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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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4th Sunday of Lent

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Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 1-13; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

MASS TIME Sunday Mass

RICHMOND

Sunday 9.30am

MOTUEKA

Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2nd Sat each month

WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4th Sat each month

TAKAKA

Sunday 5pm (winter 4pm)

1st and 3rd Sunday each month

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA

Tuesday (Communion Service)
& Friday 9.30am

RICHMOND

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

Dear Parishioners,

We are over halfway through lent now! Hard to believe how quickly our time is going. This week we begin our parish Lenten retreat. A big thank you to Angela, Lorraine, Karen and Elizabeth who are offering their time to lead us in this journey.

Retreats in daily life are a time to quietly reflect at our own pace about where and how God is present in our life. A time to gently learn the gift of gently sharing with others. Prayer is not the discipline of doing or saying...it is the simple art of listening and being attentive, as if in the presence of someone who you greatly love or admire...how delighted we can be when we reflect on what we notice! The inner stirrings of the heart telling us its story of love we feel...continued blessings on your Lenten journey...

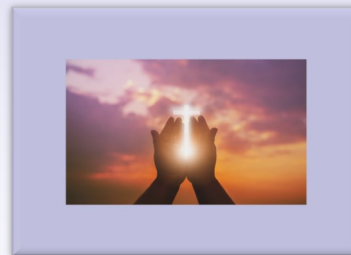
In your light, I learn how to love.

In your beauty, how to make poems.

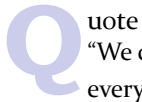
You dance inside my chest where no-one sees you,

but sometimes I do, and that sight becomes this art.” — Rumi

God Bless, Fr. Seph



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS



Quote

“We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” Pope Francis, [General Audience, 03/06/2020](#)

Purple, You deep and passionate colour
You are there to remind us of Gods gifts
We see you in grapes at their ripest
Passionfruit and Lavender and wild berries

Purple you remind us that lent
Is a time to make sacrifices
Sacrifices could be No sugar in your tea
No sweets ,no peanuts no wine Oh Gee

We could spare time for an ailing friend
Who needs our help at the washing line
Or elderly folk, a friendly cup of tea
Chats to catch up on how they incline

Take stock what is it to be?
Lent is passing quickly

This beautiful poem written by Diane Smith,
our parishioner.

Global Peace Prayer - Wednesday 22 March 2023

A range of Christian World Communions, along with the World Council of Churches, are organizing a Global Peace Prayer on Wednesday, 22nd of March, 2023. If your faith community normally holds a time of prayer or service on the 22nd, or in your own personal or family prayer time, be encouraged to include prayers for peace. Resource prepared by the National Dialogue for Christian Unity NZ is available here: https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Global-Peace-Prayer-March-22_2023.pdf

I would like to suggest Lent to you as your personal journey of hope. Indeed, this prospect is immediately evident if we consider that Lent was instituted in the Church as a time of preparation for Easter and that, therefore, the whole meaning of this forty-day period is illuminated by the Paschal Mystery toward which it is directed. We can imagine the risen Lord who calls us to come out of our darkness, and so we set ourselves on the path toward the One who is Light. Lent is a journey toward the risen Jesus; it is a period of repentance, also of mortification, not as an end but rather aimed at enabling us to rise with Christ, to renew our baptismal identity, that is, to be born anew “of the Spirit,” by the love of God. This is why Lent is, by nature, a time of hope.

Excerpted from *On Hope* by Pope Francis

Father Cirilo

Caritas Lenten Reflection - Week 4: Fourth Sunday of Lent

“He opened my eyes”

E te Ariki, Lord, give us clarity to see clearly the world around us. Reveal to us the needs of vulnerable people in our own community networks in this coming week.

Lent provides a special time to deepen our encounter with the Light of the World through prayer, fasting and almsgiving – the three ‘weapons’ of Lent. The Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme is an opportunity to share and support one another on the journey to a deeper encounter with Jesus.

We remember also with great hope that Jesus promised that he would be living within each of us through the power of his indwelling Spirit, even to the end of time

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held in the church on all Friday evenings in Lent, starting at 7.00pm. This is a wonderful way to acknowledge our Lenten journey.



Reconciliation during Lent

Reconciliation is available after weekday Masses and also by appointment with one of our Priests

Resthome Services

A small group of Richmond parishioners conduct a 30 minute "Church Service" at two of our local Rest Homes, about 4 times a year. The services consist of readings and hymns on Tuesday mornings. If you could join us occasionally, you would be most welcome. You only need to attend and contribute if you are available on the actual date. However we do need a larger pool of volunteers to ensure that we have sufficient numbers on our rostered dates. For more information please call Maria on 027 642 1953 or email mhca53@xtra.co.nz

"Richmond Church and Grounds Working Bee"

On Saturday 18th March from 9 till 12 we will be holding a pre-Easter Working Bee to clean the inside of the Church and weed/trim the outside gardens and shrubs/trees. Please bring your own cleaning equipment for inside the Church and gardening equipment, loppers etc for outside. We also need trailers to remove the green waste if possible. Morning tea will be provided. Many thanks for your support



ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

Reconciliation after Mass on Friday or by appointment

Please pray for the elderly, lonely and sick in our community



Stations of the Cross will be held in St Peter Chanel every Friday in Lent at 7pm

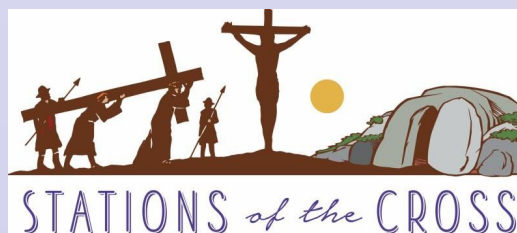
PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Starts this Sunday at 5pm at both Richmond and Motueka Churches.

Thanks to all who have registered. And it is not too late to register now.

Please email karen@moynagh.co.nz or phone 027 245 7800.

ST JOSEPH'S, WAKEFIELD



Stations of the Cross will take place in St Joseph's on Friday, 3rd March at 7pm.

FOOD DRINKS
COFFEE **CAR BOOT SALE** **FUN FOR THE FAMILY**
BARGAINS
SATURDAY 1ST APRIL
9AM - 2PM
 \$10 for a site
 phone/ text 0275287366 to book by 24th March
St Peter Chanel School
423 High Street

CAR BOOT SALE at St Peter Chanel School
1 April, 9am - 2pm
Contact 027 528 7366 to book a site.

ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

There will be he nui te mahi at the Waimea West cemetery on Sat 22 April 9am-12.30pm. Please bring gardening tools, especially grubbers, as we may need to attack some agapanthus which are blocking the intersection view.....If wet, we'll clean the church....Don't forget the highlight of the morning.. morning tea...just bring something to eat, "Others" will provide hot water, table, mugs, milk and sugar.. "Others"you know who you are I hope... Pls forward this to anyone else you think may be interested...



StayingSafe on Social Media

A nation-wide campaign to raise awareness of how everyone can stay safe on our Catholic social media platforms starts next Monday, 20 March. Check our Facebook, Instagram and other social media each day from Monday for tips on how to keep yourself safe. Details of the campaign are here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety>

Seven Tips for Staying Safe on Social Media

#1
Never accept a friend request from someone you don't know personally

To Huinga o nga Pihopa
Katiorika o Aotearoa
 New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference



Earth Stations
of the
Cross
Interwoven with
Laudate Si'

Two contemplative evenings on Zoom where the Stations of the Cross are interwoven with Pope Francis's Encyclical, 'Laudate Si'
The first night we will contemplate the first seven Stations and the next evening the remaining Stations.

Dates: Tuesday 21st of March and 28th of March

Time: 7.0 p.m.- 7.45 p.m.

Facilitator; Lyndall Brown rsj

Registrations to lyndallb19@gmail.com 021 185 6750

**Details for Zoom will be sent on the day.
As these gatherings are reflections there is no cost.**