



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

23th April 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

Issue 275

Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Peter 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-35

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

CONTACT

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

How do we know when we are in the will of God? How do we know when God is working in us?

I've recently been asked this which led me to reflect on my own experience.

I've learnt that God reveals himself to me through scripture, a sense of peace and doors naturally opening, without me having to do a thing.

God made us all differently, so is present to us in ways that we understand best.

For some it may be through nature, for others sitting in contemplative silence with a candle or in front of the blessed sacrament, for others it might be loving interaction with people, or being part of the holy mass.

How ever God reveals himself to us, the most important thing to remember is our preferred response being:

"thy will be done" as opposed to

'my will be done'.

Perhaps then we can truly claim:

"You show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, in your right hand happiness for ever."

Ps 16:6

As I step down from Chair of the parish finance committee, I am reminded of our priests, committee members, and those who work for our parish, often unnoticed. These are the people who deserve our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

They epitomise the words of Saint Ignatius of Loyola,
"we are created to praise, reverence and serve God"

With every blessing

Angela Francis

Outgoing Chair

Parish Finance Committee

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

If you would like to register your child for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion please email Markelle for further information. markelleward@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz **Registrations close on May 7th**

Little White Easter Book available

This book is meant to help you enjoy six minutes of prayer each day during the 50 days of the Easter season. Available at the foyer now \$8. For those who want to purchase, I can deliver them. Please contact office Limited quantity quantity

Quiet Morning Aside

You are welcome to join us for an ecumenical Contemplative Prayer Morning at St Barnabas Church, Stoke, on Friday 28th April from 9.30am - 12.30pm. See also notice in foyer or phone Ruth 021 042 9530

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

Visit wellingtonpriests.org to find out more about the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of local priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone exploring their vocation. For more information contact Fr Andrew Kim at wellingtonpriests@gmail.com or Lucienne Hensel at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: At our next Finance meeting in May, Angela Francis will be stepping down as our chairperson. I would like to acknowledge with deep gratitude, Angela's significant contribution to our parish's financial and administrative duties during her tenure, in which her sure-footed governance and administrative oversight has guided the Finance Committee and provided structure and transparency. We wish Angela, every blessing as she takes this opportunity to focus on new opportunities. We welcome Eamon Powick who is replacing Angela and continue her leadership. God Bless, Fr. Seph

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all new parishioners who have recently filled in a form. We are delighted you are in our community. There seems to be many new faces in our Sunday congregation. We welcome you too. If you have not filled in a new parishioner form we invite you to do so. Forms are on the table in foyer and on the wall by holy water bowl and the noticeboard. Please put in envelope provided or give to a greeter

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA



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

Reconciliation after Mass on Friday or by appointment



Anzac Day

9am Exposition of the blessed Sacrament
A time for personal prayer and reflection
9.15am Rosary
9.30am Liturgy of Lord with holy communion
Concluding with singing the National Anthem



In loving memory the Sharp family would like to acknowledge the passing of a beloved husband, father and grandfather Ron Sharp at home on the morning of the 12th of April surrounded by family. We encourage you all to join wife Edith, son Daniel, daughter Nicole and his two grandchildren Lucien and Kalia in praying and wishing him well on his journey from this world to the realm of the eternal.

A memorial service will be held at 10am on Saturday the 22nd of April at his home of 412 Main Road Riwaka where all will be welcome to celebrate his life. Please bring along your favourite mug and a plate of food to share if you wish to stay for the gathering afterwards

ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

Please remember the cemetery working bee this Saturday 22 April 9am-12.30pm at Waimea West...Grubbers may be especially useful as we might need to grub out some agapanthus.... And please bring something for morning tea...If it's wet, we'll clean inside the church.. There will be Mass at 5pm.

After Mass, there is a pot luck dinner at Marg and Bill's house in Bartlett's Rd.....

All welcome...please bring a plate and something to drink... Look forward to seeing you sometime on the 22nd....



'Wisdom of the Body'

'Caring for my body is central to my vocation and calling. the two are knit together' Christine Paintner

This reflection day will draw on the wisdom from Celtic Spirituality and from the book *'Wisdom of the Body'* by Christine Valters Paintner. The focus for the day will be **'Coming Home to my Body'**.

The day will offer a contemplative journey to wholeness, recognising that our bodies and the earth's body are all sacred vessels. The day's theme will be developed through Sacred Word, Music, Poetry, and Contemplative processes.



The reflection day will be organized around two **Zoom** sessions, one in the morning to set the theme of the day and one in the late afternoon to deepen the day's reflections. A reflective handout will be given for the day.

Facilitator: Lyndall Brown rsj

Date: Monday 8th May

Time: Morning Session 10.0 a.m. Afternoon Session 4.00 p.m.

Registrations to lyndallb19@gmail.com Phone 0211856750

Cost: \$10 - Details for payment will be sent out after Registration.

Registration: by Friday 5th of May

Saint Paul's School Gala - Saturday 6th May,

11am - 3pm

We always appreciate the generous support of our Parishioners...perhaps there may be a way you can help us out this year? There is still time to help prepare for the Gala by potting up plants, making relish or jam, collecting chipped or broken crockery for the crockery smash, sorting books and white elephant items. All donations gratefully received. We are looking for donations of large pieces of cardboard please. Storage boxes - we will gratefully take any banana boxes or Hello Fresh type boxes off your hands. Please deliver to school.

Gazebos and marquees, please let us know if we can borrow for the day. Please get in touch with either of the Saint Paul's Gala co-ordinators:

Karla Biggs 021 294 1624; Beth Currie 027 733 7489

