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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

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Daniel 7: 13-14; Apocalypse 1: 5-8; John 18: 33-37

MASS TIME

Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA Saturday vigil 5.00pm,
Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD No Masses until further
notice

WAIMEA WEST Saturday, 27th
November 2021 5.00 pm

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

“**T**he reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth”

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Kings and with it the culmination of the liturgical year.

It is interesting to imagine the scene set in today's Gospel story. We hear of the encounter between Pilate and Jesus. We imagine Jesus, a Jew, who lives a life of simplicity and who, on this day, is a battered and bruised prisoner following his overnight ordeal. Pilate, a formidable figure, robed in the manner of a governor of one of the most powerful empires of the time would have been a very intimidating figure.

So, what was it about the presence of Jesus that caused Pilate to question whether he was indeed the King of the Jews? And how was it that Jesus, far from being intimidated, was able to speak his truth with such calm assurance? From the scripture stories we hear, that Jesus' kingship was recognisable by the many people he spent time with. Equally, people could see that following his commandments would lead to a joy filled life and for eternity, a place beside him. So as we imagine this significant moment in history and ponder what it means for each of us today as we celebrate the King of Kings, perhaps we can take time to more fully entrust ourselves to loving and following Jesus and being obedient to his word, knowing that this will lead to fullness of life in this world and in eternity.

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

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The Governance Structure of Our Lady of the Bays Parish

The Parish has a functioning governance structure that is based around a

1. Parish Finance Committee and
2. Parish Pastoral Council.

Each of these groups has robust detailed Terms of Reference. We will continue to fulfil all our legal and administrative requirements, support all our Committees, manage our budgets and upkeep our facilities as finances allow.

We will continue to implement the protocols and norms which we are governed by.

1. The Parish Finance Committee (PFC)

In the next year the PFC will

look into ways to increase our giving including adopting some of the recommendations made by external fundraisers, for example, our Parish Priest leading these conversations at mass which may include promoting and encouraging donations, charitable gifts, bequests, philanthropy.

In the next 3 years the PFC will ...

Ensure Parish finances are transparent and understandable with regular Financial Summaries and commentary in the Parish Newsletter.

Have a list of suggested donations for funeral, wedding etc as well as cemetery plot cost which is regularly updated.

Make progress on the future building and amalgamation issues facing our Parish. Prioritise building and maintenance requirements aligned to the property review through our leadership groups.

Manage and plan for the reality of future property/maintenance costs alongside the implications of the change the church is going through.

Angela Francis – Chair of Parish Financial Committee

2. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

In the next year the PPC will...

Continue to oversee improvements to the Parish database (Infoodle,) to help ensure improved communication links to all parishioners, but especially with those of our parishioners who live alone and/or do not have internet access, and may need extra support during times of emergency.

Focus on the spiritual needs/resources for all in our parish communities who face the challenges of change

and the uncertainty that brings.

Assist communities, where needed, to have the resources and guidance required as the Parish works through the 2021 – 2023 Synod reflections.

In the next 3 years the PPC will...

Continue to support, guide and nurture each of our community groups, in consultation with them, as the structure of the Parish changes in line with the changes in the physical resources of the Parish.

Work with neighbouring Parishes to ensure that the best use is made of the resources of all.

As the outcomes of the Global Synod are released, work with parishioners to move the local Church toward its mission.

Adrienne Hill – Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council

Quote from Pope Francis This is what is asked of us: to be, amid the ruins of the everyday world, tireless builders of hope; to be light as the sun grows dark, to be loving witnesses of compassion amid widespread disinterest; to be an attentive presence amid growing indifference.

WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY 15 NOV the newsletter will be produced from the Parish office, by our new Parish Administrator, Era. **The deadline for notices to ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com is midday each Wednesday.** As Era is in the office 9am to 2pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday only, it is essential that this deadline is adhered to for all notices as she will compile most of it on Wednesday afternoon.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS – six-minute daily reflections based on the Sunday Gospels during Advent. Available in church foyers \$7.50 each

The 2021 version of our Pastoral Plan is available on our website for comment. This document is shorter and simpler than the 2018 version and emphasizes what we are doing well already as well as some suggestions for improvement. Input has been requested from all the leadership teams in the Parish and their feedback has been included.

You are invited to make comments on the document as well as point out any omissions or corrections. All comments are to be sent to mhca53@xtra.co.nz before Friday 10 December when the final document will be finalised. Thank you.

OLPH GARDEN The vegetable garden is located behind the fence to the south of the Presbytery, (there is a gate at the right hand end of the fence.) The garden is

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organized by Louise Francis but she would like some help with watering and tying up plants during the summer. Many hands for short periods of time will help the garden flourish. If you would like to be involved and can spare some time please contact Maria Archer on 027 642 1953.

SVdP Christmas Hampers

This year, due to Covid restrictions, the Society has not been able to gather and pack goods for Christmas hampers. In place of the food hampers, we are presenting redeemable food vouchers to families in need of assistance at Christmas. While not requiring the normal donations of goods for hampers, a collection box is in the Church foyer for items that parishioners may wish to donate including non-perishable food, small gifts, product or shop vouchers to be included as 'extras' in the voucher packs. Thank you for your assistance.

Richmond Church Grounds Working Bee. Next Saturday, 27th November, starting at 9am. Please bring garden tools, pruners, hard brooms etc and protective clothing, sunscreen etc. Also some trailers for removing the green waste if possible. Many thanks"

We welcome those who have recently signed up to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It is an unusual time to be finding your way in a different church community. Sorry no after mass morning tea currently.

Peter and Heather Phillips have come from Blenheim and live at Somerset Richmond Ranges. Karen Mansfield from Auckland also now lives there. Karen Thelin is in Richmond. Lorraine McArthur and her husband John are from Wellington and have moved into their new home in Mapua. Kelvin Young and his sons, Thomas and Hunter live in Hoult Valley. Jan de Courcy has joined us too. Penny Colombatti from Nelson has moved nearer to us. We hope you feel welcome even as we keep distance and wear masks. We are glad to have you with us. If anyone else is new please fill in a New Parishioner Form, found on noticeboard in foyer.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available after the weekday Masses (Wednesday and Friday) or by appointment with Fr Seph.

Richmond Leadership Team

The RLT had their meeting last week and discussed, amongst other things, the 2021-2023 worldwide Synod, Covid planning, contacting our lonely and vulnerable parishioners, the change of staff in our office and planning for Christmas. The full minutes are on the notice Board.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

Middle aged gentleman seeks long term accommodation for himself and a quiet natured dog in Richmond Waimea area. Phone Kelvin 021 0906 4940. Thank you

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT 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 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the elderly, lonely and sick in our community. Peter Goodman, Bryan Hamilton, Maureen Fon, Marie Douglas, Ron Sharp, Shirley Cooper and John Clifford.

ALTAR AT ST PETER CHANEL MOTUEKA

I am researching the origins of the altar, made for purpose, for use by Pope John Paul II to celebrate Eucharist at Lancaster Park, Christchurch on 23 November 1986.

During 1988 Fr Jim Davis, Parish Priest Motueka, purchased this altar which at the time was being held in storage in Christchurch.

Fr Jim Davis has told me that asked 2 parishioners to travel to Christchurch to bring the altar to Motueka.

Jim has given me a name, but unfortunately this person has no knowledge of the request.

After many phone calls to parishioners of the day, 1980's, I have not been able to solve this mystery.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

If so, please contact Kevin Courtney on 027 320 0530.

SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

World Day of the Poor: A box is in the hall/church foyer until the end of this month for donations to the Golden Bay food bank at Mohua Social Services. Another option is to donate to the local St Vincent de Paul society who work closely with Mohua Social Services in our local area. Slips with the bank account number are on the table at the back of the church.

Synod Discussion: Sunday 28 November 3pm in the church/hall. All interested in discerning and discussing the synod questions are invited to come at 3pm before Mass. Information has been emailed; there are also paper copies at the back of the church.

Easter Trading in Golden Bay (TDC GB Community Board Consultation):

Everyone is free to make their own submission to this consultation. Information has been publicised locally and a flyer is at the back of the church/hall. Submissions close at 4pm Sunday 5 December. More information online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback.

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ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

A WORKING BEE will be held on Saturday 27 Nov at the cemetery 9am to 12 noon. Please bring gardening tools and morning tea. If wet, we will clean the church instead.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES will be held at 12 midday Saturday 27 Nov following the working bee. Please bring a bottle of water for blessing.

ST JOSEPHS, WAKEFIELD

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES will be held Sunday 28 Nov at 2pm. Please bring a bottle of water for blessing.

Congratulations, best wishes and prayers to Jan Olykan who turned 90 on Tuesday 16th November.

Laudato Si – Things we can do for Creation

Income & Expenditure Summary to 31 October 2021

	YTD	BUDGET
Income		
Collection Income	\$100,537	\$107,160
Other Income	\$65,157	\$67,292
Total Income	\$165,694	\$174,452
Expenses		
Support of Clergy	\$34,935	\$38,500
ADW Levies	\$14,192	\$15,330
Parish Expenses	\$104,002	\$152,334
Total Expenses	\$153,128	\$206,164
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$12,566	(\$31,712)

Total YTD income is \$165,694, \$8,758 less than budget.

Total YTD operating expenses are \$153,128, \$53,036 less than budget.

Net YTD surplus is \$12,566, which is \$44,278 better than the net YTD deficit of \$31,712 that was budgeted for.



ST PETER CHANEL ROSTER
20/21 & 27/28 November 2021

Date	Sat 20th	Sun 21st	Sat 27th	Sun 28th
Greeter	Shelley Fry	Annette & Stan Sivak	Angie Lucas	Mary Kilmartin
Music		Mary Wilson		Hemon & Katie
Prayers	Margaret Jones		Margaret Jones	
Readers	D Ogilvie	P Beban & M Kilmartin	V Dugdale	S & V Cameron
Eucharistic	A Le Long	S & V Cameron	K Courtney	H Duncan & A Lane
Children				
Altar Servers		Finn & Dominic		Tricia & Ayesha
AM Tea		T & P Donaldson		E Taggart & Z Ogilvie
Cleaning			S Binns & L Stephens	