



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

29 August 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 2, 6 – 8; James 1: 17 – 18, 21 – 22, 27; Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23

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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In Jesus' time, Jewish people strongly obeyed the teachings of their ancestors, but Jewish laws had become more important than worshipping God. Washing hands in the proper way before eating, not eating anything from the market until it was washed, and consistently washing cups, pitchers and bowls - are all examples of such laws. The Pharisees and teachers had noticed that some of Jesus' disciples ate without first washing their hands. They asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples obey what our ancestors taught us to do? Why do they eat without washing their hands?"

Jesus spoke to the crowd: "Pay attention, he said. It is not the food you put into your mouth that is unclean and unfit to worship God. The bad words that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean." "Out of your heart come evil thoughts, vulgar deeds, stealing, murder, unfaithfulness in marriage, greed, meanness, deceit, indecency, envy, insults, pride and foolishness. All these come from your heart, and they are what make you unfit to worship God."

Jesus 'cuts to the chase' here about what the priorities are in the Kingdom of God. He was addressing the hypocrisy of the times. Jesus wanted to free people from the weight of rules and traditions that clog up the heart and distract from a personal relationship with God. Today's scriptures reflect that Jesus is really interested in our hearts, the personal issues that preoccupy us and influence our choices and behaviour. External rules and laws cannot change our hearts. Change comes from the inside. What might Jesus affirm in our own hearts, and how might he challenge us to grow further?

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION was [Adapted from <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>] by Markelle Ward ADRS, Garin College.

QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS, How many people every day are exercising patience and offering help, taking care to sow not panic, but a shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze and fostering prayer. How many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons. *Extraordinary moment of prayer for the Covid 19 pandemic 20 March 2020.*

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.

COMPULSARY COVID SIGN IN The Government announced last Sunday, mandatory record keeping for busy places and events (such as church services,) to ensure speed when contact tracing is required. It is now the responsibility of the Parish to ensure that all parishioners either scan the church QR Code or complete a manual record. Failure on the part of any single person could result in a fine, currently set from \$300 to \$1,000, for the Parish.

Once we are able to gather again for Mass, all churches will have a person rostered for each of our Masses who will ensure that sign in for every individual is completed.

Should anyone have any concerns or queries about the above information please do not hesitate to make contact with any member of your local Leadership Team.

ON LINE MASSES - BISHOP STEVE LOWE (Hamilton) is saying Mass every day during lockdown at 9am. Click on this link <https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream>

A NUMBER OF WEBSITES are available for anyone wishing to look for alternatives or additions to online Masses during this lockdown

time.

<https://gratefulness.org/explore/resources/>

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu>

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/daily-prayer>

OCTOBER 9 is still the planned date for the ordination of Hayden Powick (son of Rachel and Eddie,) and will be held at OLPH church in Richmond.

This is a very significant occasion for Hayden, his family and our Parish. Work has already commenced on the planning for the day.

The Richmond Liturgy team are currently looking for two suitably qualified and experienced people to record the events. These are paid positions. They require a **Videographer**, preferably familiar with Liturgical events and who is able to arrange live streaming of the event to the church hall as there will be congregation sitting there as well as in the church. They also need a **Photographer** for official photos, with family and other clergy and possibly discreet ones during the ceremony.

If you have these skills or know of someone who may suit please contact Jacqui Cleary on 027 3853383.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING the campaign for gender equality in the Catholic Church – “Pink Shoes Into The Vatican.” Sunday 19 September (Women's Suffrage Day) there will be an event using women's shoes, flyers, banners and ribbons. These will be spread from Parliament to the Sacred Heart Cathedral where Cardinal John will be asked to accept a message to be taken to the Vatican and/or the next Synod.

If you would like to be included you can send a non-returnable pair of worn out women's footwear with a tag attached showing your first name and a line or two about you and your journey with the Church.

Shoes and notes should be sent to Cecily McNeill, 33 The Esplanade, Raumati South by 8 September.



Here we are in lockdown again and although some will be quite happy, there will be many who are alone, apprehensive and feeling unsupported. So we ask that you look out for each other. Ring members of your PFG group, keep in touch with your family, contact friends and neighbours. Just say hello and if you can and want to offer help where you see the need. Above all, Be Kind.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

KEEPING IN TOUCH DURING LOCKDOWN A small group of people have been ringing some of our parishioners during this current lockdown. They have been focusing on those living alone and couples who may not have family living locally. These calls have been very much appreciated by those receiving them. If you know of someone who might like a weekly catchup call from this group please call or email the Parish office on 544 8987 or office.admin@parish.org.nz and leave their name and contact details. This info will be passed to the team and followed up.

PRAYER GROUP There is a team of people who will pray for you, your family and friends at any time but especially in this time of change and uncertainty. Ring either Marie 544 7100 or Joan 542 3707 to request prayers. The team will be altered by email and there will be at least 30 people praying for you and with you.

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS are most welcome to join the Housie and Coffee Club on Friday 3 September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Bring \$1 for the raffle, and a small plate for afternoon tea. Have some fun and enjoy good company. Call Ray and Mary on 927 6827 or 027 283 1039 for transport or more information

CONGRATUALIONS to Tessa and Gary Jeffcott and Alison and Kerry Moffat who have

become parents and grandparents respectively to Julia Clair born 4 days before lockdown!

LOCKDOWN DEPENDENT The Seventh Heaven Passionist Family Group will meet on Sunday 29 August at the Parish Centre at 2pm for a Housie afternoon. Please bring a small plate for afternoon tea and a couple of small prizes.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION God willing and lockdown permitting – Thursday 2 September. If you are rostered, watch your emails on Wednesday for an update. All being well, there will be Adoration 10am to 5pm.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

GOMFADS Gentlemen, due to the lockdown situation, there will be no GOMFADS for the month of August.

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

UPDATE FROM ST PAUL'S SCHOOL – Our teachers didn't miss a beat when lockdown was announced. They had not long left a staff meeting when the announcement came and they made their way back to school to gather all they needed for lockdown learning.

Learning from home hard packs were sent out for little ones who might not have access to a device and devices were delivered to students from Years 5 – 8 (9 – 12 year olds) who didn't have one at home. Our teachers make a point of staying in front of the children, either using Google classroom or other platforms. Read aloud stories are a popular feature each day and children are sharing wonderful photos and videos of all they are creating at home. A big shout out to our teachers (parent and professional) and support staff for making the

best of a challenging time. We hope that our parishioners enjoy the photos and please be assured that we pray for your wellbeing and the wellbeing of Aotearoa at this time. Maureen.

Juniors Learning From Home Activities for the week

Welcome to Week 5 everyone!

We have prepared some activities for you with a theme of 'In your backyard'

Like you, we are waiting to meet further details about the rest of the week. We will of course stay in touch and let you know what is happening as soon as we have the information. In the meantime take a look at the activities by clicking on the links and exploring the activities. In addition to this page we will send you a link with extra tasks that we would like to say a VERY BIG THANKYOU for you are doing at home with your families. Know that we are just a message away on Saturday so please do not hesitate to get in contact or share your learning by sending us some pictures. Take care everyone - from all your teachers at St Paul's.

CREATE	DISCOVER	COMMUNICATE	MOVE	CALCULATE
<p>Shared Reading - This week each learning team is going to share a book.</p> <p>View Shared Reading information for Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a Small World Animal Book Phonics and Writing Challenge Be an Animal Andie collection Counting Sticks Make an animation Investigations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/2 Nature Book My Leaf Book Make a Caterpillar Book Science Map Reduced Temperature Chart Tracks 	<p>Kakapo / Pukekoeka / Ruru - Stick insects</p> <p>Pukeko / Tuu - Stick insect challenge</p> <p>View - Kakapo in our garden</p> <p>For our younger children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw and label a Pukeko We're going on a Hunt <p>For everyone to try:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counting with Stick Stick Challenge Additional Activities for Yr 2&3 for anyone who wants to have a go! Stick Insects Stick Stick Stick 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to Animal Andie website Build a Backyard Chicken Coop Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick <p>For our younger children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stick Subtraction - A in a Box Maths in the Forest <p>For everyone to try:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick <p>For our younger children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stick Subtraction - A in a Box Maths in the Forest <p>Additional Activities for Yr 2&3 for anyone who wants to have a go!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick Stick 	



Kotuku class has been so inspired by all its baking and using fractions that we are creating a recipe book.

How blessed and fortunate are we as a parish to have St Paul's and St Peter Chanel Catholic Schools and Garin College staffed and lead by very competent and dedicated people.

The Parish Pastoral Council hopes that you are all coping with the circumstances we find ourselves in. We know that everyone copes differently as individuals and sometimes this can be challenging for all.

If you require any assistance or a friendly voice on the end of the phone please don't hesitate to make contact with the Parish office on 544 8987 or office.admin@parish.org.nz Leave a message if the phone is not answered immediately and someone will return your call.

The best lockdown storytellers are back! The teachers reading at home.



TUI CLASS

We have so many photos of our children learning alongside their younger siblings. Helping them and sharing their knowledge with them.

Learning Fractions at home can involve chocolate!

The teachers have seen so many lovely photos and messages from the children in Tui Class. They have really made us smile today.

we are listening to the story by Melissa

Pukeko

We have had some fun filled days in Pukeko with lots of stories being shared, great artists sharing their work, dens being made and nature walks. It has also been lovely to see siblings working alongside each other.

These are the things we found on our nature walk. Can you name them?

ST PETER CHANEL ROSTER
28/29 August & 4/5 September 2021

Date	Sat 28th	Sun 29th	Sat 4th	Sun 5th
Greeter	Angie Lucas	Brian Browne	Trish Hall	Orchiston Family
Music		Hemon and Katie		Fran Peacey
Prayers	Margaret Jones		Jim Maguire	
Readers	D Ogilvy	V Cameron & A Dey	V Dugdale	S & V Cameron
Eucharistic	A Le Long & D Ogilvy	J Moriarty & E Taggart	M Devine	H Duncan & A Lane
Children		Eric		
Altar Servers		Finn & Dominic		Tricia & Ayesha
AM Tea		Ellis Family		R & K O’Gorman
Cleaning			E Taggart & J Reid	