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The Archdiocese of Wellington

To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

5 Sept 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 35: 4 – 7; James 2: 1 – 5; Mark 7: 31 - 37

MASS TIME

Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA Saturday vigil 5.00pm,
Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD Sunday 8.00am

WAIMEA W 5.00pm Saturday vigil
(on 4th Saturday of the month)

TAKAKA Sunday 4.00pm

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA Tuesday and Thursday
9.30am

RICHMOND Wednesday and
Friday 9.30am

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FR LARRY'S LIFE IN TAIWAN

For 30 years members of the Missionary Society of St. Columban have worked in the DaAn Pastoral Area of Hsinchu Diocese in Miaoli County in central Taiwan. The Pastoral Area is composed of eight villages located along the DaAn River in steep mountainous terrain. Each village contains approximately 50 families and a Catholic chapel. Three villages also have Presbyterian chapels. The people are indigenous of the Atayal Tribe, the men famed for hunting and warfare and the women for weaving. The local people earn a livelihood working their farms which produce vegetables, fruit, and an annual harvest of bamboo shoots from their bamboo forests. There are four Primary Schools but children must take a one-hour bus trip to attend High School in a town outside the area.

The current missionary team is made up of two Columban Frs. One from Fiji and one for NZ (Fr Larry,) a Columban Lay Missionary from Korea, a catechist employed by the local bishop, and the catechist's wife, who acts as parish secretary. Our mission there is focused on providing pastoral care and support for the Catholic families. Each village has Sunday Mass on a rotation (two villages have Mass every weekend and others form two clusters of three). Each village also has "Family Prayers" each week when members of the village visit a local family for hymns and prayers followed by drinks and snacks. We have an annual week-long camp for children which focuses on catechism classes and preparation for the Sacraments. By far the biggest event of the year is the Christmas Activity. On the Saturday closest to Christmas we have a day-long celebration which begins with Mass at 9am (including the baptism of infants), games, lottery prizes, each village does a performance, buffet lunch with drinks, and the day ends at 4pm when Santa arrives with candy and gifts for the children. 175 families attend. We begin preparations in September each year and the location for the celebration rotates between four of the largest villages. It has the feeling of barely contained chaos but everyone enjoys the day (clergy and lay people included). *Continued on page 3*

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THANK YOU to Fr Larry for his introduction for us into his life in Taiwan.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all fathers, grandfathers and those who take up the role of a father figure in any capacity, whether it is to humans or animals!



QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS "A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." *Laudato Si*

THE SEASON OF CREATION RUNS FROM THE Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September to St Francis Day on 4 October. A reflection sheet for each of those weeks is available at this link
<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Season-of-Creation-2021-week-1.pdf>

FINANCE FOR JULY 2021 Total Income YTD as at 31/07/21 is below budget by (-\$5,846,) with Collection Income however better than anticipated ofr the period YTD by \$2,415.

Expenses overall YTD at 31/07/21 of \$83,655 are well under budget for the 4 month period by (-\$30,338.) The resultant Net Profit YTD at 31/07/21 is therefore \$7,694 compared to the budgeted loss of (-\$16,798.) All is tracking well at the moment.

Income & Expenditure Summary		
to 31 July 2021		
	YTD	BUDGET
Collection Income	\$ 63,035	\$ 60,620
Other Income	\$ 28,314	\$ 36,575
Total Income	\$ 91,349	\$ 97,195
Less		
Support of Clergy	\$ 21,597	\$ 22,000
ADW Levies	\$ 8,774	\$ 8,760
Parish Expenses	\$ 53,284	\$ 83,233
Total Expenses	\$ 83,655	\$ 113,993
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 7,694	\$ (16,798)

PLEASE NOTE; Any meetings/gatherings/activities advertised in this week's newsletter will be subject to any Covid Level announcement made by the Prime Minister.

ON LINE MASSES - BISHOP STEVE LOWE (Hamilton) is saying Mass every day during lockdown at 9am. Click on this link
<https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream>

WELCOM will be a pdf copy on their website for this month and is called NauMai in support of Maori Language Week 13 – 19 Mahuru (September. The link is
https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_welcom/welcom-naumai-september-2021/

NZ CATHOLIC has published a special on line Lockdown Edition. The link for a pdf copy is
www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Special-Digital-Issue-Sept.1.pdf

AT THIS STAGE OCTOBER 9 is **still** the planned date for the ordination of Hayden Powick (son of Rachel and Eddie,) and will be held at OLPH church in Richmond. Work has already commenced on the planning for the day.

The Richmond Liturgy team currently have heard from a number of videographers but are still looking for a **Photographer** for official photos, with family and other clergy and

possibly discreet ones during the ceremony. This will be a paid position.

If you have these skills or know of someone who may suit please contact Jacqui Cleary on 027 3853383.

VOICE FOR LIFE While pro-life activities involving gatherings are presented during lockdown, signing the petition calling for the House of Representatives to repeal the Abortion Legislation Act 2020 is one way to continue to be a voice for unborn children. Visit <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/petition>

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

KEEPING IN TOUCH DURING LOCKDOWN A small group of people have been ringing some of our parishioners during this current lockdown. They have been focusing on those living alone and couples who may not have family living locally. These calls have been very much appreciated by those receiving them. If you know of someone who might like a weekly catchup call from this group please call or email the Parish office on 544 8987 or office.admin@parish.org.nz and leave their name and contact details. This info will be passed to the team and followed up.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rosie and Ben Hancox and their extended family on the arrival of Annabella Rose on 21 August (a 2021 lockdown baby!)



PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely and sick in our community. Peter Goodman, Bryan Hamilton, Maureen Fon, Marie Douglas, Don Sharp and John Clifford.

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We also make efforts to support the preservation of traditional language and culture. We are introducing a new officially approved Mass text in the local language and teaching the children hymns in their own language. Two annual events are important. On the first Sunday of August we hold a combined Mass and social activity (lunch, games, singing and dancing) to celebrate Taiwan Indigenous People's Catholic Faith. This event is mandated by the local Conference of Bishops and is used to raise funds for pastoral outreach to indigenous communities island wide. Of great local significance are the annual rituals for the dead, held in summer (July and August). Each village chief decides the date and we hold Mass in the village the evening prior, to pray for the ancestors and bless the grave offerings. At daybreak on the appointed day the entire village gathers at the cemetery when food, flowers and drinks are offered offerings at the graveside. The village chief also makes a speech to the ancestors announcing the offerings. Afterwards there is feasting in the village, with dancing and singing. We attend and are often asked to bless with holy water the graves of family members and pray for their eternal rest. Day break, the moment between night and day, is when the dead are thought to return briefly to visit the living. The dead also visit the living during dreams and impart important messages.

Previously we started an afterschool program for primary school children. With the permission of parents, we daily bused the children to the church in YongAn Village where we provided teachers to help the children complete their homework assignments,

supervised games and other forms of relaxation, gave them a healthy snack and delivered them to their homes. The program ceased when government funding was withdrawn and given to the schools to provide the same service. We continue to encourage the children through their attendance at church on Sunday and are planning to create programs for children during the Sunday Mass in each village. Our presence in the villages also gives us the ability to identify families that need special help.

The work of the pastoral team changes over time but the focus remains the same: To accompany indigenous people and encourage them to value their culture and traditions, pass them on to their children, and adapt to modern society which brings significant challenges to those traditions. In this way we witness to our faith and the conviction that we are all one in the Lord and Jesus is with us, walking with us in the journey.

Fr. Larry Barnett.

LAUDATO SI – Things we can do to help all Creation



YOU MAY REMEMBER that we have mentioned in the past that we would be happy to advertise local small businesses periodically through the newsletter. If you are a small business owner and would like some exposure to our parishioners please email your logo and contact info to ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com Here are 2 to start us off.

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COVID 19 VACCINATIONS are now available to all Kiwis over the age of 12. To protect ourselves, our families and friends and those around us who are vulnerable please make your bookings online or by phone.



ST PETER CHANEL ROSTER
4/5 & 11/12 September 2021

Date	Sat 4th	Sun 5th	Sat 11th	Sun 12th
Greeter	Trish Hall	Orchiston Family	Jim Maguire	Stan & Annette Sivak
Music		Fran Peacey		Mary Wilson
Prayers	Jim Maguire		Fran Peacey	
Readers	V Dugdale	S & V Cameron	R Harries	S Collins & E Stolten
Eucharistic	M Devine	H Duncan & A Lane	A Le Long	M Marquet & K O'Gorman
Children				
Altar Servers		Tricia & Ayesha		Warren & Ivan
AM Tea		R & K O'Gorman		M Kilmartin & A Le Long
Cleaning	E Taggart & J Reid			