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OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

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Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apocalypse 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

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, 4th Sat each month

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

Jesus appears to the Disciples

In our Gospel reading today it tells us how Jesus commissioned Peter. Perhaps, Peter needed special encouragement after his denial. Peter may have felt completely worthless as we see in verses 1 - 14 where Jesus has his conversation with Peter. In the beach scene, Jesus led Peter through an experience that would remove the cloud of his denial. Peter had disowned Jesus three times. Three times Jesus had asked Peter if he loved him. When Peter answered Yes, Jesus told him to feed his sheep. It is one thing to say you love Jesus, but the real test is the willingness to serve him. Peter had repented, and here Jesus was asking him to commit his life. Peter's life changed when he finally realised who Jesus was. His occupation changed from fisherman to evangelist. In this moment his relationship to Jesus changed too. Peter was forgiven, and he finally understood the significance of Jesus' words about his death and resurrection.

In verses 15 - 17 Jesus asks Peter three times if he loved him. The first time Jesus said "Do you truly love me more than these" (self sacrificial love). The second time, Jesus focused on Peter alone and still used the word translated into Greek agape. The third time, Jesus used the word translated into Greek phileo (signifying brotherly love) and asked, in effect, "Are you even my friend?". Each time Peter responded with the word translated into Greek, Phileo. Jesus in this moment did not settle for quick superficial answers. Jesus has a way of getting to the heart of the matter. Peter had to face his true feelings and motives when Jesus confronted him.

How would you respond if Jesus asked you "Do you truly love me? Do you really love me? Are you even my friend?"

Nga Mihi,

Jeremy Cumming



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

"Laudato Si": On the back page you will find the next installment in our series looking at the encyclical from Pope Francis. Please take time to read over it. Our thanks once again to Joanna Santa Barbara and Hemon Dey."

TAX RECEIPT the annual donation receipts will be available to be picked up after the Sunday masses this weekend.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women look forward to meeting with you again on 14th May at 2pm in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. All women are welcome to join us. Masks optional. Come and join us for Praise and Worship. As it is May we are exploring "Mary's Humanity". We look forward to seeing you there. Contact Mary 021 174 9383 for more information. www.dove.org.nz

Family Mass will be taking place on Sunday 15th May at 9.30am.

John Phillips, the music teacher at St Paul's, will be leading the music for the mass, accompanied by our leadership choir and Roseanne Fletcher, teacher from Takaha class. If your child would like to take part in the mass (reading, prayer, greeting) please email lucy.newberry@hotmail.co.uk

There will be a shared morning tea afterwards and all being well with the weather some outdoor games for the children.

We welcome all children and families and just a reminder that the family masses are the third Sunday of every month.

We hope to see you there.



PRAY THE ROSARY Pope Francis urges us to pray the rosary for peace and the welfare of our world. The Rosary is prayed after weekday Masses Wednesday and Friday led by Maureen Sharland. Please join the group by Our Lady's statue.

World Day of Prayer

This was delayed from March due to Covid restrictions. New date is Friday 6th May, 10am at Holy Trinity Anglican Church. All are welcome

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION this Thursday 5th May 10 to 5pm. May is month of Rosary. Pray it during your Adoration visit.



Farewell

Brain Stephens was farewelled at a Requiem Mass on Thursday. Brain has been a very faithful parishioner with us for around 50 years. He was a man of prayer and we are grateful for the many roles he was active in over his life. The choir, new parishioners, evangelization,

RICA and social activities to name a few. Brian experienced ill health in recent years but until recently was attending Mass. Marie cared for him so well and hand in hand they would come down the aisle on Sunday.

We offer our sympathy to Marie and their children and grandchildren.

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, we are trialing a permanent time on Saturday at 4.15 before the 5pm Mass. Fr Paul is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our chapel every Saturday.



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

During the month of May (and again in Oct) the wall hanging of Our Lady on the East wall of St Peter Chanel church Motueka, is to remind us of the visions and messages given by Our Lady to the three young children of Fatima. These occurred between May 1917 and Oct 1917.



ST JOSEPH'S WAKEFIELD

On 7th May St Joseph's will celebrate Mass coinciding with the first Mass being said there on May 7th 1870. After Mass the long-awaited launch of the St Joseph's Catholic Church Wakefield 150th Anniversary book will take place followed by a cup of tea. All welcome.

STS PETER & PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

Working Bee on Saturday 7 May, 9am -12pm

Morning tea served about 10.30

If it's wet weather we'll do what we can; if we have to retreat inside, it becomes a church clean up.....bring appropriate tools for the weather.



Laudato Si' 2

**Our Lady of the Bays Bulletin, Laudato Si', 2nd article.
The Cry of the Poor, 350 words.**

In the encyclical Laudato si' Pope Francis, after calling our attention to the damage we are doing to our Sister Earth, points out that "the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet" and that these are "the majority of the planet's population, billions of people." We "must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

Pope Francis deplors our tendency to ignore these matters as "an attempt to legitimize the present model of distribution, where a minority believes that it has the right to consume in a way which can never be universalized, since the planet could not even contain the waste products of such consumption."

That's us he is talking about. We New Zealanders are part of that global minority of high consumers, the sixth highest in the world, in fact. Every one of us pumps the equivalent of 17 tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year on average. Every person on Vanuatu averages about 3 tonnes. "The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world," points out Pope Francis. Put simply, this isn't fair.

The solution may be shocking, but it's hard to contest. Except for those in our own society who don't have enough, most of us must consume less - less fossil fuel, less clothing, less meat and dairy, less electric and electronic appliances, less air travel, less luxury in general. We thought hard about how to frame this message in a more palatable way, but Laudato si' doesn't beat about the bush.

What you can do at home: Consider how to consume less.

What you can do in the world: Pope Francis again: Advocate "assisting poorer countries to support policies and programmes of sustainable development," perhaps with a special focus on our Pacific neighbours.

By Hemon Dey from St. Peter Chanel, Motueka and Joanna Santa Barbara from the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum, a group explicitly dedicated to weaving our communities together for urgent climate action. We welcome suggestions inspired by your reading of Laudato Si', or from your life practice of its principles.

Hyperlink to Laudato Si' <https://tinyurl.com/4jp8b6sf>. Hyperlink to Nelson Tasman Climate Forum <https://tinyurl.com/yfhhsce>



Fran Peacey, aged 85, parishioner of St. Peter Chanel in Motueka, cycles almost anywhere she needs to go. She carries groceries in her pannier and enjoys the beautiful cycle/walking trails nearby.