



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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jeremiah 38: 4 – 6, 8 – 10; Hebrews 12: 1 – 4; Luke 12: 49 – 53

### MASS TIME Sunday Mass

#### MOTUEKA

Saturday vigil 5.00pm,

Sunday 9.30am

#### RICHMOND

Sunday 9.30am

#### WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 1,2,3 Sat each month

#### WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Sat each month

#### TAKAKA

Sunday 4.00pm

### Weekdays Mass

#### MOTUEKA

Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am

#### RICHMOND

Wednesday and Friday 9.30am

### CONTACT

#### Priests

Fr Sefh Pijfers

Parish Priest, Richmond

Fr Paul Finlayson

Assistant Priest, Motueka

#### Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours:** 9.00 am to 2 pm,

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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**Deadline Wednesday Noon**

### Following Jesus is not a soft option!

In our Gospel today, Jesus says he came to kindle a fire upon the earth.

'I came, not to bring peace, but rather division'.

The idea that Jesus came to earth to bring division seems contrary to his message of peace. However, we do know that Jesus is totally involved in his mission to save us so the deeper understanding behind this message is worth exploring. Fire is the image Jesus uses to speak of this great desire in his heart. Not everyone would receive his message and therefore it would bring division at a deep level in many relationships.

Like Jesus, Martin Luther King was also known to be a man of peace. Yet with his call for an end to discrimination against black people, he created more turmoil in American than anyone else of his generation.

We too typically prefer peace and avoid confrontation, actively seeking harmony and respect in our relationships. However, I am sure that there are few of us sitting in the pews on Sundays, who have not experienced a challenge from non believers. Sometimes, the division is with family members, the people who are closest to us. In these moments we are called to remain deeply united to Jesus and to allow the fire of God's love to burn within our hearts.

Following the Lord and walking in his way is not meant to be an easy path. We know that Jesus suffered because the fire of God's love was burning so powerfully within him.

We pray therefore, that the fire of the same Spirit will always be at work in our lives helping us to remain faithful and courageous in our following of the Lord in word and in deed.



Ngā mihi nui

Maureen Phillips

Principal - Saint Paul's School

## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

### Quote from Pope Francis: Laudato Si'

We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it

### Planned Giving

Thank you to all those who joined the parish Planned Giving after Fr Seph and Angela spoke at the Richmond mass on Sunday 31 July. If you would like to join the parish planned giving please contact Gerard Cronin (phone: 528 8899 extn 5 or email: [finance@parish.org.nz](mailto:finance@parish.org.nz)) A tax receipt will be issued for any donations greater than \$5.00.

### Special Collection for August

Sunday 28th August – Maori Pastoral Care  
Donations can be made online (note that it is for Maori Pastoral Care) or in the brown special envelopes.



### Holy Cross Seminary Seeking Office Manager

Holy Cross Seminary based in Ponsonby, Auckland is looking for an experienced Office Manager to be an integral part of our team. This is a full-time permanent role, although possible part-time candidates could be considered (30 hrs minimum). This would suit someone who enjoys a varied role and building strong relationships in a collegial community.

Applications to [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz) by 22 August. More details available at

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58017032>



The Catholic Foundation Scholarships for students entering their first year of tertiary education opened on 01 August – the application and criteria are available on our website.

Also – for the information of the Parish, the Foundation has 4 x \$10,000 grants available for Parish projects. Similarly, the application and criteria are available on our website, further information or clarification is available from the Secretary – details below.

**Kathy Whelan**, Secretary, Catholic Foundation, PO Box 1937, Wellington. Phone : 04 496 1721

Visit our new website : [www.catholicfoundation.org.nz](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.nz)



"ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, ALFRED TONG". We have been delighted to hear that Alfred (OLOB Seminarian in 2020) will be ordained in Upper Hutt at 11am on Saturday 24 September. Fr Seph will be a co-concelebrant. Alfred has offered an invitation to anyone wishing to attend from our Parish. We have also asked him to advise whether the ordination will be live streamed. If you are interested in attending in person please advise Adrienne Hill on 021 526404 or [howard\\_adrienne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz) We are also working with Alfred to confirm a date for him to join us at OLPH to celebrate mass as soon as is practicable after his ordination."

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

"We Welcome Fr Pat Moloney on Sunday as he celebrates Mass with us in the absence of Fr Seph. We are blessed that he has expressed the wish to be with us whenever practicable. Please continue to keep Fr Pat in your prayers.

**Richmond Christian Meditation** will meet on every Monday at 7.30pm in first room in our hall .  
You are most welcome to come and meditate with us.

Come and Join the **Dove Catholic Fellowship** for Women on Saturday 13 August at 2pm. We meet in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. All women are welcome to join us. This month our topic will be "Praying with each other". Join us for Praise and Worship and chat. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact Mary 021 174 9383 for more information. [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

**MOTHERS PRAYERS** - We are a small parish group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the third Thursday of each month from 10.45 - 11.30am. Our next meeting is this Thursday, 18th August.

For more information please phone Anne 544 7883 / 027 5447883 or Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523 948

**Intercessory Prayer Ministry:** Jean Hallinan has kindly joined me in managing the Prayer Network. We will carry-on the great work Joan O'Neil did over the years until her recent death. I know she will be joining her prayers to ours. If you have Prayer Requests or would like to join our Team of about 40 prayerful people, please contact: Marie Stephens 544 7100 [grayma@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grayma@xtra.co.nz) or Jean Hallinan 544 7105 [j.hallinan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.hallinan@xtra.co.nz)

**The Richmond Church building will be unavailable** for 3 days from Monday 15th August until Wednesday 17th August due to carpet laying operations. The Wednesday Liturgy of the Word with Communion service is therefore cancelled but the Friday one will take place at the usual time. Many thanks for your cooperation

My 13 year old son Thomas Young who is part of the Richmond parish is Shaving his head to raise money for child cancer. He will be shaving his head on Sunday and would love the support from parish members.  
The link is: [shaveforacure.co.nz/thomas-young](http://shaveforacure.co.nz/thomas-young)  
Any donations go straight to those in their struggle against blood cancer.

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Will be held every Thursday from 9am to 9.30am and then followed by Holy Mass.

**Reconciliation** 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. Fr Paul is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our chapel every Saturday 4.15 to 4.45pm.



Please pray for the elderly, lonely and sick in our community.