



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

19 Sept 2021

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wisdom 2: 12, 17 – 20; James 3: 16, 4: 3; Mark 9: 30 - 37

## 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

## CONTACT

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**Parish Priest**

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Dear Parishioners,

Our readings this week reflect on the human tendency to follow our own ways of thinking to resolve certain situations rather than relying on God's providence. In particular, the gospel this week shows how even the disciples (that's us) are no less prone to this than any other group or person. In their reliance on human ways of thinking the disciples lose sight of the very reason Jesus had called them in the first place. A role of service and love. This role is not limited in its generosity or specific to a particular way of doing things in reaching out to those in need.

Throughout his pontificate Pope Francis has often, and at times fiercely, challenged the leadership style of many in the church as imbued with human, self-referential thinking. But Francis does not limit this to just church leadership and is keenly aware that in many instances our whole 'way' of being church has become self-reliant and limiting.

Pope Francis has been clear in stating reform of the Church is needed "on every level which cannot leave things as they presently are". When Pope Francis is speaking in this mode, he is speaking as a keen physician and is looking to treat the root of our spiritual illness, our pride or self-satisfaction. Pride has the tendency to blind us to our faults, refusing to budge. Pride can be a great obstacle to the missionary life of the church leaving us in varying degrees distant from God, even while sometimes thinking of ourselves as close to Him.

Pope Francis is clear, our church is necessarily changing. This is not an easy thing to do as we have all gotten used to particular ways of understanding and practicing our faith. Within it all, God invites us to trust in the working of his grace in each and every situation we find ourselves in. This does not mean if we trust God enough, he will alter the course of history to suit our needs. Though this is subtly what we do at times when we pray. Rather, the invitation God makes to trust Him, in and through our human stories, as difficult as these may be at times, is that we may find the peace that surpasses all understanding. Within this paradox we discover that God **is** the peace we seek. The joy that completes all our needs.

God Bless, Fr. Seph

## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

**CARDINAL JOHN** has advised that all Masses and church gatherings within the Archdiocese are to cease until we are back into Level 1. We will keep everyone informed as we receive further information.

**ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN** is spending lockdown in Christchurch. He is celebrating Mass online every Sunday and you can join with the following link,  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz\\_hSDLfw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw)

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF** The free Pfizer vaccine is now being offered to all members of the public over aged 12 and over. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your whanau and your community. You will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination; those with underlying health conditions who would be at higher risk of catching the virus and young children. The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective and has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide. For more information, visit <http://www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz/>

**PLEASE NOTE; Any meetings/gatherings/activities advertised in this week's newsletter will be subject to any Covid Level announcement made by the Prime Minister.**

**THE SEASON OF CREATION RUNS FROM THE** Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September to St Francis Day on 4 October. A reflection sheet for each of those weeks is available at this link  
<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Season-of-Creation-2021-week-1.pdf>

**THE COMBINED SERVICE PLANNED FOR 26 SEPTEMBER** at Grace Church, has been postponed until November. We will publish details of the date when they are confirmed.

**RETREAT 15 AND 16 OCTOBER** Friday 6pm to 9pm, Saturday 8am to 8pm. St Marys, Manuka St Nelson.  
Treat yourself to a Retreat. Take this opportunity for time and space with God. There will be morning and evening prayer, short

sessions of teaching and times for reflection, prayer and relaxation. All meals are provided. For more information email [karen@moynagh.co.nz](mailto:karen@moynagh.co.nz) for a brochure or phone 027 2457800 for any queries. This can be held at Level 2.

**WELCOM** the September edition has not been printed but is available at the following link, [https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw\\_welcom/welcom-naumai-september-2021/](https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_welcom/welcom-naumai-september-2021/)

**PINK SHOES INTO THE VATICAN** which was advertised in the newsletter 2 weeks ago has now been postponed to Sunday 6 March 2022 which is 2 days before International Women's Day.

**PRAYER/REFLECTION MATERIALS WHILE AT HOME** The National Catholic Reporter often has excellent articles from renown writers. The online link is <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/soul-seeing/still-small-voice-god-quietly-answers>

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

**THIS SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER** we would have celebrated First Holy Communion with the children and their families who are currently working toward receiving this sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey of Faith. We look forward to announcing when this celebration will be held.

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

**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.

## SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

**WITH EFFECT FROM** Sunday 3 October Mass time will move to 5pm for the duration of Daylight Saving.

