



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> May 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Issue 280

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1 – 11; Paul 12: 3 – 7, 12 -13; John 20: 19 – 23

### 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 4.00pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month

#### Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA

Tuesday (Communion Service)

Friday 9.30am

RICHMOND

Wednesday and Friday 9.30am

### CONTACT

#### Priests

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**Deadline Wednesday Noon**

*“Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you; receive the Holy Spirit”*

Pentecost is the birth of the Church and a cause for great jubilation. On this Feast Day we are reminded that each of us has received the power of the Spirit just as Jesus’ followers did on the day of the Spirit’s arrival!

Jesus too needed the Spirit. At his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove, revealing him as the Father’s beloved Son, and empowering him for his mission while on this earth.

What an inspirational mission he faithfully undertook. We read in Scripture that Jesus was continually strengthened and guided by the Spirit and we acknowledge today that this gift will support us in the same way as we journey through life.

How beautiful is the thought that the Holy Spirit lives within us! As the people of God, upon receiving this great gift, we are sent out into the world to bring Jesus’ peace, joy, love and forgiveness to everyone. We all have the capacity for goodness and the Spirit strengthens us to discern when and where our love is needed and to share our love generously. Let us always be open to receive the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our community and in our world.

Today as we recall the Pentecost event from 2000 years ago, we pray that the Holy Spirit may energise us within this community to bring Jesus’ message to all we meet.

Ngā mihi nui  
Maureen Phillips  
Principal - Saint Paul's School



## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

### Quote for Laudato Si

“Disregard for the duty to cultivate and maintain a proper relationship with my neighbour, for whose care and custody I am responsible, ruins my relationship with my own self, with others, with God and with the earth. When all these relationships are neglected, when justice no longer dwells in the land, the Bible tells us that life itself is endangered.” Pope Francis, Laudato Si', paragraph 70, 24 May 2015

Also attached is a resource with quote and actions for Laudato Si' Week which you are welcome to use and share. This has been prepared by the Integral Ecology Committee of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission.

[Laudato Si' week 2023](#)

### Update of the Bishops

The Bishop of Auckland, Stephen Lowe, is the new President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, the national body for the bishops of Aotearoa NZ. Bishop of Dunedin Michael Dooley is the new Vice President. Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin SM is the new General Secretary. The bishops decided on the positions while meeting this week at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Kohimarama, Auckland, in the second of their four standard formal meetings of the year.

Go here for details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc/>

Dear parishioners, if you have bach or holiday house outside of Nelson, that you want to let other parishioners use it for retreat or get away, I can put it in our newsletter or keep the details in parish database. The cost to cover your place shall be negotiated during the enquiry. Please Email me the description: [office.admin@parish.org.nz](mailto:office.admin@parish.org.nz)

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

**Eucharistic Adoration** will take place Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 10am till 3pm followed by Benediction with Fr Cirilo. Even if you are not on the roster you are most welcome to come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord

### Seventh Heaven PFM May Event

Our May get together will be at Founders Park at 2 pm Sunday 28 May.

suggest we meet near the entrance, before having a ramble and then meet again at the Cafe by 3pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Let us know if transport is required.

Ray and Mary 927 6827

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

Please pray for the elderly, lonely and sick in our community



### Ecumenical Service

An ecumenical service will be held at 5.30 pm at St Thomas Anglican Church on this Sunday, Pentecost Sunday. A warm welcome to all to join with our Christian brothers and sisters at this service especially as this is a special time of the year when we pray for Christian Unity



# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

## 2023

*Do good; seek justice  
(Isaiah 1:17)*

**HARVEST GALA**  
Saint Paul's School, Richmond

**NEW DATE!** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
11am - 3pm

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*We look forward to you joining us for our second attempt at our Gala this Sunday 28th May from 11am till 3pm. Lots of great bargains to be had and wonderful prizes to be won. Bring along your family and friends for a great day. out. See you there.*

You are warmly invited to Karakia event, extending an invitation to suitable people who might wish to be part of the program: either singing in our little choir, perhaps sharing one of the Bible reading or praying as part of the church leaders prayer line.

The event is intended to allow followers of Jesus of all flavours and styles to celebrate Pentecost Sunday together. The program will be comprised of songs, Bible readings and some short prayers. We'd love to have the Catholic Church represented. Perhaps even with a priest praying or reading scripture.

**5:30PM**  
**SUNDAY**  
**28**  
**MAY**

@  
**St THOMAS'**  
101 High St  
MOTUEKA

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**KARAKIA**  
SONGS, SCRIPTURE & PRAYER  
an INVITATION to celebrate PENTECOST SUNDAY

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KOHA WILL BE COLLECTED