

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
Hamper Mass today, morning tea to follow in Parish Centre. Everyone welcome. Please come along for a bit of time out before the crazy season takes over. A huge thanks from St Vincent de Paul for your generosity. A special mention of all the fantastic, willing box-covering folk. A very big task and so well done.

NATIVITY PLAY – if your children or grandchildren would like to take part in this celebration at the 6.30pm Mass on 24 Dec please contact Jacqui Cleary at cleary.nz@xtra.co.nz or on 544 1535.

GARIN COLLEGE PRIZEGIVING – The list of prize winners is on the noticeboard in the foyer. We congratulate them all.



PFG The groups have been very social recently with a lunch of "Pizza Oven Delights"; a "Second Chance" Pot Luck Dinner and a well-attended Morning Tea

after Mass.
Don't forget the Parish Fete to look forward to on 4 January. The year of 2019 will see groups being set up in Motueka and the possibility of another in Richmond.



FIRST COMMUNION – was celebrated by Fr Seph on 25 November for 16 of our children. We welcome them into the full life of the Church and keep them and their families in our prayers.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. Irene Sarah Birkett. May they rest in peace.

There will be no late notices accepted after midnight Wednesday 19th December 2018

as our printers will be closing early for Christmas break

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 22nd December)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am

* 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

9th December 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Paul 1:3-6. 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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

Next Sunday readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Dear Parishioners
It was president John F. Kennedy who said, "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." President Kennedy's words reminded the American people of his time that best way to improve their world, the state of their society, was everyone's responsibility. As I reflect on the year that has been, I am immensely proud and grateful to everyone for their commitment and generosity in drawing us together as a parish community. A lot of work has been done by so many. I have particularly appreciated the work our leadership groups have done in coming together within our new parish structure. Their energy and enthusiasm enabled the pastoral planning process to be completed, and now sets the stage for our future. That future, the fruit of everyone's contribution, makes the pastoral plan less a formal document, and more an invitation to each of

you, to consider how you would like to be involved in our parish.

To coincide with the introduction of the pastoral plan I have renewed the Parish Council. We welcome Rebecca Pearse from St Joseph's, Wakefield, and Cynthia Sampson from Takaka, along with Jim McGuire from Motueka, Trish Noble from Waimea West and Adrienne Hill from Richmond, who is the new chairperson. I also welcome new members to the Finance Committee. Todd McCashin, who will be the new chairperson, along with David Ching from Wakefield, who will be commencing early next year.

On behalf of Fr. Andrew and myself, I offer my appreciation to all the members of the leadership groups for the very kind and generous ways they have given the gifts of their time, talents and treasure as stewards serving in our communities.

God Bless, Fr. Seph

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St Vincent de Paul

Motueka: 03 540 2824

Richmond: 03 544 0893

Takaka: 03 525 9809

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday 24 Vigil Mass

Richmond 6.15pm carols & 6.30pm Mass

Motueka 6pm Mass

Tuesday 25 Christmas Mass

Wakefield 8am Richmond 9.30am

Motueka 9.30am Takaka 5pm

CARDINAL'S CARE APPEAL - Information and envelopes are now available at all churches for this year's appeal. Cardinal John has asked that Parishes generously support this appeal again this year. As well as using the money to welcome and resettle refugees into our communities, it will also be used to provide food, housing and counselling support to men, women and children who need our support.

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)

ADVENT – RITE II RECONCILIATION: Everyone is warmly invited to join in the sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent in our region. This is being hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Richmond on **Thursday 13th December at 7:00pm**. This will be a community Rite II with the priests of our region present. Also, St. Peter Chanel community (Motueka) reconciliation will be held on **Tuesday 11th December at 7:00pm**.

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 weekends), 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.**

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to help prepare and serve **Christmas dinner** to be held on Christmas Day for people who are in need of company and a special meal on this Day. It is held in the Richmond School Hall. Our Mayor will be there to welcome people and to say Grace. Interested in helping? Opportunities with the set up & serving and then the break down on Boxing Day. **Contact:** Vicki Spiers karlin.vicki@gmail.com

PEOPLE WHO ATTEND THE LUNCH It is a ticketed and free event, tickets are available at Age Concern, Holy Trinity Church Office and the Richmond Mall Information Desk. People must have a ticket to attend & for numbers. Bless you, Vicki.

LAUDATO SI' **Things you can do to look after our common home.** Think about the difference between "want" and "need". Too much "want" in our lifestyle is forcing too many on our planet to miss out on what they "need". Think more deeply about what you "want" and determine if you really "need" it.

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS? – Kiwi Christmas \$20 and Veil Over The Light \$30, both by Joy Cowley, There Is A Time For... edited by James Lyons \$25 and The History & Heritage of Richmond Catholic Parish 1855 – 2000 \$25. 1 copy of each available. Either view in the OLPH foyer and order through Karen Moynagh or contact her on 544 0551.

ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL NELSON The Cathedral is looking amazing for the **Festival of Christmas Trees**. It is open 9am – 6pm every day. Our Lady of Perpetual Help have put up an angel tree. It is number 10.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

MOTUEKA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER (open to residents of Mapua, Motueka, Riwaka) -- A free Christmas dinner will be celebrated on Christmas Day 25 Dec and everyone in the community is welcome. Time: 11:30AM - 2:00PM
Venue: Motueka Memorial Hall, Pah Street. Register in person at Community House in Decks Reserve OR at The Salvation Army Family Store OR by phone Trindi: 021 728 035 OR Peter 03 528-5089 OR email Christmas@tourismdevelopment.co.nz

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available from St Vincent de Paul, in the foyer. \$2.50 per pack of 5. Please put money in envelope provided and put through slot in donations box. Thank you.

SINGLE BED WANTED Does anyone have a spare single bed I can borrow from Dec 18th until 10th Jan? (Not a foldaway of Camp stretcher) Please contact Angie Lucas 0320 220 3196. Thanks.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed whose anniversaries occur this week. (12) Hector Lawson, Terri Carney (13) Amalia Fon. May they rest in peace.

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.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

Sunday Dec 9 - after 5pm Mass · Community dinner at Pohara Boat Club.

Tuesday, Dec 25 - 5pm Christmas Mass: We would like to continue the tradition of the past years to give small presents to the Mass attendants on Christmas Day. These gifts can be hand or homemade (e.g. jam). The gift giving is aimed at showing visitors the value of handmade, local, environmentally friendly (biodegradable)

gifts that are a symbol of caring thought, loving action, inclusiveness and a means of practicing generosity. It is aimed at showing alternatives to traditional commercial gifts and at bringing back the original spirit of Christmas: inclusive love. If you could support this gesture of Christian love and bring a (or more) little something wrapped up and place them in the basket provided in the front of church during Advent, it would be very much appreciated. THANK YOU!