



A Catholic Parish of
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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

6th March 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

Issue 222

Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7, Romans 5: 12-19, Matthew 4: 1-11

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

CONTACT

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (THE TEMPTATION OF THE LORD)



With our celebration of Ash Wednesday we have now entered the period of Lent in the lead up to the feast of Easter. This is a time where we can take an opportunity to look inward and reflect on whether the will of God is central to our lives. The forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness was a time of preparation for him as he embarked on his ministry. During this time he was confronted by the temptation to choose his needs over those of the Father.

In Matthew's gospel we hear how the devil tempted Jesus 3 times. He had been fasting while in the wilderness and was very hungry. The devil taunted him by saying that if he was the Son of God he should turn the stones into bread and feed himself. Jesus responded with "*Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*"

The devil then took Jesus into the city and said that if, as the Son of God, he threw himself from the top of the temple, scripture says that angels' would save him from injury. Jesus responded from the Scripture saying "*You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*"

Satan then took Jesus to a high mountain and offered him all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him. Jesus responded again from Scripture saying "*You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.*" The devil then left him.

We all prepare ourselves during this time of Lent in our own individual or family ways and many of these personal preferences will continue this year, despite the outside challenges and concerns we face as individuals, families and communities. One of these traditions is acknowledging the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during the six weeks of Lent. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage moving from station to station. At each station we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. All are welcome to join each Friday at your local church, but if you are unable to do so please take the time to look at each of the stations on the walls in your church and reflect on Christ's last day.

Adrienne Hill

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Mass Registration – It is now be a personal responsibility to register through the ADW website which is open from 9am each Wednesday until 12 noon each Friday. The link for registration is <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/mass-registrations/>

Should you find that the link does not take you directly to the registration page please either scroll through the ADW website until you find the registration system or try again at a later time. It is important that both first and last names are included when registering.

If you currently have family or friends doing the registration for you, please ask them to continue to do that, it is not possible for parishioners to be registered through the Parish Office.

Seeking a painter or retired painter

A parishioner is needing four fences to be painted on a residential property in Motueka.

Please contact Angela on 021 861 612

Job Vacancy

Experienced Electronics Technician required for local business in Tahunanui, Full time. Please contact Darryl 021 269 2813 if you are interested

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND



Stations of the Cross

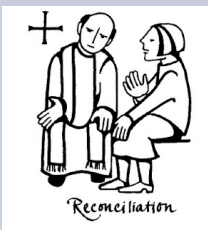
will be held at the church each Friday at 7pm from 4 March to 8 April. If you would like to spend time reflecting on Christ's last day please join us. All are welcome with a maximum of 25 each evening.

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.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

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.



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.

Dear Parishioners, Just letting you know that a former parishioner MARGARET BIGGS (who moved to Dunedin several years ago) died on Feb 11. A Holy Mass was offered for her on Tuesday

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 ukelele

I know it's quite a list but I reckon most of us have a bit of spare stuff hidden away.

HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS who have brought in all kinds of everything for our RSE workers. Thank you for your time and loving kindness towards these beautiful hearted workers who add such a wonderful dimension to our Motueka community. I'll let you know when Charlene Williams (one of the coordinators) of the RSE workers says they have enough. Till then, keep those donations rolling in. Blessings on you all!!!! Angie Lucas

Greeters Needed

We seem to be in short supply once again, can we please have a few more volunteers??

It's one of the easiest ministry's,

You just say HELLO, OR WELCOME and smile!!!!

Please contact Elaine Taggart. 0212562941

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.

Motueka St Vincent de Paul is looking for extra help

1. 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.
2. 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.



AUCKLAND CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP NETWORK
PRESENTS

LISTEN UP! 

Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say. Isaiah 28:23

**JOIN US ON SATURDAY
12TH MAR 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
FOR A ZOOM MEETING
AS FR RORY BREAKS OPEN
THE WORD**

ZOOM ID – 816 8159 0834
PASSWORD – 1234

