

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

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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.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed (01) Mervyn Hall, Stalm Satherley (03) Wendy Bellshaw (04) Jessie Luketina (05) James Bellshaw (06) G. H. West (07) Natalie Meredith (08) Joseph Kenneth Darwen. May they rest in peace.

WE WELCOME to our Parish. Christopher and Siobhan O'Malley, Finnian, Aisling and Ruari. We want you to feel welcome and to know that you are a very important part of our community!



PFG (Passionist Family Group) During the feedback from the Pastoral Planning sessions last year, it was obvious that there is a strong desire for

the parishioners at St Peter Chanel to get to know each other better and develop a better sense of community. One of the ways we can do this is by belonging to a PFG Parish Social Group. **The PFG (Passionist Family Group)** movement was introduced to New Zealand by the Passionist Fathers over 30 years ago and is still going strong in most parishes around the country. The Groups provide opportunities for individuals and families of all ages and situations to get together socially on a regular basis and get to know each other, whilst having some fun. The St Peter Chanel Leadership Group wishes to start up some groups, so watch this space. There are brochures outlining the PFG movement in the foyer which will answer all your questions.

WAITANGI DAY MASS at 10am on 6th Feb.

PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Wednesday midnight.

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 23rd February)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 5pm (during summer)

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

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



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

3rd February 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19; Psalm 70; 1Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

Next Sunday readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 137; 1Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Dear Parishioners,
Distinguishing between the appearance of something and its underlying reality can be a deeply challenging task. At times we can feel we intuitively know what "truth" is, however in practice, discerning the truth can take quite a commitment to developing our self-awareness. The task of slowly sifting through all the possibilities of a given situation, eliminating the most unlikely conclusions and testing those that remain until we discern, as certain as is possible, that we have a "truth" is a significant task. It requires discipline and rigor and, it takes time. Often, a lot of it. Most importantly though, this task requires an appreciation that "truth" is only incrementally gained against a backdrop of experience in which we have the humility and willingness to uncover our own biases in making judgements. In short, this is what we call wisdom, and why it's

often older people who seem to have this gift in abundance. Immersed as we are in a digital and instantaneous world it can feel at times, we are increasingly unable to distinguish the "truth" of things from their appearance. In our second reading today St Paul beautifully integrates this human habit to believe the "fake news" of appearances and refines it to its truth. That is without love, real love, no matter what other kind of apparent greatness we may have, we are nothing. True love, St Paul tells us, is so much more than a warm feeling of affection that tries to please everybody or never rock the boat. Rather, true love, is God's love: a love willing to abandon everything to bring true good to those it loves. That kind of love is truly something! And we are nothing unless we have it.

God Bless, Fr. Seph

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REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

THE LEADERSHIP GROUPS from the five communities which make up our Parish are now considering their initial response to action points from the Pastoral Plan. The following excerpt is from Fr Seph in the introduction to the Pastoral Plan which was published in December: *“If the Parish of our future is to be realised, it is vital everyone sees that a culture of excellence in our actions and processes is demanded from each of us. The Parish of our future calls for innovative and creative ways to do things. It calls for an embracing of our future with joy and hope, while not losing sight of the things we already do well and are proud of. Through the leadership of our Priests, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Leadership Groups and involvement of all our parishioners, may our vision be realised in its fullness.”* Please pray for your Leadership Teams as they start this journey and give them your support and encouragement.

DOVE Catholic Women’s Fellowship welcomes women to celebrate the beginning of our 2019 year on 9 February. We will share a time of praise and worship and catching up. Usual gathering place at the church hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond at 2pm on Saturday, 9 February. Contact Mary 03 5410770 for more information. www.dove.org.nz

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ST VINCENT de PAUL has been assisting a young Syrian refugee couple, over the past 6 months, as they develop a new life in Nelson. If you are able to assist with any of the requests below their life would be made just a little easier. · The young man has started learning to drive but the person teaching him has less time available than is required to make good progress. If there is anybody who has some spare time and is willing to assist with such tutoring we would be very delighted to engage you in this ministry!! · The use or donation of a computer ideally less than 5 years old. The young woman has not had the opportunity to learn computer skills and it is imperative that she develop same for any kind of employment. · Does anybody know of a one or 2 bdr flat to rent in central Nelson. They currently live in Richmond but their orientation is to the city so if it can be worked they are keen to move into town. If you are able to help please contact: Margaret O’Connor, For CORS Group Phone 022 694 1817 or 544 9511

NEWSLETTER NOTICES To ensure that we don’t miss any of your valuable information, the **only** email address to be used for these is ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com The office admin email is for everything else. Many thanks.

WAITANGI DAY INTERNATIONAL KAI FESTIVAL Let’s celebrate our diversity by going to the Kai Festival on Wednesday, 6 February at Founders. There will be a welcoming Powhiri at the Whakatu Marae 11.30 with opportunities to learn more about our local marae with tours after the powhiri. There will also be a variety of food to sample at reasonable prices. See you there.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION this Thursday 7th Feb. 10 - 5pm. Start the New Year well - join the Adoration team. Phone Joan 5423707 for a time to suit.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION are in need of more people to join this ministry. Ministers of Communion do take the eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. If you feel this is a way for you to help and would like more information please contact Mary Silcock on silcock@inspire.co.nz

WAITANGI DAY is Wednesday 6 February. The normal Wednesday morning Mass will be held at 9.30am and everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate our amazing country and give thanks for the gifts we receive from it.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed for this week. Hugh James Duncan, Betty Davies, Felicity Anne Eades, Graeme Michael Scott, John Bellamy, Emma Margaret Berry, Beryl Alice Swafford, Bertha Maria Bemelman, Catherine Margaret Kiely, Henry Owen Dunn. May they rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matt and Sue Fahey who celebrated 25 years of marriage.

LAUDATO SI’ Things you can do to look after our common home. This beautiful weather is a result of climate change and is only the beginning. Will we still be content when the temperatures are warmer every year, when there are more bugs, more disease? We need to do something now to slow the rate of change. What will you do?



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.

PARISH GIVING What’s the best way to help?

Any donation method is very much welcome, however, it would be great if parishioners who do not donate via an automatic bank transfer, could consider setting one up. This saves a lot of time in processing and recording, compared to handling envelopes and cash, but is also helps streamline our smart accounting software as it recognises as regular donations via bank transfer. Our bank account number is: **02-0747-0066112-00**. Please use the following details:

PARTICULARS: Surname & initials. **CODE:** (blank, or continuation of names if long or two names). **REFERENCE:** planned giving number. (if new donor or don’t know your existing one, please contact Graeme O’Connell on 021 154 7707 and 544 3179 (evenings and week-ends), or Todd on 021 547 771 if you would like some help setting this up or need a planned giving number. Remember all donations are eligible for a 33.3% tax credit/refund after March each year.

We give what we can afford and we rely on the holy spirit to guide us in this regard.