

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY** – from 9 December we will start to build the Nativity scene in the foyer. Make sure you check each week to see what has been added and see how the story unfolds. We give our thanks to the Samoan members of our community who are unveiling the story for us.

**SENDING LOVE** – This is a nationwide initiative reaching out to the elderly in our community, who may be alone at Christmas, by making or buying Christmas cards and writing messages of love in them. The cards are delivered to local rest homes. There is a box in the foyer where the cards can be placed until 9 December. Please keep the envelope unsealed. Further information from Debbie Lennox, on the poster on the front of the box or at [www.sendinglove.co.nz](http://www.sendinglove.co.nz)

**NZ ROSARY CRUSADE IN MOTUEKA** Saturday December 12th at 3pm. Hugh Challies is happy to offer a ride if you wish to join him. 544 2745.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** – are now available for sale in the Foyer. \$4 for a pack of 8. Contact Karen Moynagh 544 0551.

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE CLUB** Richmond parish center at 2pm on **Friday 7 December** for some housie and fun. **No charge** this month but bring along a small gift (up to \$5) for secret Santa. Afternoon tea will be provided. If pickup is required contact Ray and Mary 027 283 1039.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. John Gordon Best, Teresa O'Connor, William Daniel O'Connor. May he rest in peace.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** this Thursday 6th December 10 - 5pm. Please note there will be no Adoration in January, next day will be 7th February.

**HELP!** The Parish Centre key with the kitchen screen door key is missing!

## STS PETER & PAUL 155 Moutere Hwy, Waimea West

**PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers, our faithful departed in November:** Anne Roach (1861), Margaret Hagen (1870), Liza Fowler (1874), Frances Bolton (1876), Patrick Leahy (1896), Edwin Fowler (1896), William O'Connor (1916), Frederick Tomlinson (1932),

James Flood (1957), H. Tilley Cook (1960), Mary Davies (1967), Hans Knalmann (2003), Joy Silcock (2005), Jim Hallinan (2009), Gordon Havill (2010), Kay Tomlinson (2012), Alison Coffey-Hart (2016). May they rest in peace.

### 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 / Tues 11.30am / Wed 9.30am / Fri 9.30am
St Peter & Paul, Waimea West	5pm on 4th Sat of the month (next Mass 22nd December)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am

\* If there is a funeral Mass it replaces the Mass of the day.

\* Reconciliation: After weekday mass or by appointment with the priest.



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The Archdiocese of Wellington  
To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

2nd December 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**Readings:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Paul 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

**Next Sunday readings:** Baruch 5:1-9; Paul 1:3-6. 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

**H**appy new year! Today, the Church celebrates the beginning of a new liturgical year as it moves into the season of Advent. In this season, we pause in the busyness of our lives to pray that God will continue to prepare our hearts in readiness to welcome Jesus into our lives even more abundantly.

Naturally as we wait for the coming of the infant Jesus in this time of Advent, the readings for today focus on “preparedness”, highlighting in a special way the promises of God and reminding us that, in the gift of Jesus’ birth, God promises great things for us.

Early Christians would have understood the first reading being rather prophetic in nature, with links to the captivity of Babylon. They believed that King David’s dynasty would be restored through a messiah, and for many that messiah was Jesus.

The essence of this reading is that God would fulfil the promises made to the Israelites who suffered for so long out of the love God had for them. In the second reading, St Paul reminds us that God loves us to, and that God’s will for us is to increase in love for one another so that we can live the life we are called to live.

Every Advent as we prepare to celebrate the arrival of the infant Jesus at Christmas, we are called to a time of preparedness. As we prepare to welcome Jesus again this Christmas, we pray open our hearts to be filled with a deepening desire to humbly serve others and in so doing, grow as greater witnesses of God’s love for each of us.

Maureen Phillips

Principal—Saint Paul’s School

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## ARCHDIOCESE website:- <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz>

**DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING** All of us have prayer and fasting today the 1st Sunday of been called by Cardinal John to a day of Advent.

## REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This is the final week for our Christmas Hampers collection. Please note next week, **9th December** is the last day for goods to be brought to Mass to be included in the blessing of the hampers. You have really excelled yourselves, and I'm sure the recipient families will enjoy Christmas with all the lovely things you have given. Thank you all so much. We hope you will all come along to the Hamper Mass and the special morning tea in the Parish Centre after Mass. If you know of any person or family in need who could use a Christmas hamper, please contact Margaret Pattison 021 238 1507 or Elizabeth Williams 021 547 870 within the next week or so.

**NZ ROSARY CRUSADE** We are holding a pro-life Rosary Crusade (from conception to natural death) on the FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION **Saturday 8th December** at 3pm in our St Peter Chanel Chapel. Please come and pray THE ROSARY for our nation and its unborn. Further information contact Angle Lucas 021 022 03196 .

**ADVENT PRAYER** – Food for Faith is a valuable online prayer resource [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz). You can sign up to receive a brief daily email of encouragement from Fr John O'Connor. Also check out [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) a Jesuit ministry for a

daily 3-minute retreat. There are many other resources available. For further information contact Karen Moynagh 03 544 0551.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS** to help prepare and serve **Christmas dinner** to be held on Christmas Day for people who are in need of company and a special meal on this Day. The event is an initiative of the Anglican Church on the Hill in Richmond. The organizing committee is made up of people from various churches in the area. They cater for around 200 people and provide a full 2 course meal with non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles to go with it. It is held in the Richmond School Hall. Our Mayor will be there to welcome people and to say Grace. Interested in helping? Opportunities to help on the Saturday, Sunday pm, Monday for the set up, then on Christmas Day and then the break down on Boxing Day. **Contact:** Vicki Spiers [karlin.vicki@gmail.com](mailto:karlin.vicki@gmail.com)

**PEOPLE WHO ATTEND THE LUNCH** It is a ticketed and free event, tickets are available at Age Concern, Holy Trinity Church Office and the Richmond Mall Information Desk. People must have a ticket to attend & for numbers. Bless you, Vicki.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are all sold. I will place an order this week. \$12 each. 544 0551, txt 027 245 7800 [karen@moynagh.co.nz](mailto:karen@moynagh.co.nz) by Friday 7th Dec. Please if you want one.

**ADVENT – RITE II RECONCILIATION:** Everyone is warmly invited to join in the sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent in our region. This is being hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Richmond on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm**. This will be a community Rite II with the priests of our region present. Also, St. Peter Chanel community (Motueka) reconciliation will be held on **Tuesday 11th December at 7:00pm**.

**HOGSMEADE** – As Kim's poster implies, there is nothing we can do about the weather! We realise how much passion and effort goes into this event each year and can only imagine how much work had to go into postponing everything. We look forward to this Parish celebration being held in the new year.

**GARIN COLLEGE PRIZE GIVING** – will be held in the college gym. Tuesday 4 December commencing promptly at 7pm.

**WELCOME BACK** Jovanie is back with us from his visit home to the Philippines. He will be with us now until his pastoral placement finishes after Christmas.

## ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now available from St Vincent de Paul, in the foyer. \$2.50 per pack of 5. Please put money in envelope provided and put through slot in donations box. Thank you.

**FLOWERS** in our church were awesome for the month of November so thank you to Judy Roper. Is there anyone willing to join our group as we would welcome your help. Contacts Laurel, Judy, Erin or Pip.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. (04) John Anderson (06) Isobel Roper. May they rest in peace.

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

## SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

**Saturday Dec 1** - 10am Setting up Advent wreath and Crib.

**Saturday Dec 8** – 3pm Praying of the Rosary led by Bertha.

**Sunday Dec 9** - after 5pm Mass · Community dinner at Pohara Boat Club. If interested, please put your name down on clipboard list at back of church.

**Tuesday, Dec 25** - 5pm Christmas Mass: We would like to continue the tradition of the past years to give small presents to the Mass attendants on Christmas Day. These gifts can be hand or homemade (e.g. jam).

The gift giving is aimed at showing visitors the value of handmade, local, environmentally friendly (biodegradable) gifts that are a symbol of caring thought, loving action, inclusiveness and a means of practicing generosity. It is aimed at showing alternatives to traditional commercial gifts and at bringing back the original spirit of Christmas: inclusive love. If you could support this gesture of Christian love and bring a (or more) little something(s) wrapped up and place them in the basket provided in the front of church during Advent, it would be very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

**PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Wednesday night.**

Please send all notices to [ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com)

Our printers will be closing early for Christmas break so there will be **no late notices accepted after 19th December 2018**