



SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

Tuesday, Dec 25 - 5pm Christmas Mass: We would like to continue the tradition of the past years to give small presents to the Mass attendants on Christmas Day. These gifts can be hand or homemade (e.g. jam). The gift giving is aimed at showing visitors the value of handmade, local, environmentally friendly (biodegradable)

gifts that are a symbol of caring thought, loving action, inclusiveness and a means of practicing generosity.

PLEASE REMEMBER and pray for the soul of Peter Woods who passed away on 19th of December. May he rest in peace.



STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed in December: Samuel Mercer(1857), Catherine Leahy(1881), Richard Tomlinson(1888), James Tomlinson(1901), Emma Ann(Amy) O'Connor(1937), Mary McNeill(1944), Daniel Leahy(1945), Roderick O'Connor(sen)(1947), Mollie Best(1968), Bridget Jenkins(1970), Victor Tomlinson(1979), Bernard McMaster(1979), Catherine(Tots) Stewart(1989), Edna McGregor(1994), Bill O'Connor(2004), Gordon

Best(2008), J.Teresa O'Connor(2009), Jack Straite(2010).

In January: Mary French(1872), Jeremiah O'Connor(1907), Marie O'Connor(1921), Daniel Best(1945), Mary O'Connor(1951), Lewis Tomlinson(1963), Trevor Satherley(1967), Clive Bell(1970), Vladimir Huml(1978), Nellie Best(1982), Geoffrey Pearless(1994), Jayden Pearless-Foster(2003), Mary Dahlke(2008), Tom O'Brien(2014), Colleen Kunicich(2017). May they rest in peace.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Monday 24th December to Friday 18th

January 2019.

NEXT NEWSLETTER is 27th January 2019.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Wednesday night.



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE BAYS - SCHEDULE OF MASSES

St Peter Chanel, Motueka	Sat Vigil 5pm / Sun 9.30am / Tues, Thurs 9.30am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond	Sun 9.30am / Tues 11.30am / Wed 9.30am / Fri 9.30am
St Peter & Paul, Waimea West	5pm on 4th Sat of the month (next Mass 24th November)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 5pm (during summer)

* If there is a funeral Mass it replaces the Mass of the day.

* Reconciliation: After weekday mass or by appointment with the priest.



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

23rd Decemeber 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C

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Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Next Sunday readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14; Psalm127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52



O Emmanuel - God is with us.

Today our preparations for Christmas are almost complete. In terms of our students at St Peter Chanel School, this is the closest to Christmas we have been together as a school for at least 10 years. This has resulted in us spending more time discussing with students what Advent is about and in having more Advent activities to share with them.

The excitement of the children and the eagerness for the summer holiday to come, has been contagious and I have found myself looking forward to the family time with renewed anticipation, but also a hint of dread, as I have a long list of jobs to complete, and not much time to do it.

The Christmas holiday season for many is one of conflict – anticipation for the celebration, but pressure to make this holiday the most amazing in terms of presents and food. This can cause

much stress and distress for families, and these negatives can last well after the Christmas decorations have been put away until next year. Instead we should remember what it would have been like for the holy family – preparing for a new member and for their family to evolve to include a first, most precious child. It is this love and closeness we are truly celebrating at Christmas. The love of parents for children, the love of family whose bonds are strengthened through challenges and the love of a God who blesses us with riches that far exceed material things. All our lives have been enriched through the birth of a tiny baby over two thousands years ago. Our understanding of our God and faith, has been magnified through the gift of life. **O Emmanuel - God is with us.**

Marg Campbell-McCauley
Principal, St Peter Chanel School

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REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday 24 Vigil Mass

Richmond 6.15pm carols & 6.30pm Mass
Motueka carols & 6pm Mass

Tuesday 25 Christmas Mass

Wakefield 8am Richmond 9.30am
Motueka carols & 9.30am Mass Takaka 5pm

CARDINAL'S CARE APPEAL - Information and envelopes are now available at all churches for this year's appeal. Cardinal John has asked that Parishes generously support this appeal again this year. **Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket.** Please contact Adrienne Hill 5441681.

CHRISTMAS DINNER to be held on Christmas Day in the Richmond School Hall. Our Mayor will be there to say Grace. Interested in helping?

Contact: Vicki Spiers karlin.vicki@gmail.com

PEOPLE WHO ATTEND THE LUNCH must have a ticket which are available at Age Concern, Holy Trinity Church Office and the Richmond Mall Information Desk.

"Grant, we pray, Almighty God, That, as we are bathed in the radiance of your incarnate word, the light of Faith, which illumines our minds, may also shine in our deeds."
With thanks to you all for all you have done throughout the year. May every blessing be yours this Christmas and in the year ahead.

+Cardinal John Dew



St Peter Chanel community thank all those who contributed towards the new Sacred Vessels (chalice, paten, pyx and ciboria) and Sacred Object (the Book of the Gospels) for the celebration of the mass. It is truly beautiful and a worthy offering of human art. St Peter Chanel community will remember the donors' intention whenever the Holy Eucharist is celebrated. These new Sacred Vessels will be consecrated during the Christmas Eve mass and will be used for the first time. It is a beautiful Christmas gift for our community. Thank you and Merry Christmas!!!

JOVANIE leaves us this week to return to the Seminary in Auckland where he will study for a further 2 years. We have enjoyed his presence amongst us and we wish him very success. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

As we complete another year, we give thanks for the gifts of **Fr Seph and Fr Andrew** as they lead us through a time of change and challenge. May God continue to give them the wisdom and strength needed to continue with his work. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Fr Seph will be on leave from 11 – 18 January. In his absence please contact Fr Andrew.

HOGSMEADE The Parish Fete is to be held on **5th January @ 7pm.**

LAUDATO SI' - Things you can do to look after our common home. Pope Francis says that we need to accept and care for the body God gave us. So maybe we should eat a little more of the vegetables and a little less of the sweets over Christmas. Now that's a challenge!



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

MASS on 1 Jan (the day of Mary the Holy Mother of God,) will be held at 11.30am.

ST PAUL'S 2019 ambassadors have been announced. We congratulate Isla McTeague (daughter of Maria and Matthew) and Ollie Galpin (grandson of Chris Librizzi.) We wish them well in their roles.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. Jack Horlemann. May they rest in peace.

OUTDOOR SEATING If you happen to get new outdoor furniture this Christmas and

have a bench or garden chair surplus to your needs it would be welcomed here in Richmond to create quiet spaces to sit in our grounds.

TRANSPORT TO MASS – There is a lady who is a new resident at Stillwater Gardens who would like support getting to and from Mass. If you are able to help please contact her daughter, Monique on 03 5432323 in the evenings.



ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely, sick and infirmed of our community: Madhu Dey, Malcolm Garrett, Peter Goodman, Pat Stack, Bryan Hamilton, Trish Hall, Bill Nugent, Barbara Janson, Nancy Courtney and Therese Dunnill.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. (23) Frank Smith (24) Nora Gibbs, Fr Kevin Mears (25) Patrick Vincent Hailles (28) Christina Slattery (29) Kerry Leydon (31) Colleen Margaret Barrett. May they rest in peace.

MOTUEKA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER (open to residents of Mapua, Motueka, Riwaka) – A free Christmas dinner will be celebrated on Christmas Day 25 Dec and everyone in the community is welcome. Time: 11:30AM - 2:00PM
Venue: Motueka Memorial Hall, Pah Street. Register in person at Community House in Decks Reserve OR at The Salvation Army Family Store OR by phone Trindi: 021 728 035 OR Peter 03 528-5089 OR email Christmas@tourismdevelopment.co.nz

MASS on 1 Jan (the day of Mary the Holy Mother of God,) will be held at 9.30am.



ST JOSEPH'S 62 Pitfure Rd, Wakefield

A very big **THANK YOU** to all of you who turned up on Sunday afternoon in the heat to the working bee to cut/prune trees and bushes around St Joseph's Church and cemetery. A tremendous effort and a job very well done.

We also had good parishioner representation at the Homestead Rest Home on Monday for the Combined Churches lovely Christmas service. God bless and thank you.