St John Paul II Parish, Nelson & Tasman

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11 OCTOBER 2026 - SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY

Mass Times † Reconciliation † Adoration † Readings

SATURDAY	**Takaka Mass 5pm (I & III Saturday), Liturgy of the Word 9.30am (II Sunday); Wakefield 5pm (II Saturday); Waimea West 5pm (IV Saturday); Nelson Vigil Mass 6pm (every Saturday)**	
SUNDAY	**Stoke 8.30am, Richmond 9am & 6pm, Nelson 10.30am, Motueka 11am**	
MONDAY	Gal. 4:22-31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32	No Masses
TUESDAY	Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am.
THURSDAY	Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54	Nelson 12.05pm; **St Teresa of Jesus, D.V.** Rest Homes see Calendar
FRIDAY	Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am, **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12	Vigil Masses only - **St Ignatius of Antioch B.M**
RECONCILIATION	After every Mass; during Adoration; or by appointment with a priest	
ADORATION	St Mary's Nelson - Friday 5pm, OLPH Richmond - First Thursdays 1.30-6pm	

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10; Phillippians 4:12-20; Gospel Matthew 22:1-14
Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast

In today's Gospel reading.....the king dispatches his servants to invite guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.....

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to His feast, giving us His salvation. Yet He asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of His mercy. *Loyola Press (abbrev)*

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PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations Gerson!
A group of St John Paul II parishioners travelled to Auckland to help celebrate the Catholic Ordination to the diaconate of Gerson Badayos by Archbishop Paul Martin SM last Friday. Congratulations Gerson, prayers answered!

Support Life Sunday 2026: Living Peace

Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, Te Kahu o te Ora: "We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions." Support Life Sunday 2026 is a time to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action, with a particular emphasis this year on the need for peace in our world. The bishops' Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics has prepared resources to mark the day in this Google Drive folder.

White Sunday: Come and support our Samoan Community who will follow their tradition of wearing white for a lively and musical Support Life Sunday **9am Mass at OLPH on 11 October** - followed by morning tea!

Takaka Mass Time Change: Please note Takaka Masses held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month will now begin at 5pm over Summer and a Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated on the **2nd Sunday** at **9.30am.**

A Call to Service – St Mary's Nelson Communion Ministers on the Altar: The October edition of the Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Roster is being prepared this month. If you are interested in assisting Father distribute the Blessed Body and Blessed Blood at the St Mary's Nelson Saturday 6pm Vigil or Sunday 10.30am Masses, at Holy Communion time, please contact Pete Gillin on 027 548 8195, E: gillojunior@yahoo.com.

SVDP Motueka Meeting - Tuesday 13 October, 3.30pm, St Peter Chanel church foyer: Thank you to generous parishioners for continuing to fill the meal kit bags and also donations of toiletries to support SVDP - these are not only providing people with food, but are supporting them in cooking skills and essential needs too. These items have become an important part of our outreach and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

Please note: The **Anointing Mass on Thursday 22 October at 2.30pm in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall**, Richmond, will be the **ONLY Mass of the day** throughout the Parish. **Resthome Masses** for **October: 8th, The Wood, 11am; 15th Summerset Richmond Ranges, 11am; 29th Summerset in the Sun, Stoke, 11am.**

First Parish Feast Day : The Feast Day of our Parish Patron, St John Paul II, (Oct 22) will be celebrated across the region in all Churches on Sunday 25 October.

Sacred Heart Takaka Restoration Project - Music Recital : A special fundraising music recital is planned for **Saturday, 24 October 2026, at 2pm**, featuring Nelson's Rōnaki Quartet. Click here for more details.

For online purchases, text Sheryl Nalder on 0273918639, with your name and the number of tickets required. She will reply to confirm availability after which you may pay for them through: NBS bank account name: Sacred Heart Takaka Trust 03-1354-0630610-00. Use your name and 'concert' as reference.

All Souls Day: November is the month we remember all the departed souls and pray for them. For all the Masses, please see the Roster following.

Grateful Thanks: To all folk who sent prayer support for Christopher and I – thank you! That prayer works and is a veritable powerhouse is undeniable. Knowing that we had the support of a loving, praying family was immensely comforting. May God bless you all richly - Shelley Hills.

Important Message: Please do not reply to any unsolicited phone, text or email messages that purport to be from any of our priests, particularly if they are for a monetary request. These are likely to be scam messages. Be vigilant.

GENERAL NOTICES

World Mission Sunday - 100th Anniversary - Oct 18 2026: World Mission Sunday was established 100 years ago to draw every Catholic into the Church's great missionary mandate and to support the Pope's missionary endeavours. This missionary focus intensifies throughout October, reaching its high point on World Mission Sunday which this year falls on Sunday 18 october, the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Click here for a joint Bishops Anniversary Letter.

Statue Repatriation Invitation! Please join our Parish and Nelson City community leaders for the formal handover ceremony of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions Convent Statues from Founders Heritage Park to St John Paul II Parish. The event will be held at **St Joseph's School Hall on Tuesday 20 October at 11.15am**. RSVP to Bernadette King-Turner at archivist@stjp2.nz. Click here for more details.

Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage to Motuiti - Labour Weekend - October 24 - 27, on the feast of Christ The King. Places still available for pilgrims. For details and to register visit the official website www.fopp.nz

Parish Ladies Invitation – fashion afternoon tea & talk: All ladies from SJPII Parish and guests are invited to a fashion and style event hosted by colour and wardrobe stylist Suzanne Pearson. Bring a plate to **St Peter Chanel Church** on **Saturday 7 November at 3pm**. Click here for more details or email: wearitwell.nz@outlook.com - ph: 021 755 951.

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the **Rosary which will be prayed before each Mass**. **Please ensure the Rosary prayer before Masses is finished at least five minutes before the scheduled start of each Mass.** There will also be an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday. **For details see below.**

St Peter Chanel Church: Please join our group who meet for prayer every **Wednesday 6-7pm, all welcome.**

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet during Adoration, St Mary's Church, **Fridays, 5pm** and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, **Sundays, 3pm** (led by the Samoan Cenacle Community).

Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 8 October 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 21 October 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383
Dovecotes in Nelson: Thursday 22 October, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Margo 027 4448 398.
[Click here for information about Dovecotes nationwide.]

COUPLES FOR CHRIST NELSON-TASMAN
A Catholic Lay Ecclesial Movement

Couples for Christ Nelson-Tasman invite you to a Christian Life Programme evening on **Saturday 10 October, 4pm**, OLPH Richmond Hall. Contact Ray Vargas 027 427 2383; Dahlia Vargas 027 507 9688; Sonny Bautista 027 1111 8258. For more details email CFCNelsonTasman@gmail.com.

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own.
Our next meeting is on **Thursday 15 October, 10.30am, Richmond Church Hall**.
Ph **Kath** on **03 970 6754; 027 4523 948** or **Elizabeth** on **03 544 5188; 027 5451818.**

Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 25 October at 12.30pm**, St Francis of Assisi meeting room.
You are welcome to come join us, contact **Margo 027 4448 398** or **Judy Burke 027 369 0115**.

ROSARY AND ALL SOULS DAY - ROSTER

LET THE BEADS DO THE TALKING - October 2026

Where	Wed 7-Oct	Wed 14-Oct	Wed 21-Oct	Wed 28-Oct
Nelson / Stoke 7pm	**St Mary's** Light of Christ Community	**St Francis of Assisi** Tongan Community	**St Mary's** Burmese Community	**St Francis of Assisi** Knights of the Southern Cross
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7pm	The Priests	Youth Group	Garin College	Filipino Couples for Christ Community
St Peter Chanel	**Every Sunday of October 10.30-10.55am**			
Combined Parish Remembrance Mass - Friday 30 October, St Francis of Assisi				

ALL SOULS DAY - Monday 2 November 2026

Waimea West & Wakefield	Motueka	Richmond	Nelson	Takaka
10am Mass Sts Peter and Paul Blessing of the Graves after	10am Mass St Peter Chanel, Blessing of the Graves after	6pm Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help	6pm Mass St Mary's	**1-Nov** **3:30pm:** Blessing of the Graves **5pm:** Mass

CEMETERY BLESSINGS - 2 November. Wensley Rd, Marsden Valley, Wakapuaka, St Mary's Boys Orphanage (Ngawhatu) - **times TBC**

ONLINE & YOUTH PROGRAMMES

World Youth Day - Korea July 2027: The Wellington Archdiocese is planning to send a group of young people on this pilgrimage with Fr Dyson and fundraising for this will begin soon.
The options for attending are:

1. Those between the ages of 18-35, may join the ADW pilgrimage group who will travel and stay together in Korea for the event. These members will be financially supported by ADW and local fundraising initiatives.
2. If outside that age group, you will need to make your own arrangements to attend and finance your trip.

Please consider volunteering to assist in organising fundraising initiatives for this amazing Parish opportunity.
Those interested in this and/or joining the pilgrimage please contact Sam Schryvers at schryvers2010@gmail.com

St JP 2 Youth Lifeteen Presents Term 4:
Power Up! Charge Your Life With Prayer
Friday 16th Oct – Power Source
Friday 23rd Oct – LABOUR DAY – NO youth group.
All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm-8.30pm, OLPH Church Hall, Richmond.
lifeteentasman@gmail.com ph 022 454 8973.
Click here for details.

SPARKIFY YOUR DAY!
One Gospel. One thought. One spark.
Just 60-90 seconds with Fr Dyson.
SCAN • WATCH • FOLLOW.
Link: Sparkifyme
Scan the QR codes to follow Sparkify on Instagram, WhatsApp & YouTube.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is a welcoming enquiry program to help people discover the foundations of the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact:
Nelson - Katie Rose, 021 2964 155, katiemrose54@gmail.com
Richmond - Greg & Maryanne Hall, 027 6181 421, greg.maryanne@gmail.com
Motueka - Margaret Jones, 021 0474 894, marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com

Parish Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion Programme occurs on **Sunday 1st, 8th and 15th of November**, followed by the First Holy Communion Celebration which will be held on **Sunday 22 November**. Your paragraph text

ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Anne-Maree Hill (11/10) **Marie Wratt (6/10)** **Margaret Coman**	**Ian Blackman, Maureen Sharland, Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Tom McInerney, Micheal Barry, Joy Dunga, William (Bill) Gordon, Dinky Nugent, Judith Pinnell, Marie Macquet**

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

PARISH CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2026 (updated) click here

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CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

MOTUEKA	NELSON	STOKE	RICHMOND	TAKAKA
St Peter Chanel	St Mary's	St Francis of Assisi	OLPH Sunday 9am Roster OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart - October

NEWSLETTERS - LINKS

Sisters of Compassion	St Paul's School Richmond	St Joseph's School Newsletter	WelCom Issue 14

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