



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

30th April 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

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Acts 2: 14, 36-41; Peter 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10

MASS TIME

Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA

Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND

Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2nd Sat each month

WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4th Sat each month

TAKAKA

Sunday 5.00pm

1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA

Tuesday (Communion Service)

Friday 9.30am

RICHMOND

Wednesday and Friday 9.30am

CONTACT

Priests

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Parish Office

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

Dear Parishioners,

It is only a few weeks now to my departure for my sabbatical. It is an interesting time for me in which parish life continues as normal, whilst at the same time I am busily anticipating new experiences and arranging travel details. Sabbaticals by their nature, are extended breaks of time to refresh and renew one's vocation, but also a time to appreciate our life stage, direction and energies. I feel a lot of excited anticipation as I look forward to reconnecting with old friends from overseas, but also open myself to a personal and intimate walk with Jesus. The overall focus of my sabbatical is to have a time of spiritual renewal, listening to what God is asking me in my life currently. I am keenly interested to learn from others' experiences in this changing world in which a global pandemic, climate change, economic and political uncertainty reorientate the trajectory of human existence as we have known it. I will be travelling through Vietnam, India, Europe and the USA, completing my time with a 30-day silent retreat in Auckland.

While I am away Fr. Michael Bellizzi has been appointed as temporary Parish Priest. Fr. Michael is originally from Malta and has worked in New Zealand before. If you wish to know a bit more about Fr. Bellizzi you can follow this link: <https://www.wellingtonpriests.org/priesthood-archdiocese-of-wellington/vocation-stories/fr-michael-bellizzi/> I am sure you will enjoy his presence.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Cirilo will be moving between our church communities for masses each weekend. However, so it is easier for people to know who to go to for pastoral needs, Fr. Cirilo will be the initial point of contact for Richmond, Wakefield and Waimea West, while Fr. Michael will be point of contact for Motueka and Takaka.

I am sure I will get to see most of you before I leave, but if I don't, please keep in your prayers for a safe journey. I look forward to seeing you all on my return in December.

God Bless, Fr. Seph

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Sacrament of First Holy Communion

If you would like to register your child for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion please email Markelle for further information. markelleward@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz Registrations close on May 7th

Database Update

Please send me the update in your group if there is any change of your members ie leaving or joining or no longer exist. Email: office.admin@parish.org.nz

VOCATION SUNDAY - 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

On Good Shepherd Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to pray specifically for those called to serve through priestly vocation. It is also an opportune time to look around our faith communities and consider who you could pray for, invite, and encourage to consider priesthood. ([See poster at pg 3](#))

Join the Caritas Team!

We are looking to expand our team! This is an exciting opportunity to work within a Catholic organization, that's committed to the mission of the church. These roles will see you support our work advocating for human dignity, justice, peace and the needs of the most vulnerable. Joining our team will see you connect our work with the world and provide you with the opportunity to practice your faith in a practical way.

At Caritas, it's our mission to be known as 'love in action', if you want to join us in this mission, email us on Caritas@caritas.org.nz or see the link below for more information. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Richmond Church on 4th May 10am till 3pm.
Anyone is very welcome to come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord.

"**Seventh Heaven**" passionist family group meets at Rankins, 359A Hill Street, this Sunday 30 April at 2pm for the annual planning meeting followed by afternoon tea.. Please bring a plate. See you there

Roster Availability

It is now time to advise your roster coordinator of your availability for the next 3 months: June/July/August. Please note well of the 2 weeks school holidays starting 30th of June ending 16th July.

Can you please assist the coordinator by letting them know before 11th May. Thank you again for the wonderful work that you are doing in your Ministry.

Any questions, please email or ring Rossana on 027 3725087

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held every Thursday from 9am to 9.30am and then followed by Holy Mass.



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

ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST



Working Bee

Weather considerations have decided us to postpone the cemetery working bee booked for Sat 22 April..

It will now be held on Sat 29 April, same time 9-12.30pm

Please pray for our seminarians



Matthew White

Many people – priests, parishioners, family - have helped me in my discernment and encouraged me to give priesthood a go.

Matthew is currently on pastoral placement at Otari Parish. He is originally from Te Ngakau Tapu Parish, Porirua.



Kinh Nguyen

I know that it is not because I am worthy that God calls me to priesthood, but because of His great love for me.

Kinh is currently on pastoral placement at St Joseph's Parish, Upper Hutt. He is originally from Vietnam.



Emilio Capin

I was involved in many ministries in my parish, but this too was not enough. Finally, in my thirties, I started to seriously discern the vocation to the priesthood...

Emilio is in his fourth year of Seminary formation. He is originally from the Philippines.



Gerson Badayos

Responding to God's invitation is not about being worthy or having the resources, but about taking a leap of faith and having the courage to go on an adventure with Him...

Gerson is in his third year of Seminary formation. He is originally from the Philippines.



2023

Saint Paul's School Gala - Saturday 6th May, 11am - 3pm

We always appreciate the generous support of our Parishioners...perhaps there may be a way you can help us out this year? There is still time to help prepare for the Gala by potting up plants, making relish or jam, collecting chipped or broken crockery for the crockery smash, sorting books and white elephant items. All donations gratefully received. We are looking for donations of large pieces of cardboard please. Storage boxes - we will gratefully take any banana boxes or Hello Fresh type boxes off your hands. Please deliver to school. Gazebos and marquees, please let us know if we can borrow for the day. Please get in touch with either of the Saint Paul's Gala co-ordinators:

Karla Biggs 021 294 1624; Beth Currie 027 733 7489

