

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As a Community we celebrate today with the children who will receive their First Holy Communion, and their families. May they continue to grow in God's love as they journey through life.

On behalf of the children and their families we extend our thanks to Jamie Morris and Markelle Ward for their dedication to and support of the candidates. They have spent many hours ensuring that the children have the knowledge and understanding of what this occasion means. We also extend our thanks to Philippa McManus, who with her staff at Copy Press, have provided course material for the children. Philippa has also been an amazing source of advice and support throughout the course of the Programme. The Candidates for today are:

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| Ciara Davis | Ella Biggs |
| Sam Hall | Spohie Rankin |
| Leah Carmody | Chayne Bradley |
| Abigail Isherwood | Eva Isherwood |
| Lauren O'Grady | Casey Powick |
| Kyle Russ | Paige Butler |
| Tessa Lamont | Thomas Mills |
| Cecilia Crone | |

CHRISTMAS CARDS – are now available for sale in the Foyer. \$4 for a pack of 8. Contact Karen Moynagh 544 0551

SENDING LOVE – This is a nationwide initiative reaching out to the elderly in our community, who may be alone at Christmas, by making or buying Christmas cards and writing messages of love in them. The cards are delivered to local rest homes. There is a box in the foyer where the cards can be placed until 9 December. Please keep the envelope unsealed. Further information from Debbie Lennox, on the poster on the front of the box or at www.sendinglove.co.nz

CHRISTMAS COFFEE CLUB Richmond parish center at 2pm on **Friday 7 December** for some housie and fun. **No charge** this month but bring along a small gift (up to \$5) for secret Santa. Afternoon tea will be provided. If pickup is required contact Ray and Mary 027 283 1039.

HOSPICE TREES OF REMEMBRANCE Is a major fundraiser for the Hospice. Volunteers are required to sit with the trees while people add decorations to remember their loved ones at this time of the year. If you have 2 hours free between Friday 7th to Saturday 15th December at Richmond Mall, NW Stoke or NW Vanguard St. contact Adrienne Hill on either 544 1681 or 021 526 404.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Wednesday night.

Please send all notices to ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com

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 26th December)
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

25th November 2018

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ISSUE 78

Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Next Sunday readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Paul 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

“Tempus fugit.” We have now reached the end of the Church’s liturgical calendar. Today, the last Sunday of the Church’s year, is the feast of Christ the Universal King. Hence, it is fitting that the theme which permeates today’s readings speaks of kingship. In the Book of Daniel, Jesus was referred to as the “Son of Man” who was presented before the “Ancient One” (God the father), from whom he received dominion, glory and kingship. The kingdom being referred to here is unlike those that had gone before. It is everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away and will never be destroyed. In Jesus’s words, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” From the book of Revelation, Jesus refers to Himself as the Alpha and the Omega, the One who is and who was and who is to come. Jesus Christ is the source of all that is, the Alpha. Through him all things were made. And he is the Omega, the final goal for all creation. Every core of our being, our experiences, our dreams, and achievements is subordinated to this. St.

Augustine expressed this in saying, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.” He alone gives meaning to our existence -our lives. The gospel though giving us a different picture recounts the trial of Jesus. In answering Pilate’s questions, he spoke of the nature of his kingship. And clearly, his’ does not belong to this world. It is on a different level. It is not of a political nature because his followers did not rally around him when he was arrested. With further questioning, Jesus said: “If you say so, I am a king.” But he qualified his answer, “The reason I was born, the reason why I came into this world, is to give witness to the truth.” His kingship aims to liberate us from the bondage of sin by opening our eyes to the real meaning of our earthly existence. Hence, to be subject to this King is to experience an extraordinary liberation and a renewed view in life.

Jovanie Leones—Seminarian

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Motueka: 03 540 2824

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Takaka: 03 525 9809

PARISH TO PARISH FOR BED & BREAKFAST
More hosts required. We urgently require more hosts in places all over the country, I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home, to come and join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5 star, just clean, comfortable and welcoming, also providing a light breakfast. The pur-

pose of this book is aimed at providing catholic hospitality and making new friends. The hosts charge a small fee of \$35 for one only person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information please contact Marie Anderson on 03 359 5541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

2019 COLUMBAN CALENDARS \$15- if you would like one contact Karen Moynagh on 544 0551.

LAUDATO SI' Things you can do to look after our common home. May we sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Fishing Rods and Reels Needed Do you have a **fishing rod and reel** lying around in your garage or shed? Would you be willing to donate it to a refugee family. A keyboard would also be appreciated by this family. I would be glad to pick up. Annette Sivak text 027 540 2256 OR ring 03 540 2256.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Hi everyone, the weeks are speeding along now and it's almost countdown time.

It never fails to amaze me how generous you are. The best part of the hampers are the yummy treats, so if you have something that is a special treat for your family at Christmas, maybe someone else would love it too.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

SGM ECUMENICAL RETREAT at St Barnabas Stoke. Friday 30 November 9.30am to 2.30pm. Led by Sr Maria Park Holy Family Parish. Register on 548 8576 or mjparkmaria@gmail.com THEME: Creative Spirit. Bring lunch and \$6.

NZ ROSARY CRUSADE We are holding a pro-life Rosary Crusade (from conception to natural death) on the FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION **Saturday 8th December** at 3pm in our St Peter Chanel Chapel. Please come and pray THE ROSARY for our nation and its unborn. Further information contact Angle Lucas 021 022 03196 .

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING All of us have been called by Cardinal John to a day of prayer and fasting on the 1st Sunday of Advent – 2 December.

Advent Prayer – Food for Faith is a valuable online prayer resource www.foodforfaith.org.nz. You can sign up to receive a brief daily email of encouragement from Fr John O'Connor. Also check out www.loyolapress.com a Jesuit ministry for a daily 3-minute retreat. There are many other resources available. For further information contact Karen Moynagh 03 544 0551



HOGSMEADE The Parish Fete is to be held on **1st December**. All details are on Church notice boards.



If you are new to our parish (or you know of any newcomers), please make yourself known, so that we can make sure you are made to feel a welcome part of the church community and the parish as a whole.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

GOMFADS I hope you can all join Joe Fon at his place this Sunday night - at Fearon Street. Don't park up the drive - hard to turn etc. Plenty of space on the roadside! 5 pm till 6.30 as usual. My apologies on this occasion.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available from St Vincent de Paul, in the foyer. \$2.50 per pack of 5. Please put money in envelope provided and put through slot in donations box. Thank you.

WANTED Is there anybody in the parish willing to help out with lawn mowing duties around the church. Lawnmower provided.

Your help would be much appreciated. Contact Fr. Andrew. 022 1020 2011

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PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. (25) Alex Gillies, Thelma (Jeany) O'Donnell (27) Monica Teresa Dale (29) Dawn Ewers, Kath Clarke. 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.

STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers, our faithful departed in November:

Anne Roach (1861), Margaret Hagen (1870), Liza Fowler (1874), Frances Bolton (1876), Patrick Leahy (1896), Edwin Fowler (1896), William O'Connor (1916), Frederick Tomlinson (1932), James Flood (1957), H. Tilley Cook

(1960), Mary Davies (1967), Hans Knalman (2003), Joy Silcock (2005), Jim Hallinan (2009), Gordon Havill (2010), Kay Tomlinson (2012), Alison Coffey-Hart (2016)

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