



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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

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

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

Angela Francis from our parish visits Preda Foundation

A special guest that recently came to visit Preda in the Philippines, was Angela Francis from New Zealand. Between the 10th and the 17th January 2024, Angela was on a "fact-finding mission" visiting the Preda homes for children, in order to raise awareness about the work of this Foundation, which is actively involved in protecting children from on-line sexual abuse and human trafficking.

Angela is the executive director of the Federation of Primary Health (a national health sector body in New Zealand) representing primary health interests, with member-including consumers, providers and clinicians. However, her passion is for the prevention of child sex trafficking. She has visited Thailand on three different occasions and liaised with the good Shepherd Sisters to understand more fully the reality of child trafficking there. After the last trip in August, she also gave presentations within her parish.

She has interviewed the heads of two NZ charities that deal with child trafficking overseas, and also Judge Andrew Beecroft (the former Child Commissioner of New Zealand). She has been to the United Nations to learn more about the rights of the child and research statistics for this type of child trafficking.

Her goal is to expose this dreadful injustice to children worldwide, and engage in advocacy work for the rights of abused children and for raising awareness of worldwide child sex trafficking. Angela remains committed to this important work and has interviewed Father Shay Cullen and made videos of the many activities at the Preda homes for rescued children that are in healing and recovery and being empowered.

Preda Foundation has been successful in seeking justice through legal action, empowering the children to win an average of 18 to 20 convictions of their abusers every year. Hundreds of abused children have been healed and reintegrated to safe families and are continuing their education in the Preda aftercare program.

It is Angela's intention to share with our communities, the stories of the children she met; stories that deserve to be retold to bring hope and encouragement. This will be a prayerful, reflective approach – a call to mind and hearts with a call to action. As Father Shay says, "Faith without action is dead." The upcoming season of Lent will be a very appropriate time for this to happen.

On 8 February each year, we celebrate the International Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking. February 8 is the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. Pope Francis chose this day as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking.

As Christians, we are invited to prayer and action to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.



Later on we will announce the dates of the presentations Angela will give. Possibly will be in the first 2 weeks of March.



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

Waitangi Day is our country's national day commemorating the first signings of the Treaty of Waitangi–Te Tiriti o Waitangi on 6 February in 1840. Because of the Christian involvement in its signing and the Church's mission to bring about a better world, we can mark Waitangi as a significant spiritual event and a time to pray for the land and its peoples.

Go here for the NLO resources: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/waitangi-day-2024/>

Word Day of Prayer for the Sick

In his message for the latter day, Pope Francis says: "Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane. On this World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness."

Go here for the NLO resources for World Day of Prayer for the Sick: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-sick-2/>

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



Tuesday 13 February is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love." The National Liturgy Office has published special resources for this day. Please go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-marriage-day/>

Fr Seph has finally completed his round of goodbyes and final Masses with Mass last Sunday in Richmond. On behalf of the parish he was presented with two framed Craig Potton photos (which Fr chose himself.) The one on the left is sunrise over Golden Bay and the one on the right is sunset over Tahunanui Beach. Fr Seph felt that these were very representative of the geographical area of Our Lady of the Bays. Please keep Fr Seph in your prayers as he looks to a new role with the Archdiocese of the geographical area of Our Lady of the Bays.



Fr MICHAEL PUI appointed National Director of MissioNZ

Congratulations and ka pai Fr Michael Pui, who has been appointed National Director of MissioNZ, the local face of the Pontifical Mission Societies, perhaps best known for overseeing the World Missions Sunday collection each October. Fr Michael has most recently been the Parish Priest of Good Shepherd Parish Hurunui in North Canterbury. He will remain based in the Diocese of Christchurch. Details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/missionz/>

Situations Vacant – Shop Manager, Stoke Vinnies Shop

Permanent, part-time 15-20 hrs/wk. Job description available from stoke@svdpnelson.org.nz or the Stoke Vinnies Shop, or call Diane (Stoke President) on 0211785752. Applications close on 12 February 2024.

Rental Property Urgently required A Parish family with 4 children urgently require a home in Richmond as soon as possible as their current rental property is being sold. If you or anyone you know might be able to assist please contact Adrienne Hill on either 021 526404 or howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz and she will pass on their contact details.

COMMUNITY DAY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

All are welcome to a Christian Meditation community day led by Janet Robbins.

Janet is a Benedictine Oblate and retreat leader from England. Janet is visiting family in Wakefield and we welcome her to speak to us.

'Shared Wisdom: How the contemplative voice can be heard and how the language of silence brings harmony.'

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH - 10AM TO 3PM at Catholic Church hall, 35 William Street, Richmond.

BYO lunch, morning tea provided. Koha appreciated. Please RSVP to Marie Shepherd: mlshepherd54@gmail.com
027 865 8032 or Karen Moynagh karen@moynagh.co.nz 027 245 7800

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Rosters for the next round of March, April and May are now being produced. Please ensure that you have your availability information back to your roster co-ordinator as soon as possible.

We are looking for new co-ordinators for the following rosters to commence in June:

- ◆ Ministers of Communion – approx. 2 hours work every 3 months
- ◆ Foyer Greeters – approx. 1 hours work every 3 months
- ◆ Children's Liturgy Roster – approx. 1 hours work every 3 months

There are processes already in place for all of these rosters. If you feel able to commit to managing all or one of these please contact Adrienne Hill on either 021 526404 or howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz Thank you.

MORNING TEA

It is planned to provide a simple morning tea in the Hall on **Wednesday 21st February, from 10.15am**. There is mass at 9.30 am if you wish to attend first. This is a chance for parishioners to have time to chat and meet others. New parishioners are so welcome. We will sit at tables so you can be comfortable, relaxed and talk easily.

MEDITATION

Weekly Meditation in the Christian tradition recommences on Monday 5th Feb, 7.30-8.30pm.

All welcome. Contact Karen Moynagh:
karen@moynagh.co.nz 027 2457 800

We will meet in the foyer of the church this week

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony was held at OLPH on Wednesday.

We congratulate Jesus Christopher Panotes and Christine Pesino on this important moment on their life journey.

Please pray for Jed and Christine that their love may grow.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

Last week our Church was visited by 5 Christchurch based Nuns who are from the Island of Futuna. St Peter Chanel was martyred on Futuna and these Nuns wanted to visit the Church named in his honour. As their visit coincided with the Friday Liturgy of the Word, the visitors and the locals both enjoyed an unique and moving experience.

Please remember in your Prayers the sick, elderly, and housebound of our Parish. Including Peter Goodman, Joan Curtain and Brian Dunnill. And also friends and relations who are fighting serious illness.



The Parish Directory will be at the end of the Newsletter. Remember that you can Dial a ride to Church, or a visit from the Priest or a Parish member. Fr Michael and Fr Jaya now have their email addresses listed on the front of the Newsletter, so that you can make direct contact with them by email.

Minister	4/02/2024	11/02/2024
Greeter	J. Leydon & A. Lucas	R & K O'Gorman
Morning Tea	A & M Lucas	R & K O'Gorman
Music	Scott Cameron	Mary Wilson
Prayers Faithful	JIM MAGUIRE	FRAN PEACEY
Readers	C Ellis & S Collins	M Kilmartin & D Ogilvie
Eucharistic Ministers	M Macquet M Devine	S & V Cameron
Cleaning	T. Donalson & E.Hay	
Lawns	William Frondarina	John Farrely

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 Minister	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



NZ Community for Christian Meditation



Community Day

***Shared Wisdom:
How the contemplative voice can be heard and
how the language of silence brings harmony***

Led by

Janet Robbins

UK Benedictine Oblate and retreat leader

All welcome.

Saturday Feb 17th 2024

10.00am – 3.00pm

**Catholic Church hall
35 William Street, Richmond**

**Morning tea provided
BYO lunch**

A koha to help with costs and support NZCCM would be appreciated

**Please RSVP to Marie Shepherd: mlshepherd54@gmail.com
0278658032 or**

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