

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

COFFEE CLUB Come along and join us at the Richmond parish centre at 2pm on Friday 3rd May for some housie and fun. Only small charge applies. Any further information or pickup required please call Ray and Mary [027 283 1039](tel:0272831039) or [027 6827](tel:0276827).

DOVE Catholic Fellowship for Women is meeting on **Saturday 11 May at 2pm. Father Pat Maloney** has kindly agreed to come and speak to us this month. Come along and hear Fr Pat and join the Praise, Worship, and fellowship. We forward to seeing you in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. Contact Mary [03 541 0770](tel:035410770). For more information. www.dove.org.nz

MOTHERS' PRAYERS We are a group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the first & third Thursday of each month, 10.45 - 11.30am. Our next meeting is this Thursday, 2nd May. For more information please phone Anne [544 7883](tel:5447883) / [027 544 7883](tel:0275447883) or Kath [970 6754](tel:9706754) / [027 452 3948](tel:0274523948)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION this Thursday 2nd May from 10 - 5pm, All welcome.

HOLY WATER Wanting newly blessed water from the Easter Vigil to bless your home? There are some small filled containers available in vestry at back of church. Or bring your own and fill for yourself.

FUNDRAISING TO OPPOSE EUTHANASIA Icare lapel pins are available in the foyer at \$10 or donation. Please buy one to support opposition to The End of Life Bill to be read in Parliament in May.

PETITION is **STILL AVAILABLE** to sign

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed this week. May they rest in peace.
Jennifer Mary Stilwell - 1st May 2012. Veronica Appelman - 2nd May 2013.
Hendricus Adrianus Scholtes - 2nd May 2015

PLEASE NOTE: 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 / Wed 9.30am / Fri 9.30am
St Peter & Paul, Waimea West	5pm on 4th Sat of the month (next Mass 25th May)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 5pm

* 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

28th April 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 117; Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19; John 20:19-31

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Next Sunday readings: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-9

My Lord and my God

The gospel tells the appearance of Jesus to his apostles. And they believed. But Thomas doubted it. He could not believe it. He wanted proof. He wanted to be sure. What can we say about Thomas? We can say two things. First. It was his mistake to separate himself from the community of the apostles. He moved away from them. He tried to be alone. Because he was not here with the community of apostles, Thomas missed the opportunity to encounter the risen Jesus. When we withdraw from our community, we miss great relationships and chances. When we separate ourselves and try to be alone, we can miss opportunities in life. We will not experience the love and companionship of Jesus in a community if we will not cooperate and collaborate in any community activities.

Second, there was honesty in Thomas. He was not playing with words just to impress people or win their sympathy. He did not say what people only wanted to hear. He was truthful. So, he wanted to be sure. He wanted to be certain. And when he was sure, he surrendered himself to Jesus, he went all the way for him. When he was sure, he gave himself completely and totally in service to Jesus. He expressed to Jesus his profound faith: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28)

Now, we are doubting Thomas's if we don't see Jesus as someone to be desired, admired or to be loved. We are all doubting Thomas's if we don't see Jesus as someone to be followed, to be imitated, and to be served.

As in the gospel event, Jesus is appearing to us, always and offering us his peace. And now, what is our response?

Fr Andrew

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AROUND OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH

OLOB SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019 We are taking names of candidates for this year's Sacramental Programme consisting of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Each of these will involve 3 or 4 preparation sessions for the candidates and candidates' parents, run after Mass on the Sundays preceding. The Sacramental Programme will begin with Confirmation, with the first session getting underway towards the end of June. If you have a child aged 8 years or older and wish to enrol them in this year's programme, please make contact before 26 May.

Richmond: Jamie Morris 027 455 9983 or email the19thnelson@hotmail.com

Motueka: Catherine Campbell 021 058 7761 or email catherine@catherinetalks.com

Takaka: Susi Struck email susibeyond@gmail.com

SVDP VACANCY - Richmond Shop Manager. A vacancy has now occurred as Margaret Pattison is stepping down from this position having completed many successful years leading the best little shop in town. If you are interested in this voluntary position involving approximately 5 - 8 hours per week, please contact Ray Firth, President Richmond Conference: phone 927 6827, or 027 283 1039.

LAUDATO SI' Things you can do to look after our common home Prevention is better than cure. Refuse to buy or accept single use plastic items. Say NO to plastic bags, bottles and cups. Instead use reusables.

BLESSED SUZANNE AUBERT Fr Maurice has left for Rome to continue his work on her journey to Sainthood. Please pray that a miracle attributed to Suzanne will be recognized.

FOOD FOR FAITH has finished for now. If you enjoyed this daily email and would like to continue there are other websites that offer spiritual nourishment. 3 minute retreat from Loyola Press. Richard Rohr offers daily or weekly meditations. A Network for Grateful Living.

Peace Vigil for Sri Lanka
organised by the Sri Lankan
Community living in Nelson
Tasman Region, New Zealand.

Sunday, 28 April at 4:00pm,
at Trafalgar Park Pavilion,
Nelson.

Please join us as we stand in
solidarity with our fellow
citizens going through tough
times in Sri Lanka.



FOR GIVING

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

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

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

PARISH PICNIC At last we have a date for our parish picnic Saturday 4th May. It will be held at ParaPara Beach starting at 2.00pm with a walk along the beach starting at end of ParaPara Beach Road. The BBQ will be held at Bertha and Mike Newman's home 90 Matati Rd Parapara. Meat will be provided, just bring a Salad or a Sweet. contact Bertha @ 03 524 8440.

RETREAT Coming up Saturday 25th MAY - 10am - 2pm at 90 Matata Road.

Theme is "Be still and know that I am God." Facilitator – Karen Moynagh Any queries or to register please contact Bertha Newman 03 542 8440 or email mikebertha@ruralinzone.net Bring your own lunch and Koha please.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka



PFG Social Groups Next weekend we will be launching our PFG Social Groups in Motueka. These will build on our sense of community by enabling us to care and support each other like a regular extended family. We are just going to be what the Church should be – friendly and welcoming and having fun.

Don't forget that these Groups will be cross generational, non-threatening and will complement existing friendships and groups. There is no catch. This is for everyone. You don't need to be a regular church goer. You can be old, young, parents, children, you don't need to have your own family as this will provide you with one, any and all beliefs, married, single, gay, rich, poor, widowed, separated, divorced ... everyone. So please consider joining a group. There are brochures outlining the PFG movement in the foyer which will answer all your questions.

Forms will be available next weekend at both St Peter Chanel Masses for all those interested in joining. There is really no excuse not to. We should always have time for some fun and caring.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS Can you play an instrument? If so...we need you!! The time is nearing when some of the current musicians are thinking about hanging up their boots and instruments and we need to think about the ongoing music ministry. Please ring Angie 0210 220 3196 to talk about how and where you can help. Age is no barrier. Thanks.

ANOINTING MASS will be held on the first Thursday of every month at the St Peter Chanel Church chapel during 9.30am weekday mass. Everyone welcome. Next anointing mass is at 9.30am on 2nd of May.

HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK Sharing Eucharist with those in our church community who are sick or housebound. Contact Father Andre on Ph. 0221 022 011 and he will visit your friend or family member and then set up regular visits with Eucharistic Ministers.

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

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01 Rosalene Hutchinson, 03 William Hilton