



Enabling Communities:

EVERYONE HAS A PART TO PLAY

Social Justice Week : This year, the 9th to the 15th of September, we focus on disability and participation. How can we encourage more enabling communities, affirming that everyone has a part to play in our society?

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 35 William St, Richmond

MASS CARDS A new supply Mass Cards (\$1.80 each) is available in foyer in Richmond.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS We are a group for those who wish to pray for their families. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.45 to 11.30am. Meeting dates for September - 6th & 20th. Please come and join us. Enquiries to Erin 544 0481 / 021 170 8406.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed anniversaries which are accrued in this week. William Joseph McKenzie, Athol Smith, Ann Patricia Hahn, Miep Therese van Zoelen, Mary Isabel Crombie & Gordon Coman. May they rest in peace.

WANTED Board for young woman from Kerala India for 8 weeks who is a nurse and has a placement at Oakwood. Contact Judy McLnerney 5486253.

SACRED HEART 94 Commercial Street, Takaka

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers our community members: Aelis Pothin and Peter Woods.

Newsletter deadline Thursdays 10.30am. 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 September)
St Joseph, Wakefield	Sun 8am / Thurs 9.30am
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Sun 4pm (during Winter)

* 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

9th September 2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Next Sunday readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Jesus, heal us

In today's Gospel story from Mark we gain a real sense of how words travel. The people have gathered to see and hear Jesus and his healing of the deaf man is a further confirmation for them that the messianic age has dawned. They were witnessing for themselves the divine healing that had been foretold in Isaiah.

Following his healing words and actions, Jesus commands the people to tell no one about the miracle that they had witnessed. But they are overwhelmed by the healing that has taken place and they ignore the

command of Jesus, spreading the news of what they have seen.

Like the people in the Gospel story we too are often keen to be the bearer of a story that would be best left untold.

In our everyday living we can choose to listen with wisdom and speak for the betterment of others, or we can choose to speak with unkind words.

Let us always be open to God's all-encompassing love and choose to listen and speak with goodness in our hearts.

- Maureen Phillips

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EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP Join us each Monday evening for Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All welcome. 7pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 043837769.

TAIZE PRAYER Join us for an hour of meditative singing – simple songs typically featuring a line or two from the Psalms. A kind of lectio divina in music, reading and spoken prayer along with periods of silence. First Friday of every month, September 7th, 7pm – 8pm, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7769.

'LIVING THE SPLENDOR OF TRUTH' International pro-life, pro-family conference: 5-7th October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School. Early bird rates apply only for a short time. Register now at www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 or phone 09 629 4361.

NZ CATHOLIC The Sept. 9 – 22 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Cardinal Dew in Ireland. Forgiveness is essential, Francis tells families. Involving God in our significant life decisions. Catholic 1st XV's take out premierships. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on September 23.

REMINDERS & EVENTS AROUND OUR PARISH

Fr's Andrew, Bill and Seph will be away from their parishes during the week Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th attending National Assembly of Diocesan Clergy in Christchurch. For any urgent pastoral matters please contact Govanie Leones (vanibugs@yahoo.com or mobile: 0221095821)

LAUDATO SI' - Things you can do to cherish our planet and each other. Pope Francis says that holiness involves finding balance in prayer time, enjoying each others company and dedicating time to serving others in ways large or small.

TAIZE HOUR Tuesday 11 September at 7.30pm in the Chapel at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke. All welcome. Come and join us for an hour of quiet personal prayer with Taize hymns and verse, in candlelight. Contact ~ Diane Renwick 5473356.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS This year we are trying

something new. There will be a different theme each month up to December. Until the end of September, the items for this period are Personal Bathroom and Laundry eg Shampoo, Soap, Body Wash, Soap Powder, Dish Detergent and so on. The theme will change for October with a notice in the newsletter on 30th September. We really appreciate your help, if you are able to contribute any of these items. Please place as usual in St Vincent de Paul basket in the foyer.

Seventh Heaven Family Group Tour de Stoke at **1.30 pm on Sunday 30 September 2018**. Meet in the carpark of the Stoke Memorial Hall for a walk around Stoke. It should take about 1 1/2 hours. It is easy flat walk with no obstacles. Refreshments to follow at McCashin's.

THE CELTIC PROMISE OF SPRING All welcome to a community day with the Christian Meditation community and Rev. Dr.

Hilary Oxford Smith, writer, poet, theologian, and retreat giver, whose faith and creativity is grounded in Celtic Christian spirituality. If you are interested please join us for our day of reflection. **Saturday, September 22nd,**

10am – 3pm. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Contact: Mary Kroch: 03) 545 6525; Marie Shepherd: 03) 538 0128; 027 865 8032. **Koha** appreciated.

ST PETER CHANEL 423 High St, Motueka

ADULT LEARNING SUPPORT Motueka Work Fit course running 2nd October to 6th December on Tues, Weds & Thurs 10am—2pm. Bernadette P: (03) 548 3041 E: bernadette@adultlearning.co.nz W: www.adultlearning.co.nz

ANOINTING MASS will be held on the first Thursday of every month at the St Peter Chanel Church Chapel during 9.30am weekday mass. Everyone welcome. Next anointing mass is at 9.30am on 4th of October.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely, sick and infirmed of our community, especially Bryan Hamilton, Trish Hall, Bill Nugent, Barbara Janson, Nancy Courtney, Tom Inglis, Malcolm Garrett, Muriel Jackson and Therese Dunnill.

PLEASE REMEMBER our faithful departed anniversaries which are accrued in this week. (09) Athol James Smith, Sir Patrick Goodman (10) Terry Holgarth, Gary McDonald (14) San Strong. May they rest in peace.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP Wednesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm in the St. Peter Chanel Church. Everyone welcome. Enquiries phone 5284147.

HOLY COMMUNION OF THE SICK Sharing Eucharist with those in our church community who are sick or housebound. Let Father Andrew (ph. 0221 022 011) know and he will visit your friend or family member and then set up regular visits with Eucharistic Ministers.

MINISTRY RENEWAL WORKSHOPS Over the next few months the liturgy committee will be running a series of Ministry Renewal Workshops. We are starting with Minister of the Word(Readers) on Sunday 16 September after 9.30 mass. We hope as many existing readers as possible can be there, and we would welcome any one who would like to take up this ministry.

Making Things Right – The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children– continued...

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a new beginning for us. God's love and peace give us strength to help us make good choices. With God's help we can grow in love. Growing in love isn't always easy. Even though we try hard to do the right thing, sometimes we make wrong choices. We may need to say sorry and try to make things right over and over again. But no matter how many times we are like a sheep that wanders away, God is always ready to find us and bring us back home. God gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our whole life. We never get too old for God' love and peace. Anytime we need God's help to make things right again, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is there for us. It brings us the peace that comes from God and the love we need to begin again. *Thank you, God!*