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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6; Ephesians 2: 13 – 18; Mark 6: 30 - 34

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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THEY WERE AS SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

We hear in today's gospel how the disciples and Jesus were constantly surrounded by people and had no time for themselves. Jesus tries to circumvent the crowds by taking to a boat with his disciples to travel to a place he thinks will give them peace. The people were so anxious to hear His word though that they hurried to where they thought he would be. When Jesus arrived there was already a large crowd and he took time to speak with them and teach them.

This crowd was like "Sheep without a Shepherd." How many times have we felt the need for a shepherd or guide in our lives. Where do we turn? Sometimes it is to friends and family but for many of us it is God we turn to first. Through prayer we tell God our concerns, worries and fears and ask for his guidance. Often though, we do not receive the guidance or answer we may have been expecting or hoping for.

There is a plan for each of us. How well we follow that plan is entirely up to us and our freewill. Whether we follow or stray from the path, God is always there with a guiding hand and an open heart.



As the first line of Psalm 23 says "The Lord is my Shepherd."

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

FR SEPH will be away from the Parish between 17 July and 20 August. **Fr Larry Barnett**, who is based in Takaka for the rest of this year, will be based at the Richmond Presbytery from each Wednesday to Sunday during this time. Fr Larry can be contacted on **021 02785538** or through the Parish Office.

NEXT SUNDAY 25 JULY is the day that Pope Francis has set aside in honour of all grandparents and the elderly, who are so important to our communities and our Church. The new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday in July.



Recently, the Seventh Heaven Group had a wonderful mid-winter Christmas dinner and the Aroha Ropu Group had a successful Matariki breakfast. In Motueka the Sweet Harmonies had a dinner party and also have regular Sunday coffee. Aroha Ropu also have an afternoon tea planned and the Waimea Vines are having a "Comfort Food" pot luck dinner at the end of July.

The aim of the PFG movement is to preserve and foster community spirit, where people know each other by name and share their joys and struggles. It started in NZ in 1988 and has been going strong ever since, sometimes with the same group members for all of the past 33 years!

For more information, or to join a group, pick up a brochure from your church foyer or contact Maria and Philip Archer on philipmaria@xtra.co.nz or 03 544 1580.

CAKE AND COFFEE Calling all PFG co-ordinators. You are invited to come and chat

with your fellow co-ordinators about moving forward. If you are not a co-ordinator but are wondering what happened to your group during this awkward Covid time, feel free to come along. **21 July 7pm to 8pm St Francis meeting room in Songer St, Stoke. Short sweet and informative. Did we mention cake?**

RSVP to Maria and Philip Archer
philipmaria@xtra.co.nz or Philip on 027 6590888

SECTION WANTED Seeking a section for a new house build. Prefer Ruby Bay or Tasman area. Semi rural, private, sunny, quiet, close to sea or sea view. Call Angela on 021 861612.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

MANY OF YOU MAY REMEMBER WIN STRAWBRIDGE who sadly passed away last week. Win had been an active member of our community over many decades. She was a valuable member of the Parish Finance Committee, for around 20 years, when OLPH was its own Parish with the Wakefield and Waimea West communities, running their financial affairs manually out of an A3 Green Book! Like so many of our volunteers past and present, Win also worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that the pastoral care and needs of our communities were met. Win had been a resident at Oakwoods for some time before her passing. We keep her and her family and friends in our prayers. May she now Rest In Peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S NEXT MEETING is Monday July 19th at 7pm in the parish centre. Newcomers always welcome.

Included in our mission statement are the words

"No work of charity is foreign to the Society"
Recent outreach of our conference includes supplying food parcels, petrol vouchers and firewood, funding school camps and stationery, paying bills, home visits and delivery of bereavement baskets and providing hospitality at funerals.

We also host on a 3-4 monthly basis an afternoon tea for elderly folk or anyone who

can use a bit of extra social contact. We are constantly updating our list of invitees and if you or someone you know, would like to be included please contact us and we will ensure you are included on our next outing. Transport can be provided if required.

We are enjoined to seek and find those who are in need. In order to do so we need the eyes and ears of parishioners. Bearing in mind the words from our mission statement above, please advise us of anyone you know or think may be able to use help from our conference.

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ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

A PARISHIONER new to Motueka needs accommodation to share with another person(s). Male in my 50s, honest and trustworthy. If you can help, please call me on 022 0356624 or email

mattodonoghue@hotmail.com Many thanks
Matt O'Donoghue

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION – 2 rooms for 2 ladies to rent are required for August and September. We are seasonal workers and may well rent each year if agreeable. We are Christian and don't drink or smoke. Turn that sleepout, or those spare rooms into funds for a project or a dream holiday once the borders open again. Please contact Veronika on 021 1526685.

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

ST PETER AND PAUL'S, WAIMEA WEST

THE NEXT MASS will be held at 5pm Saturday 24 July. All are welcome.

LAUDATO SI – Things we can do to care for Creation



ST PETER CHANEL ROSTER
17/18 and 24/25 July 2021

Date	Sat 17th	Sun 18th	Sat 24th	Sun 25th
Greeter	Elaine Taggart	Dinky Nugent	Shelley Fry	
Music		Mary Wilson		Josie Moriarty
Prayers			Margaret Jones	
Readers	J Maguire	L Cameron & F Peacey	A McIver	
Eucharistic	A Le Long & D Ogilvie	H Duncan & A Lane	M Devine & K Courtney	M Macquet & K O’Gorman
Children		Emma Paaka		
Altar Servers		Finn & Dominic		Trisha & Ayesha
AM Tea		Ellis Family		Angie & Jin Hee
Cleaning			E Hay & H Stolten	