

MANY THANKS to those who were able to assist with the inside cleaning bee last Saturday. This is the Garin hostel students who helped the 7 parishioners. Thanks also to the Hostel which provided afternoon tea.



PARISH SOCIAL GROUPS Over the past few weeks, the **Waimea Vines Group** had a productive and delicious planning and dessert evening, The **Aroha Ropu Group** had a bountiful barbecue with some sublime weather and last night the **Seventh Heaven Group** had a "Chips and Chat" gathering at the Rimu Bar in Mapua. More activities are planned this month.

And plans for the "launch" of the PFG Social Groups in Motueka after Easter are still on track.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed in the Church at 7pm every Friday evening in Lent. Everyone is welcome anytime during weekdays.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

EASTER CELEBRATIONS Palm Sun Mass 9-00am. Holy Thurs 7-30pm. Good Fri 3-00pm. Sat Easter Vigil 7.30pm.

ST JOSEPH'S 62 Pitfure Rd, Wakefield

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2019 Easter Mass Times Our Lady of the Bays Parish

	Motueka	Richmond	Wakefield	Takaka
Holy Thursday 18 April	7pm	7pm Night Prayer		7.30pm
Good Friday 19 April	3pm	10am Morning Prayer 3pm Service with Communion		3pm
Easter Vigil 20 April	7pm	10am Morning Prayer 7pm Mass		7.30pm
Easter Sunday 21 April	9.30am	9.30am	8am	

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 27th April)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 5pm (all year round)

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

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



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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

7th April 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Next Sunday readings: Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11

LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN CAST THE FIRST STONE

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is confronted with a challenging situation.

The leaders were using the woman as a trap so they could trick Jesus. If Jesus said the woman should not be stoned they would accuse him of violating Moses' law. If he urged them to execute her, they would report him to the Romans, who did not permit Jews to carry out their own executions.

In verse seven by saying that only a sinless person could throw the first stone, he highlighted the importance on compassion and forgiveness. When others are caught making a mistake are we quick to pass judgement? At the end of their interaction Jesus did not condemn the woman of adultery, but neither did he condone her sin. Jesus stands ready to forgive any sin in our lives, but compassion and repentance mean a change of heart.

As we are in our Lenten season may we accept Christ's forgiveness and work on our relationships with others and our God.

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AROUND OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH

CARDINAL JOHN has sent the following message. The Euthanasia bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its 2nd reading and vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting

www.carealliance.org.nz or www.defendnz.co.nz

We encourage every one of you who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17yrs+) to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill. There will be an opportunity to sign the petition this coming week.

SUPPORT AGAINST EUTHANASIA Buy a lapel pin and help raise funds to continue the campaign to protect the dignity of human life against euthanasia. We have 50 pins available at \$10 each. These will be on sale in the foyer after Mass. Buy one today or sign the list to say you want one. Or txt Karen 027 245 7800

LENT REFLECTION—5th SUNDAY A few years ago I was asked to prepare a year 13 group to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I began by asking how many considered themselves to be sinners. A couple of hands went up including my own. I then asked again, explaining that my question was a serious one adding that all my friends were sinners. A few more hands were raised. For the next half hour I explained that we are created by God for abundant life, but we sin when our fears lead us to grasp at what is immediate and unsatisfying. I explained that the Sacrament of Reconciliation enables us to experience divine love and mercy in the part of our lives where we most struggle, and that this was a beautiful thing both in a human relationship and even more-so in our relationship with God. I concluded commenting that we are sinners, much more than we think we are, but this is not a problem for our loving and merciful God. At the end of the class the teacher approached me, very angry, saying “we do all we can to build up our students’ self-esteem, and you shoot it down in one class by telling these young people that they are sinners.”

The teacher did not understand that self-esteem is not a human achievement. Healthy self-esteem is the fruit of knowing that we are loved even as imperfect, weak and vulnerable sinners. We know Jesus to be “saviour,” and if we think we can sort our lives by our own efforts then we have no need for Jesus. John O’Connor www.foodforfaith.org.nz

A MESSAGE FROM CARITAS We want to thank you very much for the generous support provided so far for the work of Caritas. The past month has not been an easy one for our country and particularly the people of Christchurch and the local Muslim community. We continue to hold them in our prayers. The Lent Appeal is our largest source of non-government funding for Caritas and enables us to get immediate help to where it is needed most. Lent donations mean we can quickly provide support to, for example, the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and the surrounding region who have suffered at the hands of Cyclone Idai during the last weeks. Lent in 2019 falls across two tax years. Lent donations which were received by Caritas before 5pm 31 March will be included for the 2018-19 tax year. Donations are still gratefully accepted and the fastest way to donate is directly into our account by Internet banking. Our account number is: **03-0518-0211216-003**

LAUDATO SI’ Things you can do to look after our common home Please be careful with what you do with your plastic. At the present rate, by 2050 there could be more plastic in our ocean than sea life!



FOR GIVING - Our bank account number is: **02-0747-0066112-00.**

Please use surname & initials as Particulars and /or planned giving number as Reference.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS are available from today at each church.

GARIN COLLEGE NEEDS HELP Currently we have students completing learning on our Garin College House Patrons, World Religions and Catholic Social Action initiatives. Our students require an authentic audience to present their learning to. We are looking for parents, parish and community members to come into Garin College on Thursday 11th April from: 9:00 - 9:50 am / 11:00 - 12 pm / 1:30 - 2:20 pm. If you are interested and available please email: jeremycumming@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz

CHRISM MASS Monday 15th April at 7pm, St Mary’s, Blenheim.

EASTER RECONCILIATION will be held on Wednesday 10th April, 7pm at St Francis in Stoke.

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

GARIN COLLEGE HOLY WEEK SERVICE We welcome parents, parish and community members to our Holy Week Service taking place on **Friday 12th April, 9:50 am in our College Gym**. The focus of our service will be on servant leadership and key events during the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We welcome your attendance and participation in our service.

FR SEPH is away until 13th April. During this time Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be held at the regular weekly Mass times.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Jean Hallinan, 80 years old 13th April 2019.

CHOIR PRACTICE Easter Choir rehearsals after Mass today and next week. All welcome. For more information see Doug after Mass or ring him on 544 6288.

CANDLE DECORATING WORKSHOP with Gertrudd Weis. Thursday 11th April 7pm to 9pm at St Francis Hall in Stoke. We will consider the Paschal Candle and decorate your own candle. A fun informative evening. Limit 12 adults. \$12 for candle and decoration. Register to karen@moynagh.co.nz or txt 027 245 7800

CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 10th April. 10AM TO 12 NOON – OLPH PARISH HALL You are invited to come and reflect on the Cross and make and decorate your own Cross. All materials supplied and morning tea. Please register to karen@moynagh.co.nz. Or Txt 027 245 7800. Older children might enjoy this too. Koha \$5.

NELSON DOVE Catholic Fellowship for Women is meeting on **Saturday 13 April at 2pm** in the Church at 2pm for Praise and Worship and the Stations of the Cross followed by fellowship in the Hall. We look forward to seeing you in the church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. Contact Mary 03 5410770. For more information. www.dove.org.nz

TAIZE New Season Taize Hour will be open this year on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30pm in St Francis of Assisi Chapel, Stoke. We come together for silent prayer, Taize music and verse in a candlelit chapel. Come and rest awhile. Contact ~ Diane 547 3356