



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

28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Corinthians 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28

### 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**

**I have taken the liberty**, as we look to move cities, to use this newsletter reflection to look back on the time my family and I have spent as members of this parish. We moved here in 2003, knowing no one and with a 3 month old baby! Many of you will have met Sapphire who will soon turn 21 and we think, "where did that time go?"

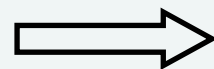
It is now time for us to look at making another big change in our lives. This is very bittersweet because, although we are excited by the opportunities this will offer, it also means starting over again, especially in establishing ourselves in a new parish. During our time with, first, the Richmond Parish and then Our Lady of the Bays we have been enveloped with friendship, spiritual growth and opportunities to share and develop our gifts. These opportunities have not always been our idea to begin with but when faced with a request to be of service we have tried to positively jump in with both feet!

We have had the privilege of being part of the school communities of St Paul's and Garin College. These connections have brought us much fun and laughter along the way as well as giving an insight into how a school does the best for its students with the funding available and the unbelievable amount of passion and work that goes on behind the scenes by the principal and staff.

There is also a great deal of behind the scenes work in each of our 5 communities and because of this we arrive for mass knowing/assuming that all will run smoothly. There is ofcourse more to a parish than mass times. There are homebound and new parishioners to be visited, buildings and gardens to be maintained, churches to be cleaned, flowers to be arranged, altar linen to be washed and ironed, altar servers, Ministers of Communion, musicians, Prayers of the Faithful to be written, readers of the Word, those working with our children in children's liturgy and sacramental programmes, slideshows composed and delivered for each mass, as well as Mass Managers and Sacristans setting up our churches. We keep saying that without our volunteers so many things would not be possible. One of the difficulties is that there are times when volunteers need to take a step back and trust that others will step forward. We all and I do mean all, have a part to play within this very special parish community. Some parts may be smaller than others but that does not make them any less essential.

Change is something that is always constant in our lives. At times it is more noticeable than others. OLOB is entering a time of visible change with the departure of Fr Seph and the confirmation of Fr Michael as our Parish Priest and Fr Jaya as our Assistant Priest. Change can be described as an opportunity for innovation and transformation. We look to our priests for guidance and a sense of their vision for the parish. We, as parishioners should also feel comfortable to put forward well thought out ideas and be prepared to discuss these within our communities and with our priests. We should also question each other as to why things are the way they are and are we keeping up with

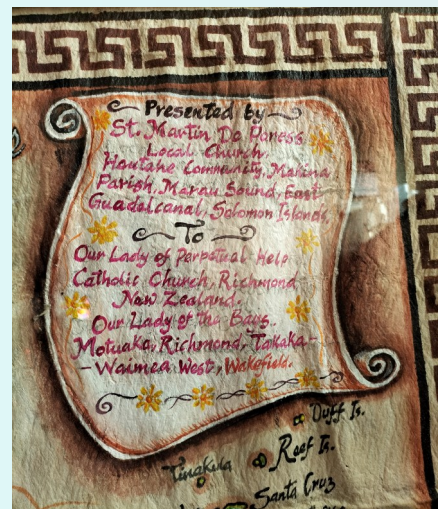
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I am loath to single out any one person at this time but I know that without the patient guidance and knowledge of Hugh Challies as he guided me through the work leading up to my conversion to Catholicism and my First Holy Communion in 2012 none of this would have been possible.

We keep you all in our prayers  
Adrienne and Howard Hill and Sapphire

In June last year, a retiring collection was taken in all our communities and sent to the Saint Martin de Porres Church Rebuilding Project in the Solomons. This money has been used to continue their work and rafters have now been added to the structure. Many of our Solomon Island RSE workers are from this parish. Last Sunday, a presentation was made by their leader, Nigel, at the end of Mass in Richmond. The photo below shows the handpainted tapa.



Flyer at end of newsletter

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

### *Farewell to Fr Seph*

**Sunday 28 January** will be Fr Seph's final mass at OLOB and will be held at OLPH Richmond. There will be a morning followed by a mass so that we all have an opportunity to farewell Fr following his 8 years with our Parish. All are welcome and if you are able to provide a plate of food to share that would be gratefully received



### **RIP**

Margaret Green who was 89 and lived in Roeske St died on December 20<sup>th</sup>. May she rest in peace. Her family had a private farewell and celebration of her life. We offer sympathy to her family and her friends

**Eucharistic Adoration** will commence for 2024 this Thursday, 1st Feb from midday through to 5.00pm ending with Benediction. All welcome

### **MEDITATION**

Weekly Meditation in the Christian tradition recommences on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30-8.30pm. All welcome. Contact Karen Moynagh: [karen@moynagh.co.nz](mailto:karen@moynagh.co.nz) 027 2457 800

### **NEW/EXISTING PARISHIONERS**

We welcome any one recently arrived in our parish. Please fill in a New Parishioner Form found on table and on noticeboard in foyer. If you have changed address, email or phone number please use Update Data Form or email Era in the office. Any queries to Karen 027 245 7800

### **Parish Planned Giving – Richmond**

There are spare white envelopes in the foyer of the church at Richmond that can be used if you run out of envelopes. If you use one, please write your planned giving number (or name) on these envelopes otherwise we are not able to issue you a receipt for your donation. Recently, we have received one or two envelopes with no planned giving number (or other ID) on them. Unless you contact Gerard ([finance@parish.org.nz](mailto:finance@parish.org.nz)) and tell him this money came from you, he is unable to record it under your name.

Wattie Jenkins Village Trustees respectfully request that parishioners do not use the Wattie Jenkins Village in Roeske Street as a thoroughfare to access Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. The village is private property occupied by older residents who like any of us are entitled to privacy and quiet enjoyment of their homes. Thank you.

### **MORNING TEA**

It is planned to provide a simple morning tea in the Hall on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, from 10.15am**. There is mass at 9.30 am if you wish to attend first. This is a chance for parishioners to have time to chat and meet others. New parishioners are so welcome. We will sit at tables so you can be comfortable, relaxed and talk easily.

"Our next 7th Heaven Family Group outing will be a barbecue at Rabbit Island at 12 noon on Sunday 11 February 2024. Please bring some games and/or walking shoes or swim gear as well as something to eat and salad or a little something else to share."

## ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

### **Mass and BBQ**

There will be Mass at Waimea West on Saturday 27 Jan. followed by a BBQ at Marg and Bill's in Bartlett Rd. Please bring something for the BBQ and either a salad or a dessert....and of course, something to drink....Look forward to seeing you there...  
Hari tau hou!!!

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

Happy New Year to all our Parishioners. The weather did it's thing and hopefully all of your guests enjoyed their time in our region and had a safe return home.

Fr Seph said his farewell Mass with us last Sunday. His homily received hearty applause and he was wished well for his next mission by Parish Chairman Jim Maguire. Fr Michael concelebrated the Mass ,and the succession changeover was seamless and positive. Thanks for your time with us Fr Seph.

Welcome to Fr Jaya Praveen Yenubari. Fr Jaya has already spent 2 Sundays with us and is getting to know people in our parish.

Our Christmas Crib appeared in all it's glory, enjoyed the Christmas season accompanied by a well decorated Christmas tree, and then just as efficiently vanished. It is no small job ,constructed as it is of logs and corrugated iron. Thanks to Donald and Flora Casas ,and daughter Dora, for taking on this task. You did a great job!

The new electronic Piano had a good workout during the Christmas Season, and all of the Pianists have now had a day playing. The music from our 3 Groups and Soloist has been attracting a lot of positive comments from visiting mass-goers.

Motueka Anointing Mass is on this Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at 9-30am.

You will have noticed the new picnic table on the Church lawn. This was donated by Ron Sharp's family in his memory. Feel free to use it for a snack or contemplation.

You will also have heard the sound of the Church Bell before Mass recently. There is a plan to make it easier to use, and so it will become a regular feature each week, and not just when the Godwits arrive, You did not know about that? All of the Motueka Churches used to ring their bells one day in the Spring to welcome the Godwits back from Alaska.

Our Church is 35 years old now, and has had very little maintenance in that time. If you notice anything worn, broken or not working properly, please mention it to someone in the Leadership Group so that it can be fixed before it gets worse .

A reminder, that the Leadership Group includes Jim Maguire -Chair, John Farrelly, Margaret Jones, Veronica Dugdale, Margaret Campbell McCauley , Elaine Taggert, and Erin Dugdale.



Minister	28/01/2024	4/02/2024
<b>Greeter</b>	Z. Ogilvie M. Wilson	J. Leydon A. Lucas
<b>Morning Tea</b>	M Pascua J Moriarty	A & M Lucas
<b>Music</b>	Hemon & Katie	Scott Cameron
<b>Prayers Faithful</b>	JUDY KENTER	JIM MAGUIRE
<b>Readers</b>	A Lane C Renwick	C Ellis S Collins
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	V Dugdale H Duncan	M Macquet M Devine
<b>Cleaning</b>		T. Donalson & E.Hay
<b>Lawns</b>	Maurice Roche	William Frondarina

NZ Community for Christian Meditation



**Community Day**

***Shared Wisdom:  
How the contemplative voice can be heard and  
how the language of silence brings harmony***

*Led by*

***Janet Robbins***

*UK Benedictine Oblate and retreat leader*

*All welcome.*

**Saturday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**10.00am – 3.00pm**

**Catholic Church hall  
35 William Street, Richmond**

**Morning tea provided  
BYO lunch**

A koha to help with costs and support NZCCM would be appreciated

Please RSVP to Marie Shepherd: [mlshepherd54@gmail.com](mailto:mlshepherd54@gmail.com)  
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