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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

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Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15; Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12; Like 13: 1-9

MASS TIME

Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA Saturday vigil 5.00pm,
Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD N/A

WAIMEA WEST N/A

TAKAKA Sunday 5.00pm

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA Tuesday and Thursday
9.30am

RICHMOND Wednesday and Friday
9.30am

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

“Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”

In today's world we are very familiar with the concept of mindfulness. For me, this verse is a personal call to mindfulness, a reminder to pause and recognise that we are always in God's presence. It is also the verse that has, for me, prompted a small ritual. Each day when I arrive at school I pause and acknowledge that this place is indeed holy ground and a place of mission.

When running a workshop for a group of principals in Wellington, I spoke of our privilege and shared this small ritual. Following the workshop, one of the principals created a physical reminder at her school gate by painting a set of footprints. She spoke about the symbolism with the children at her school and two days later she looked out the window and observed a young child taking his shoes off and placing his feet on the footprints. He closed his eyes, prayed and then entered the school grounds. Imagine if we all had the faith of this child.

I recognise that entering school grounds each day prompts a feeling of gift rather than challenge recognising that 330 wonderful children join us each day. However, often our missionary work can feel daunting and I am sure we would all recognise the demanding situations within our world at present that are calling many to mission. In these situations the symbolism of removing sandals from our feet can prompt the sense of vulnerability and a deeper need for the awareness of 'God with us'. The burning bush recognises this fear.

Made in the image of God, we are aware of our call to mission whether this brings joy or challenge. Today we are reminded that God is with us through all and that mission territory is holy territory.

Ngā mihi nui
Maureen Phillips
Principal - Saint Paul's School

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QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS

In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no generous effort will ever be lost.

UKRAINE

Most of you will by now have seen the images on television of Russian soldiers invading Ukraine. The Lent Appeal funds can be used where the need is greatest. So in the event of the emergency in Ukraine Caritas was immediately able to provide \$10,000 for humanitarian aid to its sister organizations in Ukraine to support the most vulnerable affected by war. Caritas has been working amid conflict in eastern Ukraine since April 2014, helping nearly 826,500 affected people.

The invasion will dramatically worsen humanitarian need, displacing people from their homes, disrupting essential public services including water, power, transport and banking, and damaging vital infrastructure and homes.

If you specifically wish to donate to the work in Ukraine donations supporting the international Caritas effort can be made at www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online. Go to "Donate Now" at right corner and select "Emergency Fund" and in the secure payment area please reference "Ukraine".

THE CATHOLIC CENTRE on Hill St in Wellington has had to close while inspections are carried out on its structure. This means that those people working there as part of ADW are currently working from other venues. This also includes the staff from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, the NZ Catholic Education Office, Caritas and the Catholic Foundation. Please bear with them if their response times are delayed at this time.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Stations of the Cross

will be held at the church each Friday at 7pm from 4 March to 8 April. If you would like to spend time reflecting on Christ's last day please join us. All are welcome with a maximum of 25 each evening.



Reconciliation during Lent

Please be advised the current practice of reconciliation prior to weekday masses and by appointment is available to all parishioners during Lent.



Planned Giving

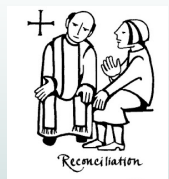
The planned giving envelopes for next year are available for collection from the church foyer from this weekend onwards

Scripture Group Time Changes, As from Friday , 18 March, the Scripture Grope sessions will run from 10:30 am to 11:30 am

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

A **DORATION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT** will be held every Thursday from 9am to 9.30am and then followed by Holy Mass.

R **econciliation** Come and experience the healing and loving power of Jesus through this wonderful sacrament. Apart from making an appointment to meet with Fr Paul for reconciliation, we are trialing a permanent time on Saturdays at 4.15 before the 5pm Mass. Fr Paul is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our chapel every Saturday 4.15 to 4.45pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Once again, we will be following Jesus from his agony in the garden to his unimaginable suffering and death on the Cross. Every Friday in Lent 7 pm in our church. It takes about 30 mins and is a very special time of preparation for Holy Week.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely and sick in our community.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Our local RSE (Recognised Seasonal Employee) from Pacific Islands workers are in desperate need of quite a lot. One of our local coordinators: Charlene Williams has given me a list of what they need ASAP. Can you please look in your cupboards n drawers and see if you can help out these wonderful workers. Please leave in boxes in our church foyer and I'll arrange for Carlene to pick them up. For Richmond you can leave them in front of the foyer after the church, someone will arrange to take them to Motueka.

BEDDING: Single fitted sheets, single duvets n covers, underblankets, blankets, rugs, pillows n pillow slips (desperate need)

KITCHEN: Frypans, rice cookers, electric frypans, microwaves, electric jugs

UTENSILS: (fish slices, flat slotted) n anything else, wooden spoons, teatowels, hand towels, oven mitts

BATHROOM : Towels, facecloths, thick bathmats

OUTDOOR: BBQ tables, chairs, bikes

GYM EQUIPMENT, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: guitars n ukulele

SACRISTANS

These are the folks who are in charge of the Sacristy and it's contents. They prepare Holy Eucharist for the celebration of Mass, setting up the church, cleaning the holy materials after Mass, assisting the altar servers. We are hoping to have extra SACRISTANS and we need FOUR VOLUNTEERS. If you think this would be something you would be able to help out with, please contact Father Paul.

Farewell - Janet Price was farewelled with a Requiem Mass on Friday 11th. Janet had celebrated her 90th birthday . She



was a kind, friendly, independent woman. Well recognized in her little green car.. She managed illness with courage. We remember Janet as a woman of prayer. She was a Benedictine Oblate in the World Community of Christian Meditation.. She led a Meditation Group in motueka for many years. She companioned others with wisdom and wit. Family was very important to Janet and she loved well and we offer our condolences to all her family and those who will miss her. RIP Janet

MOTUEKA ST VINCENT DE PAUL IS LOOKING FOR EXTRA HELP

- ◆ People who can use a computer and can give 1 to 2 hours a month to input information into our computer. We work from Community House twice a week, seeing people face to face in need of extra support. At the moment, we are working from home by phone, this is a great time to learn the computer system while working with one of our current members from their home or yours. Please contact Cherie on 021 466554 to find out how you can help.
- ◆ We give away loads of emergency firewood to people in need. We work on this throughout the year and from now on deliver it to our clients. We need people who can handle a chainsaw, even better if you have your own. But we also need people who are happy to load wood on and off a trailer. This is an awesome hands-on job with great comradery. If this sounds like you contact Kevin on 022 540 2300.

