who attended and participated. Now we invite the Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for the workshop on Sunday 25 November after 9.30 mass in the chapel. We hope as many existing ministers can be there, and we would welcome any one who would like to take up this ministry. Inquiry Fr.Andrew Kim, 0221022011.

MEMORIAL MASS for Patricia Curran who recently passed away, will be held in St.Peter Chanel church on 22 Nov at 11am. Please come and celebrate her life and share the memories.



Our community welcomes Chin Fung Bong (W) who is wanting to know about our Catholic faith and our community. Over the next few months, after Sunday mass, with help from few parishioners, Chin will prepare for the sacrament of the initiation(RCIA Program). Please pray for him and support his faith journey with us. Welcome Chin!!!

STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

MASS OF REMEMBERENCE Saturday 24th November at 5p.m with blessing of the graveyard. Followed by a shared BBQ hosted by Aroha Ropu PFG. All welcome. Please bring seats, plates cutlery etc, plus meat and salads etc to share. Contact Helen 027 274 7866.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers, our faithful departed in November: Anne Roach

(1861), Margaret Hagen (1870), Liza Fowler (1874), Frances Bolton (1876), Patrick Leahy (1896), Edwin Fowler (1896), William O'Connor (1916), Frederick Tomlinson (1932), James Flood (1957), H. Tilley Cook (1960), Mary Davies (1967), Hans Knalman (2003), Joy Silcock (2005), Jim Hallinan (2009), Gordon Havill (2010), Kay Tomlinson (2012), Alison Coffey-Hart (2016) May they rest in peace.