



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

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1st Sunday of Advent

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Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 3-8; Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

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 5pm, 1st & 3rd each month

Service of the Word with Communion
on 2nd Sunday of month at 9.30am

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA

Tuesday 9.30am

Friday 9am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, 9.15 Rosary

Friday 9.30am Liturgy of the Word

RICHMOND

Wednesday and Friday 9.30am

Reconciliation after Mass or
by Appointment

CONTACT

Priests

Fr Michael Bellizzi - Parish Priest

Fr Cirilo Barlis - Assistant Priest

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

'We must live in such a way as to be always ready to meet the Lord.'

As the season of Advent commences today, we begin again the time of preparing for the coming of Christ into our world. We also begin again a new Liturgical Year with its rhythms and patterns, recalling as we go, the birth, life, death, resurrection of Christ and his Ascension into heaven.

There is such a familiarity in these stories. So much so, that it would be easy to drift through each season without pausing to allow the story to go deeper and our lived response to also expand.

As we journey through Advent, let us take time to recall the depth of God's love for us, made visible through the gift of Christ. May we also respond to this gift by living our lives with love, compassion, forgiveness and integrity in our relationships with those around us. This is the season of hope and in a time when many despair, it is our challenge as Christians to also keep hope alive in the world. As we prepare for Christmas, let us be watchful for the opportunity to be the gift of Christ for those around us.

Lord, as we spend time with you in the coming days, help us to respond to you in love through every person and every experience during this Advent season. Amen

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



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology is still on-going until the end of January. The Certificate and Diploma in Christian Studies are also accepting enrolment for 2024. Semester starts on 19 February 2024. For courses offered on campus, online and each diocese, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables. To enrol, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply

Preparing for Your Catholic Marriage



To prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, all couples are required to attend a marriage preparation programme. Our upcoming course, **"Love is a Decision"**, will take place on **3 and 10 March 2024**.

For registration and details, please contact marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz or visit the Archdiocese of Wellington Marriage Ministry's website at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/



Advent is both a time of God's closeness and our watchfulness

2024 CALENDAR, CARDS, ART PRINTS

Leigh Snodgrass was 16 when she created the original design for our parish logo. View her new website to see her latest work. leighmarie.nz
Copy of her 2014 Calendar in foyer or ask Karen 027 245 7800

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Kia Ora Tatou,

The St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas outreach to families in need will operate in the same way as it did last year. Bearing logistics in mind and in the interests of keeping things simple our giving will again be in the form of grocery and petrol vouchers. Should you wish to make a donation to this cause:

Our bank account number is: **03-0303-0394763-02**

Please use **Christmas** as your reference.

If you require a receipt for tax purposes, please supply your physical address, by email, to our treasurer, Margaret Pattison: pattison@ts.co.nz

A receipt will be posted out.

Nga mihi nui and God bless from Our Lady of Perpetual Help conference

Prepare the way of the Lord

Rite II Advent Parish Reconciliation on the 13th of December, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond at 6:30pm. All are welcome



St Paul's School end of year mass will be at 11am on Friday 15th December in place of the usual 9.30am mass

INFORMATION WANTED. CAN YOU HELP?

2 large Bibles, a Manual of the Catholic Church and a statue of Mary were put in the vestry.

We expect they were donated to be used as considered appropriate. Do you know anything?

Another mystery to be solved.

A Crucifix and light were installed on wall above the doors to the Church. Any information appreciated. Contact Karen 027 245 7800 or Maria 027 642 1953

FREE READING TO TAKE

There are back copies of the Marist Messenger, Tui Motu and The Far East.

These are all good reading. There are also prayer cards and a few booklets.

They are usually available on cupboard in the foyer.

This week they will be on the seats outside.

Time to empty the basket so please take any you want

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Our group meets on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm in the hall. Last meeting for 2023 will be on 11th December.

We begin again as a group in February 2024

Morning Tea

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a morning tea on Sunday December 10th, to farewell the Solomon Islands RSE workers who have been a part of our parish community for the last several months of 2023. These men return home on December 20th. It would be lovely to see as many parishioners at this event as attended our welcome to these folk. Your presence will assist in making this a vibrant gathering.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

Congratulations to Fr Cirillo on competing in, and completing his first Marathon, last week in Queenstown. The experience also provided much inspiration for his great Homily!

A reminder that the Motueka Anointing Mass is the last Tuesday of the month at 9-30am. Apologies for not advertising it last week

Thanks to Susan Collins and Judy Roper for the flower arrangements during October and November. There will be no flowers during Advent.

Sacramental Programme 2024

Would you like your child to be included in Next Year's Sacramental programme? This consists of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and concludes with Confirmation by Bishop Paul in September.

Would you be willing to lead, or help lead, this programme for the students?

Please contact Megan Strong through the School office (office@spcmotueka.school.nz) or phone 03 5287366, to have your child included in the Programme, or if you are able to support the delivery of it. You do not need to be a school Parent to help with this

SVDP

St Vincent De Paul Motueka's next meeting will be Tuesday December 5th at 10-30 am. Note the change of venue, it will be at Mrs Smith's, Riwaka. Please advise Cherie McKinstry ASAP on 021 466 554 if you are attending, so that the booking can be finalised.

The Annual SVdP Christmas Morning tea for the Senior Parishioners will be held in the School Hall on Friday, 8th December at 10-30am. This is a chance for all retired folk to get together and share some items from the School Children, and morning tea. Transport is available. There will be a notice in the Church Foyer so you can indicate if you will be there, and if you would like a ride. Please let your friends know.

St Vincent DePaul have a basket in the Church Foyer each week for donations of non-perishable foodstuffs. They ask that until 2 weeks before Christmas you would donate Christmas treats that they can distribute to those in need.

St Peter Chanel School

Senior Students Visit Woodlands Rest Home and Retirement Village

Last Thursday, Room Rangimarie walked to Woodlands Rest Home to visit kaumātua there.

Students spent time visiting, chatting to and entertaining residents and also delivered some Christmas cards that our Room Aroha students had created. This is part of our community connection and outreach programme.

We would like to invite all parishioners to Mass on Tuesday 5th December at 9:30am where we will be gathering as a school to celebrate Advent.

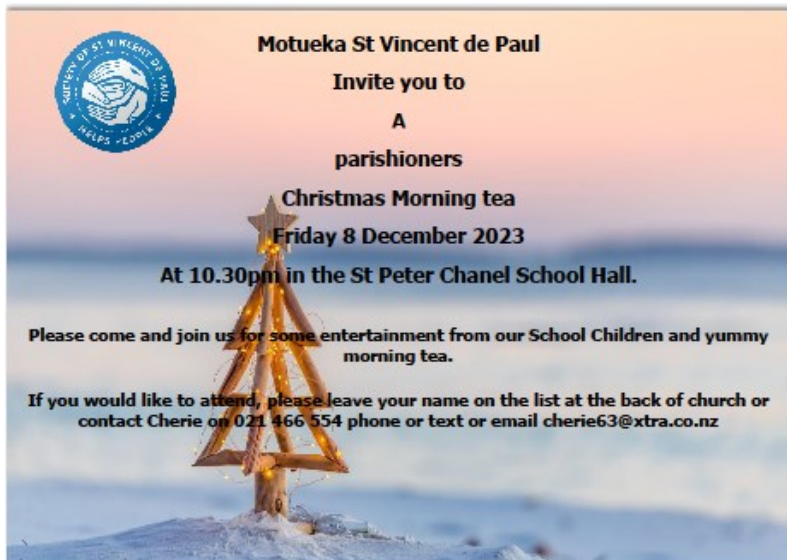
A family of four trying to find a short term rental in Motueka for 3 months from January - April 2024.

We are joining the Motueka Parish and are just looking for a rental as we sell our house in Christchurch.

Please contact Jeremy Cumming

St Peter Chanel Parish Directory

Parish Priest	Chose a Priest option, and leave a message	03 528 8899
Parish Leadership Group	Jim Maguire - Chairman	027 223 9766
St Peter Chanel School	Margaret Campbell-McCauley	03 528 7366
St Vincent De Paul	Cherie McKinstry	021 466 554
Home Communion/Greeters/cleaning	Elaine Taggart	021 256 294
Home Visit	Cherie McKinstry	021 466 554
Ride to Church	Susan Collins	021 293 4912
Prayers for the Sick/of the Faithful	Fran Peacey	022 664 7362
Morning Tea	Robyn O'Gorman	021 602 82
Music	Hemon Dey	021 170 2682
Readers	Vickie Cameron	027 437 3885
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Devine	027 466 1060
Lawns	John Farrelly	03 528 9063
Children's Liturgy	Eric Buenz	022 513 5791
Newsletter	John Leydon – spcmot@gmail.com	03 540 2543



	3/12/2023	10/12/2023
Greeter	S. Fry A. Francis	M Carr A Lane
Morning Tea	L Kim	E Taggart Z Ogilvie
Music	Hemon & Katie	Scott Cameron
Prayers Faithful	FRAN PEACEY	MARGARET JONES
Readers	A Lane M Carr	M Kilmartin E stolten
Eucharistic Ministers	M Macquet J Maguire	A Lane K O'Gorman
Cleaning		S & C Collins
Lawns	John Farrelly	Mike Carr

Before the year ends, the St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to give an overview of our recent charitable outreach. Since the start of October it has included the following:

- * Meeting with WINZ staff to detail breadth of our activity
- * Funding a screen for a phone.
- * Funding a bus card .
- * Supplying food and furniture to a whanau whose home was burnt out
- * Paying two weeks rent and bond for a family moving from a caving hut into a house.
- * Funding a phone top up.
- * Funding shoes with orthotics for a beneficiary with severe arthritis.
- * Contributing to cost of dentures
- * Funding a course of physio appointments for a beneficiary.
- * Clearing out a house after a sudden death.
- * Successfully advocating for a big reduction in a bill for storage.
- * Paying part of a relocation bill for a whanau of seven.
- * Collecting from and delivering furniture around the motu
- * Hosting an afternoon tea for some elderly parishioners (ourselves included!)
- * Supplying some meals to our priests and people who are homebound.
- * Giving out food parcels and petrol vouchers on an almost daily basis.
- * Sending cards to people who are unwell.
- * Staffing our flagship.

- * Part funding other dental treatments.
- * Liaising with other agencies.
- * Providing supermarket vouchers to people with specific dietary needs.
- * Identifying people who could benefit from help at Christmas and organising Christmas giving

We are indebted to parishioners and all other donors for their ongoing support of our work, be it financial, prayerful, volunteering or donating goods. May God bless you all, especially at Christmas. Our shop closes on December 20th and reopens on January 8th.

Mere Kirihimete from St Vincent de Paul Conference of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

