



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st May 2023

The Ascension of The Lord

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Acts of the Apostles 1: 1 – 11; Paul 1: 17 – 23; Matthew 28: 16 – 20

MASS TIME

Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA

Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND

Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2nd Sat each month

WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4th Sat each month

TAKAKA

Sunday 4.00pm

1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA

Tuesday (Communion Service)

Friday 9.30am

RICHMOND

Wednesday and Friday 9.30am

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

'Go to the people of all nations'

When it came time for Jesus to leave, to go to heaven to be with his Father, he reassured the disciples that he would be with them always. Not only that but he gave them authority to 'Go to the people of all nations and make them disciples' too.

Jesus commissions the disciples to continue his work in the world. Now baptism is extended to all in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus' final words to them bring comfort for all who are serious believers in times of doubt or difficulty.

Jesus has conquered death and now passes the baton on to us to continue the mission of the church to carry on his work. Just as the disciples have been sent by Jesus, so too we are sent at the end of each Mass with the words, "Go" Most of us don't have a mission to go to the ends of the earth, but our mission field is the place where we are, those whom we come in contact with in our day to day life. Be aware this week of the practical ways that you can witness to Christ in your life – by your hospitality, your treatment of others, your response to their needs, the way you share your faith, your joy.

Markelle Ward - DRS - Garin College

Adapted from www.liturgycentre Auckland

Jesus rose from the dead. Alleluia

Jesus ascended into heaven. Alleluia

Jesus will come again. Alleluia

The kingdom of Jesus will not end. Alleluia Alleluia!

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS



The Pathway to Prepare for Your Sacrament of Marriage

All Catholic marriages require a marriage preparation course to be taken by the couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Marriage Ministries office is open to take your registration for the course in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The upcoming course will be held on two Sundays 11 and 18 June 2023. Please check our website www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ for registration and next courses availability, or email us at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

The NZ Catholic Medical Association provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. Next event: Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz



For general inquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee).



Pentecost Sunday 28 May

28 May 2023 | Liturgical Year

Pentecost Sunday - the feast of the founding of the Christian Church when the Advocate promised by Christ enters the...



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Laudato Si' Week 21 to 28 May

22 May 2023 | News

The theme for Laudato si' Week is 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity'.

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

21 May 2023 | Liturgical Year

"I am with you always to the end of time."

Jesus came up and spoke to them.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Richmond Church on 1st June 10am till 3pm. Even if you are not on the roster you are very welcome to visit and spend some quiet time with Our Lord

Family Mass this Sunday .. but NO Parish Morning Tea

This morning is our Family Mass, but we will NOT be having a morning tea for the Parish after for the Mass this time to accommodate the Sacrament Programme. The Next Parish Morning Tea will be in June

Calling all choristers !! We will be meeting after Mass next Sunday for about one hour to practise the Sequence for presentation on Pentecost Sunday (May 28) Please bring a pen with you. I am looking forward to meeting you all again.



Nelson Dove Women's Fellowship
Sat May 20th
2pm
Catholic Parish Rooms
35 William St, Richmond

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Guest Speaker:
Maryanne Hall

Contact : Stacey Ashley
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Father Cirilo with Garin College girls hostel for celebrating Mother's Day

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

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



ST JOSEPH, WAKEFIELD

"Happenings from St Joseph's"

Recently Erin Powick, Lyn Shellock, Colleen Yee and Willie Simpson hosted the Waimea Historical Society at St Joseph's Church and cemetery. A very enjoyable afternoon for both visitors and hosts alike. Colleen and Erin had lots of information and photo's on display and the visitors very taken with the showing of the beautiful old vestments that we have in the vestry. After a brief but informative history of St Joseph's given by Erin in the church, everyone moved out to the cemetery, where there was much discussion over various names on some of the headstones.

That visit to St Joseph's Church and cemetery was followed by the Arnold family reunion at Easter. Lyn was able to open up the Church to allow them to see inside which was very much appreciated. Thanks Lyn.

It's great to see the scaffold up and St Joseph's Church being painted at long last.

On Saturday 13th May, Fr. Cirilo said a lovely Mother's Day Mass after which we had a farewell presentation to Marea Duncan followed by a cup of tea. After over 20 years of being a Wakefield parishioner, Marea is moving to Reefton and her ready smile, thoughtfulness and kindness shown to our Church family will be very sadly missed. We wish Marea all God's blessings for the future and know that she will always remain part of us.

