

## ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed in the Church at 7pm every Friday evening in Lent.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** our faithful departed for this week. (30) Donald McDonald. May they rest in peace.

**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.

## SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

Sacred Heart Takaka hosted an ecumenical celebration of International World Day Of Prayer

Sacred Heart Church remembered the victims of the Christchurch attack. 50 candles were lit & placed on the New Zealand flag. Our Mass and prayers were offered for the victims, those injured, their families and friends throughout New Zealand.



## STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

**PLEASE REMEMBER** our faithful departed in March. John Fitzgerald (1874), Sarah Mercer (1880), Terrence Satherley (1909), Johanna Berkett (1914), Francis Sutton (1930), Mary Stewart (1937), Nigel Tomlinson (1938), Bridget Crowe (1950), Mollie Baggaley (1979), Bridget O'Connor (1962), Tas McKee (1973), Rona Tomlinson (1975), John Aindow (1984), Trudy Studd (1989), Ken McKenzie (1998), Maureen Cook, (1999), Billie/Nids Mckenzie (2004), Gabrielle Redding (2013). May they rest in peace.

### 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 27th April)
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.



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The Archdiocese of Wellington  
To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

24th March 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Readings:** Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15; Psalm 102; 1Corinthians 10:1-6 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

**Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Next Sunday readings:** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33; 2Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

### Where is God in times of tragedy?

Within today's Gospel we see that tragedy was as much a part of society in the time of Jesus as it is today and one week on from one of New Zealand's most significant tragedies, there will be many in our country asking, 'Why does our world, sometimes, feel so God-forsaken?' This was the challenging question on the lips of the people speaking with Jesus in Luke's Gospel.

In the first century, most people believed that when tragedy struck it was a punishment, a warning or the judgement of God. There was the belief that good things happened to good people. And when bad things happened, it was a reflection of your character. This sense of judgement can still be heard in our modern day society. We still all too often hear the question, 'How can God allow this to happen?' Jesus provides the answer with the Parable of the Fig Tree.

In Christchurch this week we see this parable lived out. God is the gardener working alongside the people of our nation, tending the soil in Christchurch, toiling to create new life. As we all work together to bring new life to a devastated city, God is with all of us, encouraging us to put aside (repent) what can be the selfish side of our nature and to dig deeply for the Muslim community. Amidst their suffering we can nourish their garden with love, bear their burden alongside them and ensure that as a nation we sow new life as ONE. We too are called to be gardeners.

Maureen Phillips  
Principal - Saint Paul's School

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## AROUND OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH



**PFG GROUP ACTIVITIES** Over the last wee while, groups have been active with an afternoon tea (Waimea Vines), a movie nostalgia Pot Luck evening (Harlequins), a shared lunch to celebrate a wedding and a picnic (Aroha Ropu) and a Picnic and Planning meeting (Seventh Heaven). This weekend the Waimea Vines are having their dessert and planning evening and Aroha Ropu are having a Pot Luck BBQ. It is wonderful to see so much happening.

On 24 February the Richmond based PFG's hosted a "new comers" morning tea and as a result at least 4 more members have joined groups.

And at St Peter Chanel there are a number of informal groups who already have regular catch ups. However, PFG groups will be formally introduced after Easter.

**CHRISM MASS** for the South Island is to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, Monday of Holy Week. At St Mary's Church in Blenheim at 7pm. Light meal at 5.30pm. It is a long way to go however it is a very significant liturgy. We ask you to consider if you might make the journey. If you would take a car, or would like to go please contact Karen, 544 0551.

**TAIZE New Season** Taize Hour will be open this year on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30pm in St Francis of Assisi Chapel, Stoke. We come together for silent prayer, Taize music and verse in a candlelit chapel. Come and rest awhile. Contact ~ Diane 547 3356

**GRACIA BURNHAM** will be speaking at Grace Church in Richmond on **31 March** at **7pm**. In 2001 Gracia and her husband were kidnapped by terrorists in the Philippines. This is their story.

**LENT REFLECTION—3rd SUNDAY** In a Catholic funeral liturgy we often pray "life is changed, not ended." In Aotearoa New Zealand our lives have been changed with an act of terrorism bringing trauma, grief and pain to our city, our country and our world.

The response of the Muslim community has been faith-filled and generous. As they prepare to bury their dead they express confident hope in God's eternal welcome for their loved ones.

Muslim leaders have been generous in receiving the support and love of the people of the land they know to be their new home.

Christianity and Islam are two of the three (with Judaism) great monotheistic (one God) faiths. Together we are the descendants of Abraham who was the first to speak of one loving God in an environment heavy with cult rituals to please and appease temperamental gods. The belief in one God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is the greatest unifying conviction in human history.

As Bishop Paul Martin reflected in his homily less than twenty-four hours after the tragedy "we know that our loving God has not caused this pain, but the freedom God gives us as a mark of his great love has been tragically misused and abused."

Our basic human thirst is for God. God shows his love for us by giving us adult freedom, a freedom that we can use for good or for evil. When we live in harmony with God's desire for us we are living on holy ground. On this sacred soil strangers become friends and we are awakened to the fact that those we had feared as foreigners are, in the light of divine love, our sisters and brothers.

Fr. John O'Connor [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

**FOR GIVING** - Our bank account number is: **02-0747-0066112-00.**

Please use surname & initials as Particulars and /or planned giving number as Reference.

**LAUDATO SI'** **Things you can do to look after our common home** Think about the things we use and consume daily such as plastic bags, clothing, packaging. And then think of their consequences. The consequences of their making and the consequences of their disposal. Then ask yourself.... can we do better?... is there a better way? We must think... and then we must act.

## ST JOSEPH'S 62 Pitfure Rd, Wakefield

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**CONTACT INFO** We are in the process of updating Names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Could you please check the list in the back of the Church and correct if necessary on the sheet provided.

**MORNING TEA** after Mass on the 31st of March. Tea, coffee etc will be provided. If you wish to bring something to eat, something small and plain would be most welcome.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

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**FREE PILATES HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENT** Calling all women needing a little TLC. Join Tania from Hearts and Bones Pilates and Nicola from Arbonne for an afternoon of Pilates, healthy eating and skin care information. **When & Time:** Sunday, 24 March 2019, 3pm-5pm **Where:** Our lady of the perpetual help church hall **Booking & more info:** 027 510 5220 [tania@heartsandbones.co.nz](mailto:tania@heartsandbones.co.nz)

**CHRISTCHURCH MASSACRE** Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our retiring collection last Sunday for the families of the victims of the Christchurch massacre. A total of \$420 was collected. Please continue to keep everyone involved in our prayers.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Week 3. This week our theme for reflection is our understanding of what sin is. "Sin is still a reality, although now we view it in the context of our understanding of the human psyche. It is a negative manifestation of our ego, that me-first instinct that can lock us in a little prison of self."

Read more in this week's newsletter insert. (Copies of leaflets from the previous two weeks are available in the back of the church.)

**"DREAMS"** Day Aside at St. Barnabas Church meeting rooms, 9.30 - 2.30, on Friday, 29 March. Led by Sister Maria of SGM. Queries to Ruth 547 4011.

**SATURDAY 30 MARCH**, 2 – 4pm there will be an inside Working Bee at the church to prepare it for our Easter celebrations. If you can spare any time to assist we would love to see you with your cloths and elbow grease ready!