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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

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MASS TIME

Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA Saturday vigil 5.00pm,
Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD Sunday 8.00am

WAIMEA W 5.00pm Saturday vigil
(on 4th Saturday of the month)

TAKAKA Sunday 4.00pm

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA Tuesday and Thursday
9.30am

RICHMOND Wednesday and
Friday 9.30am

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ANYONE WHO IS NOT AGAINST US, IS FOR US

In our Gospel today, Jesus was not saying that being indifferent or neutral toward him is as good as being committed. As he explained in Matthew 12:30 “He who is not with me is against me”. In both cases Jesus was pointing out that neutrality toward him is not possible. Nevertheless, his followers will not all resemble each other or belong to the same groups. People who are with Jesus have the same goal of building up the Kingdom of God, and they should not let their differences interfere with this goal. Those who share a common faith in Christ should cooperate. People don’t have to be just like us to be following Jesus with us.

In Luke 9:48 he states, “He who is least among you all - he is the greatest”. In Jesus’ eyes, whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus. Giving a cup of cold water to a person in need is the same as giving an offering to God. By contrast, harming others or failing to care for them weakens this relationship with God. It is possible for thoughtless people to gain a measure of worldly greatness, but lasting greatness is measured by God’s standards. What do we use as our measure - personal achievement or unselfish service? This is the challenge Jesus is setting us in our faith through the Gospel today.

Nga Mihi Nui,

Jeremy Cumming
DRS Garin College

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS "A global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems, which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of individual countries." *Laudato Si*

ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN is spending lockdown in Christchurch. He is celebrating Mass online every Sunday and you can join with the following link,
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw

PLEASE NOTE; Any meetings/gatherings/activities advertised in this week's newsletter will be subject to any Covid Level announcement made by the Prime Minister.

SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER will see another milestone in the Faith journey for Alfred Tong. He will be ordained as a Deacon by Archbishop Paul Martin in the Christchurch Pro Cathedral. Fr Seph and Adrienne Hill have been invited to attend, with Fr Seph also being invited to be a concelebrant. Please keep Alfred in your thoughts and prayers. Photos from the ceremony will be in the newsletter in 2 weeks time.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER (3rd) is the national celebration day for Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa. This year Cardinal John has agreed to celebrate a special Mass in the Chapel beside the Crypt at Island Bay where Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa lies. **The Mass will be broadcast on shine TV at 2pm on Sunday 3 October.** It will also be available to view later that day on You Tube and Facebook.

There will be an opportunity for special prayer requests and an at home resource kit. Please contact Sister Josephine Gorman on sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz

SHINE TV broadcasts mass at 2pm each Sunday.

BILLETS are being sought for up to 30 visiting invitees attending Hayden Powick's Ordination which is currently planned for 9 October. If you are able to offer airport and church transport and a bed for 1 or 2 nights 8/9 October, please contact Jacqui Cleary on 027 3853383. Many thanks.

WE ARE ALL VERY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR VACCINATION RATES TO INCREASE. This will help keep our families, communities and ourselves safe. If you are experiencing difficulty in accessing a vaccination, need support to get there or would like someone to attend with you, please leave your details with the Parish Office on 544 8987 or 03 528 8899 and arrangements will be made to assist you.

THE SEASON OF CREATION RUNS FROM THE Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September to St Francis Day on 4 October. A reflection sheet for each of those weeks is available at this link
<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Season-of-Creation-2021-week-1.pdf>

LABOUR WEEKEND 23 – 25 October coincides with the 4th anniversary of our amalgamation into Our Lady of the Bays Parish. If you have any thoughts as to how to mark the day please either contact a member of your local leadership team or email the Parish Office on office.admin@parish.org.nz

MANY OF YOU will be aware that our current Parish Administrator, Graeme O'Connell will be retiring before the end of the year. His current role has been divided in two and we are pleased to announce that two new appointments have been made.

Gerard Cronin (a parishioner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help) has been appointed as the Parish Finance Co-ordinator and is currently working through a handover with Graeme.

Era Creevey has been appointed as Parish Administration Co-ordinator and will commence a handover with Graeme on 11 October.

It is a pleasure to welcome both of them to our Parish team.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK This year we were locked out of Sunday celebrations and so the posters were not seen. The theme is – **A Culture of Encounter** which focuses on encounter and community while exploring the messages of Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti.

We are called to build a better world based on love for our brothers and sisters. Consider how

you can have meaningful encounters in our community in these times of pandemic uncertainty. Who can you phone or safely visit? Who might need a helping hand, a listening ear or a surprise gift from your kitchen or garden?

There is also a **discussion guide to Fratelli Tutti** which has 6 sessions of prayer, reflection and discussion. Booklets are available from Karen on 027 245 7800.

www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justiceweek

The Richmond Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society wishes to update OLOB parish community on our activities, since last newsletter notice in June. Along with our regular traffic in food parcels, bill paying and petrol vouchers, we have done the following: Funded a teacher aid for a term, for a child who failed to meet criteria for state funded or any other aid.

Assisted with funeral costs

Sourced emergency housing for a family.

Paid for storage for 6 weeks for above family until they could move into more permanent accommodation.

In conjunction with Stoke and Nelson conferences, supplied furniture for a family moving into a house in Nelson.

In an effort to "seek and find", a team of two of our members have been visiting local schools and preschools, 6 so far, to meet with staff and advise how we may be able to assist whanau in need. This outreach also serves to raise our community profile and is ongoing.

Although our shop, was closed until Monday September 20th, we operated our answer phone and people were directed to the Kai With Love food bank which ran throughout levels 4 and 3 of lockdown. Conference members also maintained phone contact with some recent clients.

We are once more advertising for volunteers to staff our shop.

If volunteering for a few hours per week in our shop or sorting room, raising the funds to support the above charitable works, sounds like you, we would happily welcome your contribution, generally 10am-1pm, or 1pm - 4pm. Please phone our shop on 544 0893 and ask to speak with a supervisor.

Margaret O'Connor, President

RETREAT Friday evening 15 October and Saturday 16 October. This can be held in Level 2 at St Mary's Centre Nelson. There are still a few places available. For more information phone Karen 027 245 7800.

IF YOU KNOW OF anyone celebrating a special occasion and would like that acknowledged please send the details to ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com or leave the details on the Parish office phone.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND



CONGRATULATIONS AND BIRTHDAY WISHES to anyone who celebrated a birthday recently. We especially congratulate Ruby Aberhart who turned 90 during the week. We also wish Mary Newsome belated birthday wishes for last Thursday.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN to prepare the church for the upcoming Ordination the church will be spring cleaned on Saturday 2 October from 10 to 12. If you are able to assist please email Ann Ritchie on saritchie@xtra.co.nz Bring your own mask, bucket etc and Ann will ensure you are all safely socially distanced!!



PRAYER GROUP If you would like prayers said for you, your family or friends please contact Marie on 544 7100 or Joan on 542 3707.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

HOUSEKEEPER AVAILABLE in Motueka and surrounding area. Full house clean, declutter and organization, garden tidy. If you need full or part time help around the home contact Joanne on 021 08089875 or loganjoanne@hotmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely and sick in our community. Peter Goodman, Bryan Hamilton, Maureen Fon, Marie Douglas, Ron Sharp and John Clifford.

SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

WITH EFFECT FROM Sunday 3 October Mass time will move to 5pm for the duration of Daylight Saving.

LAUDATO SI Things we can do to help Creation



