

St John Paul II Parish Nelson & Tasman



10 MAY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This week's readings: [click here](#)

Tuesday: Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm

Wednesday: Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am

Thursday: Nelson 12.05pm

Friday: Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am

Saturday Vigil: Takaka 4pm, (1st & 3rd Saturday), Wakefield 5pm (2nd Saturday), Waimea West 5.00pm (4th Saturday) and Nelson 6pm (every Saturday)

Sunday: Stoke 8.30am, Richmond 9am, Nelson 10.30am, Motueka 11am

Reconciliation: Offered after Mass at each church; during adoration 5pm, St Mary's; or by appointment with a priest

Adoration & Benediction: Nelson Friday's 5pm, Richmond 1st Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace of Christ be with you.

As we continue settling into our life together as the newly formed St John Paul II Parish, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generosity, patience, and goodwill you have shown throughout this time of transition. Your faith and your commitment to our parish are a true blessing. My sincere thanks go to everyone who worked quietly and tirelessly behind the scenes to help make this transition smooth and grace-filled.

The Inauguration Mass of our new parish was a wonderful celebration. Your presence, support, and prayer made it a memorable moment in our parish history. It was a powerful witness to our community spirit and reminded us of the beauty of unity, diversity, harmony, devotion, and prayer.

Next week, I will be leaving for my six-month sabbatical after serving fourteen years in our Archdiocese.

During my time away, Fr Raymond and Fr Dyson will continue to minister faithfully in our parish.

Please also join me in welcoming Fr Kinh, ordained last year, who will serve in our community until my return. I know you will receive him with the same warmth and kindness you have shown me.

During my sabbatical, I will spend time with family and friends in Korea, visit a few places on my bucket list, and take part in a priestly renewal programme. I hope this will be a time of rest, prayer, and spiritual renewal for my ministry. I humbly ask for your prayers as I begin this journey, and please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

With every blessing in Christ,

Fr Andrew

Parish Priest, St John Paul II Parish

Priest contact details:

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Kim (on Sabbatical from 12 May to December).

Acting Parish Priest: Fr Raymond Soriano, rasorsvd@gmail.com. Ph: 021 613 953

Fr Dyson Tharakan, frdysonz@gmail.com
(Assistant Priest)

On Mondays, contact the office unless it is an emergency: parishpriest@stjp2.nz

Ministry contact details:

Communion to the Sick:

St Mary's, Pete Gillin 548 8195

St Francis of Assisi, Shelley Hills 027 437 7851

St Peter Chanel, Elaine Taggart 021 256 2941

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mary Silcock 021 174 9383

Archivist: Bernadette King-Turner, 021 394 516

archivist@stjp2.nz

Nelson Hospital: Sacraments of Healing contact Parish Office or ask for the Hospital Chaplain

Parish Office contact details: Ph 027 337 4622. Location: 2/18 Manuka St, Nelson. PO Box 37, Nelson

Email addresses: office@stjp2.nz. Parish Bank Account: Saint John Paul II Parish: 02-0747-0066112-00

School Preference enquiries, contact Parish Office. **Newsletter Deadline Wednesday noon:** newsletter@stjp2.nz

Websites: <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org/> and www.ourladyofthebays.org

Recently Deceased: Carole Crocker, Bernard Naughton



Anniversaries: Patricia Gillin (7/5); Dave Johnson (8/5); Raewyn Todd (14/5);

Please pray for the sick in our community:
"Father, we lift up all those who are suffering. May they experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name we pray."

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

NB: Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 15 May.

Friday 8 May

† Anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV

Tuesday 12 May

† Fr Andrew leaves for Sabbatical

Saturday 23 May

† 8.45am, Pentecost Retreat, OLPH Hall

Sunday 24 May

† Pentecost Sunday

Area Anointing Masses - 2pm

† 14 May (10.00am), Ernest Rutherford, Richmond

† 20 June, St Mary's, Nelson

† 27 August, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke

† 22 October, OLPH Hall, Richmond

† 26 November, St Mary's, Nelson

May: The Month of Mary - Pray the Rosary

To honour Our Lady in the month of May the Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before all Masses at St Mary's and SFA, Nelson-Stoke; before Sunday Mass in OLPH Church, Richmond, starting at 8.30am; before Mass at 10.30am in the St Peter Chanel Chapel.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during Adoration & Holy Hour at St Mary's Church on Fridays at 5pm and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Sundays at 3pm (led by the Samoan Cenacle Community in Samoan).



Reconciliation Rite I

- † After each weekday Mass at each church.
- † During Adoration, 6pm, St Mary's, Nelson.
- † By appointment with a priest.

New Parish contact details

Please note our new parish contact details:
office@stjp2.nz; parishpriest@stjp2.nz;
archivist@stjp2.nz.
Newsletter items: newsletter@stjp2.nz.

Gospel Reflection: Click this link for Sunday's Gospel reflection.

Please keep praying our new [Amalgamation Prayer](#)

Congratulations to Fr Dyson on the fourth anniversary of his ordination. May the Lord continue to bless him in his priestly ministry.



This Mother's Day, we honour and thank all mothers, mothers to be and those in mothering roles for their love, care, and faith. May God bless them always.

Postponed- Blessing of the Fleet: The annual blessing of the fleet ceremony has been postponed until 23 May, 12.00pm at the Seafarers Memorial, Wakefield Quay. Come for a fun, community day honouring our sea-going whanau, past and present.



Pentecost Sunday plea for help **St Mary's and SFA:**

To celebrate the many beautiful aspects of cultural diversity in our faith community we wish to add new voices to the list of parishioners who have kindly read our Pentecost Prayer of the Faithful in their own native language each year. If this is something you would be willing to help with and haven't done so before please contact Shelley Hills on 027 4377 851 or email: thehillsclan@xtra.co.nz or Margo Fletcher ph: 027 444 8398 or email: margot.fletcher@xtra.co.nz. The relevant Masses are the 6pm Vigil and Sunday 10.30am Mass at St Mary's on Saturday/Sunday 23/24 May and the 8.30am Sunday 24 May Mass St Francis of Assisi.



(Formerly Lifeteen Tasman): Term 2 presents: Neon Lights "You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:13-16:

7.00pm to 8.30pm at OLPH Parish Centre, 35 William St, Richmond:

Friday 8 May: Soul or Scroll

Friday 15 May: City Lights

Friday 22 May: Block Party

Friday 29 May: King's Birthday Wkd- No Youth

Friday 5 June: God's Influencer - St Carlos Acutis

Friday 12 June: Neon Lights

Friday 19 June: Shine Online

Friday 26 June: Neon Light Walk - all ages are welcome.

Registration details on following page.

Come together in faith, friendship and prayer! All youth age 11 and up welcome.

Registration: Email: lifeteentasman@gmail.com or scan QR code, ph 022 454 8973



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Save our Sacred Heart!

As a popular holiday destination, our little historic church Sacred Heart, Takaka, has hosted many visitors to Golden Bay over the years and some have baches here. We are seeking support for our historic church's restoration, which includes seismic strengthening. We have commenced our journey towards our goal of \$200K so please help by making a donation to NBS Bank Account: 03 1354 0630610 00. God Bless. Ruth Robson (on behalf of the Sacred Heart Takaka Trust).

Family Mass OLPH

Please join us for our Family Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond on Sunday 17 May at 9.00am. If your child or young person would like to be a part of the Mass by reading, carrying the offertory gifts or performing a Gospel reflection please contact one of the people below:

Lucy: lucy.newberry@hotmail.co.uk

Karla: karla77.biggs@gmail.com

Kathryn:

kathryn.powick@stpauls-richmond.school.nz or

Judith: judenz13@gmail.com. There will be no shared morning tea this time but we look forward to welcoming you.

Prayer & Meditation

Prayer and Praise Group: Thursday 14 May, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. You might like to come and see a new Prayer and Praise Group forming in the warmth of Norma Affleck's home at 398 Princes

Drive. This is a welcoming invitation to all women across Nelson and Tasman.

St Peter Chanel: A reminder that we meet for prayer every Wednesday 6.00 to 7.00pm. You are most welcome to join us.

Spiritide 2026 - Nine day Novena to the Holy Spirit
When: 15-23 May | 2026

Where: Stoke Catholic Church

Time: 6-7.15pm

Join us for a nine-day Novena to the Holy Spirit as we prepare for Pentecost through prayer, praise and worship, Scripture reflection, and novena prayers each evening.

Daily Programme:

6:00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00-6:20pm: Praise & Worship

6:20-6:45pm: Teaching / Reflection

6:45pm: Novena Prayers

7:15pm: Close

Themes include: Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit; Prayer and the Holy Spirit; Life in the Spirit; Faith, Hope and Love; Pentecost, and more.

Please note:

16 May: Vigil Mass in Nelson

23 May: Special Pentecost Enrichment led by Fr Raymond

8:45 AM-12:00pm: Richmond

All are welcome.

PENTECOST RETREAT

"One in the Spirit"

Saturday 23 May, 8.45am -12.00pm

As we begin life together as St John Paul II Parish, let us realise we are in a Pentecost moment: a time when God breathes new life, new courage and new purpose into us.



If we allow the Holy Spirit to lead, we will discover gifts we didn't know we had, relationships we didn't expect to form and a mission bigger than either parish could have carried out alone.

Fr Raymond will be lead our parish in a morning of recollection.

"One in the Spirit"

The Holy Spirit Who Gathers

The Holy Spirit Who Renews

The Holy Spirit Who Sends

Holy Hour

Fellowship

Dovecotes: Nelson Dove Fellowship have started a new local faith group for all women across the region. Come and be



part of a friendship group where women encourage each other in their daily faith lives. Vision: To build our faith and share in praise & worship, prayer & spiritual growth.

Dovecotes in Nelson City: Thursdays 4th week 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Nelson.

Dovecotes in the Nelson Area: Richmond, Wednesday 10.00am to 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383; Stoke, 2nd Thursday of the month 7.00pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255; Nelson, 4th Thursday of the month, 1.30pm to 2.30pm, Margo 027 444 8398.

Faith and Light: Next meeting Sunday 31 May, SFA, contact Margo on 027 444 8398.

General Notices

Working Bee: An Autumn working bee at Waimea West on Saturday 16 May, 9.00am to 12.30pm. Please bring something to eat and your garden implements. Morning tea provided.

Planned Giving- Nelson/Stoke Parishoners: This is to notify all Nelson/Stoke parishoners who make planned giving donations by automatic payment or direct debits that we will be changing the parish bank account that receives your donations this week from Holy Family Parish to Saint John Paul II Parish (bank acct: 02-0747-0066112-00). You don't have to do anything, it will all happen in the background. However, if you do have any concerns contact Gerard (finance@parish.org.nz).

Reminder: Nelson/Stoke parishoners please remember to collect your annual planned giving receipts from the church foyers (if you haven't received your receipt yet).

Want to see your highlights on our facebook page? Whether it's a prayer meeting, a parish celebration, or those precious moments like weddings and christenings – this community belongs to all of us! If you have something to share, just send us a quick message on Messenger. Let's build the St John Paul II Parish page together! We're always just one click away. Visit our Fb page link:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1AspRv5fuj/>

Sacramental Programme:

Parishes Sacramental Programme
2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:
Click here to register:

<https://forms.glecFU5vKv9X5c5medB7>



The Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist are for children in year 4 and above. A small charge of \$15 per family per sacrament would be greatly appreciated. All please use this bank account - Saint John Paul II Parish: 02-0747-0066112-00. Use your name and 'SAC' as a reference.

Please note: There will be one combined Sacrament of Confirmation Mass for the whole St John Paul II Parish. This will be 6pm on Saturday 6 June, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Church, William Street, Richmond.

Practice Session: Thursday 4 June, 5pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond - children to bring parent and sponsor.

For all Sacramental programme session dates visit: <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org>.

Parish Outreach:

We are organizing home-cooked meals for a family in our parish going through a challenging time. We are looking for family-friendly, non-spicy meals that are easy to freeze or reheat (ideally in disposable containers). To keep this support discreet and anonymous, I will be coordinating all drop-offs. If you can cook an extra portion this week or next, please contact me directly. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated!
Contact: Paulina | 027 204 9923

Thank You!

Thanks very much to St Joseph's School Students who devoted some cleaning and planting of spring bulbs at the St Mary's Boys' Orphanage Cemetery at Ngawhatu, Stoke last week. Thank you again.



Scam: Please treat any unsolicited txt or phone messages purporting to be from our priests with caution as they may possibly be scam contacts.

NEWSLETTERS & CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

[St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)
[St Mary's and Saint Francis of Assisi](#)
[Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#)
[Garin College Whanau Update](#)
[St Peter Chanel School Newsletter](#)
[WelCam](#)