



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

24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

### MASS TIME Sunday Mass

#### MOTUEKA

Sunday 9.30am

#### RICHMOND

Sunday 9.30am

#### WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat each month

#### WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Sat each month

#### TAKAKA

Sunday 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> each month  
Service of the Word with Communion  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month at 9.30am

### Weekdays Mass

#### MOTUEKA

Tuesday 9.30am

Friday 9am Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament, 9.15 Rosary

Friday 9.30am Liturgy of the Word

#### RICHMOND

Wednesday and Friday 9.30am

Reconciliation after Mass or  
by Appointment

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**Deadline Wednesday Noon**

Recently, we have been using a website called

<https://universalis.com/>

which includes, among others, Feast days, Lives of the Saints, and commentaries on the Scriptures by a London-based priest, who had previously been an art critic. His insights into not only the historical background of each Reading, but also his wealth of knowledge of artwork, have inspired and educated us in our faith. We learn something new every morning. Although I am deeply aware of the beneficial effects of music, I am learning to appreciate the vast and rich heritage of Christian art from the very beginning, and how people expressed their faith through pictures, images, photos, statues, windows, even precious stones. We recommend it wholeheartedly to you all. An early New Years Resolution

Several streams converge at this time of year – work and school, change of season – meteorological and liturgical, and preparing for the Birth of our Lord and Saviour. We see a mixture of moods – joyful, but also stressed – even more reason for us to dispense that free grace that we have received.

May our Lord God bless us all this Christmas.

Doug Hill  
musician and teacher





## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS



### Pohutukawa

An advanced male party has arrived.  
An arduous journey they survived  
Pantaloons to their thighs  
The water swirled around their feet  
It drew them inward on the tide .  
An order issues from shore shouts  
"Kneel down now and thank the Lord.  
Our safe journey is now whole."  
They raise their eyes to a line of trees  
Splashes of tomato red florets,  
Bristly, brushy needley leaves.  
Crickly, crackly celadon green.  
Mumbles transpire among the men

### Christmas Special Collection

*On Christmas Day there will be a special collection for the care of the clergy within the Archdiocese. Donations can be made online (note for Christmas Appeal ) or in the brown special envelopes (spares available in the church foyer at Richmond & Motueka)*

"This must be our Christmas tree  
Where we will celebrate with joy  
The birth of Jesus Lord.  
But we need to know its name"  
They heard voices, strange at first,  
Say" Pohutukawa".  
Pohutukawa rolled off their tongues  
In every kind of way.  
Come Christmas day.  
Men with voices loud  
They prayed as a crowd and sang  
Sang to a new born babe  
A chorus from the trees  
beats out "We give you Aroha."

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

There will be **no anointing Masses in December** in Richmond and Motueka

### Christmas/New year Office Hours:

Parish office close on Monday, 25 Dec and back on Monday, 15 January, any urgent matter please contact the priest directly by following the phone prompt.

### End of year Leavers Mass St Paul's School

On our last day of school for the year, St Paul's School celebrated an end of year Leavers Mass for our Year 8 Students. The theme of the Mass was, 'I am Called' which encompassed a message around the abundance that God has for us and seeking fullness of life through God's abundance. Our Year 8 students received candles with a personal message encouraging them in their strengths. Fr Michael and the congregation prayed a blessing on them as they were sent out into their next life adventures. This was a wonderful celebration of the Year 8 students and the contribution they have made to our St Paul's Community over the years. We thank our Parish for the unwavering support for our School and wish you all a very blessed Christmas.

Kathryn Powick  
DRS St Paul's School Richmond.



## SACRED HEART, TAKA-



24 December (Sunday)-Christmas eve Mass  
at 5:00pm

25 December (Christmas day) - no mass

31 December (Sunday) - mass at 5:00pm

There is a box by the entrance door for *donations of non-perishable goods*.. St Vincent de Paul Society will forward these donations to the Mohua Social Services for distribution. **St Vincent de Paul Society** (Sacred Heart Takaka) also welcomes monetary donations which will be used to provide fuel and food vouchers to those in need. Donations can be deposited directly to this bank account: **03 0703 0394763 005**  
If you require a receipt for tax purposes, please state your name and address by email, to our treasurer:  
[csaccountancy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:csaccountancy@xtra.co.nz)

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

HALLELUJAH! IT'S A BOY! BORN TO A STABLE FAMILY!

Seasons Greetings to all of our Parishioners as you read this. This really is the last newsletter of the year!

**CHRISTMAS MASS** IS ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 9.30am, CAROLS AT 9.00am

NOTE: There is normal Sunday mass at 9-30am on the 24<sup>th</sup>, but NO Christmas Eve vigil Mass at Motueka.

### Prepare the way of the Lord TONIGHT

A Rite II Advent Parish Reconciliation service is on Friday 22 December at 6:30pm at St Peter Chanel Church.

Covid is again active in our community. If you feel ill, please test, and stay home if you are toxic. We don't want to make our Christmas celebration a Superspreader!

There will be no Anointing Mass in December.

Welcome back Fr Seph! Nice to see you concelebrating Mass last Sunday with Fr Michael.

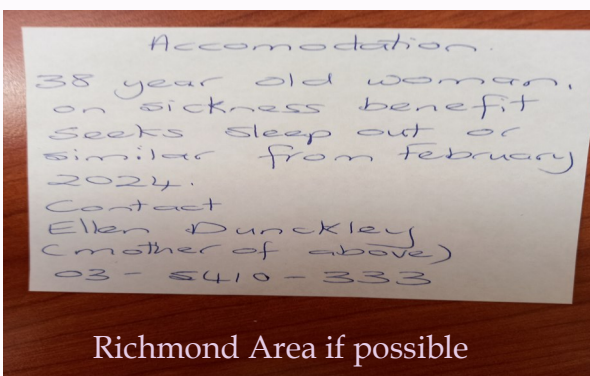
The Rosters will show up until the end of the year. There is a master list on the Notice Board, and some hard copies available in the foyer for January.

Columban Calendars are still available for \$12. Please pay into the slot.

At this time of the year when families gather, let us remember the ill, elderly, housebound, and those on their own in our Parish, including Joan Curtain and Peter Goodman. And invite a lonely neighbour for Christmas lunch!

Thanks to Scott Cameron for his enthusiastic introduction of the new Piano, which has arrived this week. The Yamaha Clavinova has multiple sounds ranging from a Grand Piano to a Harpsichord, and our Pianists will enjoy fitting the sounds to the songs. You will be hearing about some innovative funding ideas in the New Year. In the meantime come and enjoy the Christmas music that has been planned.

From the Newsletter, thanks to those who have contributed, and we will be back in print about the end of January. Wishing you all safe travels and good times!



Finn Campbell who attended St Peter Chanel school and now is at Garin has been awarded Christian Service Leader for Garin for 2024.

Finn has been an alter server at SPC when he was younger as well as recently playing guitar in the music group.

Many of the more mature parishioners at St Peter Chanel will remember Finn when he was baptised way back in 2006 by Cardinal Tom who was filling in for Fr Pat!



	24/12/2023	25/12/2023	31/12/23
Greeter	M Kilmartin D Ogilvie		C. McKinstry Jim Maguire
Morning Tea	A Lane & R Cahill		M Kilmartin L Assaf
Music	Josie Moriarty	Scott and Josie	Hemon & Katie
Prayers Faithful	JUDY KENTER	FRAN PEACEY	JIM MAGUIRE
Readers	S & V Cameron	M Kilmartin & E stolten	J Maguire M Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	T Donaldson V Dugdale		J Kenter E Taggart
Cleaning	W&M Frondarina		
Lawns	Maurice Roche		William Frondarina

## Christmas Mass Times

### Sts Peter & Paul, Waimea West

23<sup>rd</sup> December at 4.40pm Carols, 5.00pm Mass

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond

24<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

5.45pm Carols, 6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am Christmas Mass

31<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am Feast of Holy Family

1<sup>st</sup> January at 9.30am New Year Mass

### Sacred Heart, Takaka

24<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

31<sup>st</sup> December at 5.00pm Feast of Holy Family

25 December (Christmas day) – no mass in Takaka

### St Peter Chanel, Motueka

24<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

25<sup>th</sup> December Carols at 9.00am, 9.30am Christmas Mass

31<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am Feast of Holy Family

1<sup>st</sup> January at 9.30am New Year Mass

After 1<sup>st</sup> January, Weekday Mass as usual in every church



Merry Christmas

## Holy Family Mass Times



### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2023

**HOLY HOUR & RECONCILIATION (Confession):** Friday evenings throughout Advent, 5pm - 6pm, followed by reconciliation, at St Mary's Church, Manuka St, Nelson.

### MASS TIMES

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

23 December, Saturday

- 6:00pm at St Mary's Church, Nelson

24 December, Sunday

- 9.30am at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke

#### Christmas: Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus

24 December, Sunday

- 7.00pm Christmas evening mass at St Mary's Church, Nelson
- Parish Christmas Celebration, at the school hall after this mass

25 December, Monday

- 8.30am at St Francis of Assisi, Songer St, Stoke
- 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Manuka St, Nelson

#### Feast of the Holy Family

30 December, Saturday

- 6:00pm at St Mary's Church, Nelson

31 December, Sunday

- 8.30am at St Francis of Assisi, Songer St, Stoke
- 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Manuka St, Nelson

1 January, Monday

- 9.30am, St Mary's Church, Nelson



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2024

From: Parish office

May God bless you all, Peace be with you

