



If you are new to our parish (or you know of any newcomers), please make yourself known, so that we can make sure you are made to feel a welcome part of the church community and the parish as a whole.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

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 6th of September.

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL GATHERING to welcome Spring. **When:** Tuesday 4th September. Morning tea 9.45am, Worship Service 10.30am followed by a shared luncheon. **Guest Speaker:** Rita Bell from Wakefield. **Where:** St Thomas's Anglican Church auditorium. Please 'Bring a Plate' for shared lunch.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely, sick and infirmed of our community, especially Bryan Hamilton, Trish Hall, Bill Nugent, Barbara Janson, Nancy Courtney, Tom Inglis, Malcolm

Garrett, Muriel Jackson and Therese Dunnill.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed anniversaries which are accrued in this week. (o2) Helene Amanda Robinson and (o8) Freda McKee. May they rest in peace.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP Wednesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm in the St. Peter Chanel Church. Everyone welcome. Enquiries phone 5284147.

HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK Sharing Eucharist with those in our church community who are sick or housebound. Let Father Andrew (ph. 0221 022 011) know and he will visit your friend or family member and then set up regular visits with Eucharistic Ministers.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Thursday noon.

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

* 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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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

2nd September 2018

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Next Sunday readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

We celebrate today in New Zealand, Father's Day in honour of those who played as father figure in our lives. Whether we call them Dad, Daddy, Pa, Pop, Grandad or Dada, today is a wonderful opportunity to express how grateful we are to them. While we may always associate fatherhood to men, we should also not forget special women out there who play both motherly and fatherly roles to their children. More to the cards, gifts, and father's day sale, is the chance to let them know they are loved and appreciated. But of course, we should not limit ourselves only to this particular day, if possible, we make each day a day dedicated to those we love most.

Unofficially, Mother's Day inspired the celebration of Father's Day way back in the 1900's. Services for Mother's Day motivated others to do the same in recognition of their fathers. In other countries, Father's day is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday in June, but in New Zealand and Australia, it is on the 1st Sunday of September.

Fatherhood is not solely a biological reality; it is

also symbolic. When we think of the role that fathers do to our lives, we think of kindness, patience, and unconditional love. They bring to mind strength, protection, loving care, and attentiveness. Hence, this symbolic reality could probably explain why we call our priests "Father." Their ministry runs parallel to the sacrifices given to us by our biological parents. Priests baptize us, bringing us into the realm of Christ and incorporating us into the family of the church. They pronounce words of healing, reconciliation, and forgiveness. They feed us with the words of God and counsel us.

So, to whoever we may express it to and in whatever language we may say it:

Bonne fête Papa ! (French), Buona festa del papà! (Italian), Fijne Vaderdag (Dutch), la Manuia le Aso o Tamā! (Samoan), Alles Gute zum Vatertag! (German), Maligayang Araw ng mga Ama (Filipino), Happy Father's Day!

This translates to nothing but our sincerest expression of love and gratitude to all fathers.

- Jovanie Leones

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EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

'LIVING THE SPLENDOR OF TRUTH' International pro-life, pro-family conference: This amazing weekend conference will help you, your family and our entire culture rediscover the newness of the faith and its power to enlighten and transform our communities. This is also once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the daughter of St Gianna Beretta Molla – the daughter she gave her life for. Experience beautiful liturgies, pray and learn how we can live of Christ and allow Him to encounter our culture– a culture that is in desperate need of His Love and Mercy. 5-

7th October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School. Early bird rates apply only for a short time. Register now at www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 or phone 09 629 4361.

NZ CATHOLIC The Aug. 26 – Sept. 8 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: NZ bishops to meet Pope. Celebrity chef priest coming to NZ. New qualification on leadership and Catholic culture. Naming the next generation of Catholics. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on September 9.

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

LAUDATO SI' - Things you can do to cherish our planet and each other. We are encouraged to look after each other; so take someone who may be a little lonely along to the "Cafe Club" in the Richmond Hall on Friday 7 September from 2pm to 4pm.

NELSON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCE FUND RAISING STALL 17 - 21 September 10am to 3pm. We rely on donations of goods to sell. Baking & Jam is always popular, as well as knitted goods and craft products. Email: annie.brown@nmdhb.govt.nz. Donations can now be left at the Chaplain's office (Fresh goods – the week of the stall)



PFG's Our Richmond Passionist Family Groups have had some fun over winter. The Waimea Vines have had a couple of well attended coffee mornings and they have a few events

planned for the next few months. Aroha Ropu's last gathering was a pot luck and Quiz evening, and the Harlequins are currently planning an event with an Air NZ theme. Seventh Heaven had a lovely coffee and cake at Grape Escape last Sunday and their next event is a guided walk around Isel Park later in September.

THE NELSON DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for Women is meeting on the 8 September. This month Linda Coyne is going to lead a reflection. Come along and join us for Praise and worship and fellowship. As usual we will meet in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. Come and join us. We look forward to seeing you. Contact Teresa 5443179. For information about Dove Women's Fellowship. www.dove.org.nz

Our Lady of the bays **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will be held on 4th of September at 5.30pm in St. Peter Chanel church.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers our Peter Woods. community members Aelis Pothin and

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION. next Thursday 6th Sept. 10am - 5pm. All Welcome.

MASS CARDS A new supply Mass Cards (\$1.80 each) is available in foyer in Richmond.

Coffee Club and Housie. The next Coffee Club with & fun Housie is on Friday 7 September, between 2pm and 4pm, at the Parish Centre. All parishioners and friends are invited, especially seniors. If anyone requires transport or info, please call Ray and Mary. Phone 927 6827 .

MOTHERS' PRAYERS We are a group for those who wish to pray for their families. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.45 to 11.30am. Meeting dates for September - 6th & 20th. Please come and join us.

Next meeting will be this Thursday, 6th September, 10.45 - 11.30am. Enquiries to Erin 544 0481 / 021 170 8406.

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Making Things Right – The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children– continued...

When we make wrong choices, we pull away from a loving closeness with others. When this happens, we can feel sad and alone and scared. God wants to help us make things right again so that we can keep the light of Jesus love in our hearts. The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings us together again. Reconciliation means 'being friends again'. When we celebrate this Sacrament, we remember that God loves us and wants to help us make things right. And that's something to celebrate! We get ready for the Sacrament by asking the Holy Spirit to help us think about our lives. We think about the wrong choices we have made. We are sorry that we have made wrong choices and we want God to help us make good choices. We talk to the priest about our choices and he will help us think about how we can change and be more like Jesus. He will say a special prayer that will help bring us very close to God and to others. When the Sacrament of Reconciliation

ends, our hearts are filled with love again.

Sometimes I feel like I've just been hugged by God!