



**HOLY FAMILY PARISH NELSON-STOKE**  
 St Francis of Assisi Church, Songer Street, Stoke  
 St Mary's Church, Manuka Street, Nelson



A Catholic Parish of  
 The Archdiocese of Wellington  
 Te Parahi Whānui o Ngāi Whangai Parahi Kaitiaki  
**OUR LADY OF THE BAYS**  
MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

**12 October 2025**  
**28<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

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

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH and OUR LADY OF THE BAYS**  
**Mass Times**

**Tuesday:** Motueka 9.30am, Nelson 12.05pm

**Wednesday:** Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am

**Thursday:** Nelson 12.05pm

**Friday:** Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am

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

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

**Reconciliation:** Offered after Mass, Holy Hour or by appointment

**Adoration & Benediction:** Nelson Friday's 5pm, Richmond 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm- Mass 6pm

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 17:11-19*

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we hear about how Jesus, while continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals ten lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all ten. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Him. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All ten of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks. **LP**

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Communion to the Sick: St Mary's, Pete Gillin 548 8195; St Francis of Assisi, Shelley Hills 027 437 7851

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

Websites <https://www.hollyfamilynelson.org/> and [www.ourladyofthebays.org](http://www.ourladyofthebays.org)

Newsletter Deadline **Wednesday noon:** ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com (OLOB), or office@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz (HFP)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We hold in prayer those who have recently died: Dorothy Day, Jovita Cross.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Marie Wratt 6/10

**Please pray for our sick in our community:** Maryanne Hall, Dominic Hassan, Trevor Menzies, Stephen McNabb, Kerry Mitchell, Shanny Schipper and Stan Frika. Please remember in your Prayers all our parish community that are suffering:

*“Father, we lift up all those who are suffering. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to them. May they experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus’ name we pray.”*

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Our Lady of the Bays Parish & Holy Family Parishes**

**Thursday 9 –14 October**

† Fr Doug Shepherd - relieving for Fr Cirilo

**Friday 10 and Saturday 11 October**

† 7pm Safeguarding Trg, HFP mtg rm

† 10.30am Sat Safeguarding Trg, HFP mtg rm

**Sunday 12 October - Support Life Sunday**

† 3pm, SFA Holy Hour for Peace in the Holy Land

**Monday 13 October**

† 12pm Women’s luncheon, SFA mtg rm

**Wednesday 15 October**

† 7pm St Mary’s, Let the Beads do the Talking

† 5.15pm, St Peter Chancel Leadership Group, Church Foyer

**Sunday 19 October - World Mission Sunday**

† 11am, Motueka Multicultural Sunday Mass

† World Mission Sunday (Retiring Collection)

**Thursday 13 November**

† World Mission Sunday (Retiring Collection)

**Anointing Masses:**

16 Oct, 2pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

4 Dec, 2pm, St Mary’s, hosted by NSN SVDP

26 Feb 2026, 2pm, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke Resthomes:

23 Oct, Summerset Richmond Ranges

6 Nov, Oakwoods

13 Nov, The Wood, NSN

27 Nov, Summerset Richmond Ranges

**Scam Alert!** Please ignore any messages via Facebook, Messenger or Text purporting to be any of our priests as these are a scam.



**Support Life Sunday:** Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life. 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 2025** provides an opportunity to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action.

**Holy Hour for Peace in the Middel East: This Sunday, 12 October at 3pm,** is the day set aside in the national liturgy calendar for a day of prayer supporting life. It is fitting that we have been called together to pray for Peace in the Middle East. At **3pm a Holy Hour of Prayer** will be held in St Francis, Stoke. There is power in prayer and more so when we gather together to pray. All are warmly welcome.

**“Let the Beads do the Talking” - The month of the Rosary:** Come and reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday at 7pm with “Let the beads do the talking”. This week the Burmese community will be presenting, followed by a cuppa and light supper. 1st/3rd Wednesdays will be at St Mary’s Church, Nelson; 2nd/4th Wednesdays will be at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke; 5th Wednesday will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond.

**Online Safeguarding Workshops:** An invitation is extended to all volunteers and parishioners to attend an online Safeguarding Workshop. This is a policy requirement for all ‘who work with or provide ministry to children and vulnerable people. **Dates for online the Workshops 2025** are:

Wednesday 22 October Noon to 1pm

Monday 3 November 7pm to 8.15pm

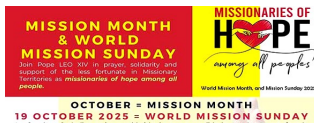
Tuesday 18 November 7pm to 8.15pm

Contact Kevin Plant [k.plant@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:k.plant@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**A** **Amalgamation Update – Naming Our New Parish**

Our October edition of the *Amalgamation Newsletter (No. 2)* is now available! It shares exciting updates about the next stage of our journey together — the naming of our new parish. This process begins on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, marking the start of our *synodal journey*, where every voice is invited and valued. We warmly encourage all parishioners to read the newsletter, pray the Amalgamation Prayer with us, and take part by suggesting a name that reflects our shared faith, history, and hope for the future.

Please remember  
19 October,  
World Mission  
Sunday. In



October Catholics unite worldwide in prayer, solidarity and support for the church's missionary effort. Globally, a collection will be taken up at Sunday Mass for the Pontifical Mission Societies to support Pope Leo's missionary endeavours. In our parishes this will be a special and/or retiring collection. This collection is run by the Pontifical Mission Society (Missionz) and they will issue receipts for all donations. You can donate by visiting their website <https://missio.nz/>.

Use the **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY envelopes for cash donations** and give them your name & address to receive a receipt. These are in the foyers of the churches. No receipts will be issued by the parish for this collection.

**Men's Breakfast:** Please join us for breakfast in the HFP meeting rm, Manuka St, at 7.30am, 15 November for the sharing of good food and good company. For more information contact Willie on 027 462 5983

**Archdiocese community page - website page:** <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/community/> The "Community" tab page is updated every day or couple of days with the latest news.

**Join Fr Dyson on his Pilgrimage: Pilgrim of Hope: In the Footsteps of Mary** through Marian shrines — Loreto, Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje — sharing reflections, prayers, and stories of hope with Mary and the saints. We also want to wish him well and pray for him throughout his journey in faith. 📺 Watch now on YouTube :- <https://youtube.com/playlistlist=PLWmahMOitLifMJUNd8zFEZr5tQLabFm&si=4rViZ3P04Dj0aTag>

### OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

**Family Mass OLPH:** Our next Family Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be celebrated on 19 October at 9.00am. Our Parish Family Mass is a special time for our whole community to come together in worship. This Mass is a little different—it's designed to be a comfortable and engaging experience for all ages, from our youngest children to our most seasoned parishioners. The children and young people are invited to participate in the mass in special ways, such as reading, bringing up the gifts or through music. If you would like your child to participate in the Mass please

contact [kathryn.powick@stpauls-richmond.school.nz](mailto:kathryn.powick@stpauls-richmond.school.nz), [karla77.biggs@gmail.com](mailto:karla77.biggs@gmail.com), [lucy.newberry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lucy.newberry@hotmail.co.uk). We would really appreciate some help with the setting up and serving of morning tea after Mass. If you are able to help with this then please contact Kathryn Powick. Thank you!

**Mothers' Prayers:** We are a small group that prays for families, especially our own. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 10.30am in our OLPH parish hall. Our next meeting is Thursday 16 October. For more information please phone Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523 948 or Elizabeth 544 5188 / 027 545 1818

**The Intercessory Prayer Group** meets in the SPC Day Chapel at 6pm each Wednesday. Take an hour out of your busy life to pray and contemplate in peace and companionship.

**A beautiful Jubilee Multicultural Mass** was celebrated last Sunday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Special rituals included the procession of the Book of Gospels, an Indian response to the end of the Eucharistic prayer, individual readings and prayers in various languages. The sense of many nations, one faith community was highlighted when everyone held hands and prayed the Creed and the Our Father in their own native language.



### St Peter Chanel Church Community Pilgrimage 2025:

You are invited, Sunday 23 November 2025

11am Mass @ Motueka

12noon Morning Tea

1pm Pilgrimage begins - Carpooling can be organised - Options for our community; Drive to St Mary's Church Walk to Fr Garin Memorial Chapel from St Mary's church Drive to Garin Memorial Chapel

2pm Arrive at St Mary's Church Nelson - 10 minutes of guided prayer

2.15pm Walk and drive to Garin Chapel

3pm Liturgy @ Fr Garin's Memorial Chapel 15 minutes - Liturgy

**RCIA** : Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic? The course will be held in Nelson, Richmond and Motueka. More information please contact : **Nelson** - Katie Rose [katiemrose54@gmail.com](mailto:katiemrose54@gmail.com) 0212964155; **Richmond:** Greg & Maryanne Hall, 0276181421 [Greg.maryanne@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.maryanne@gmail.com) or **Motueka** - Margaret Jones 0210474894 [marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com](mailto:marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com)

**OLPH - Hall Tea Towels:** If you have spare tea towels you could donate for hall use, pop them in to the church vestry.

**St Peter Chanel School & Garin College News Links:**

[SPC School News Link](#)

[Garin College School News:](#)

**Roster link:** [St Peter Chanel](#), [Motueka](#)

**Welcome Evie Winters** in to our Sacred Heart, Takaka community officiated by Fr Dyson. It was a very happy community occasion. Mama Jisha and Papa Sebastian and their respective whanau were all there to join in this joyful day.



**Sacred Heart, Takaka:** October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our faith community are invited to pray the Holy Rosary before the 5pm Holy Mass on the third Saturday starting at 4.30pm.

**Mass times for Takaka :** Now with Day light saving Mass will be 5pm on the first and third Saturday of the month.

**Sacred Heart, Takaka:** The re-strengthening project of our old Marble church in Takaka is all go with additional foundations now in place to support the steel portal frames to be erected in the interior amongst other things. Letter to our Parishioners on the progress of the much loved, historic marble Sacred Heart Church in Takaka. [Click this link.](#)

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Pray the Rosary,** 20 mins prior to Mass, in our parish churches during the month of October.

**First Holy Communion:** Preparation sessions recommence after the school holidays. **9.30am** on the **12, 19 October** followed by the Mass. Sacrament of First Holy Communion practice - 8 November 4pm, and the Sacrament will be celebrated, 9 November

at the 10.30am Mass.

**Women’s luncheon:** Monday 13 October, 12pm, SFA Mtg Rms. Bring your oldest or most precious book to tell the group about. All women welcome, bring a plate of finger food to share. Enquiries: Frances 0276464529.

**Can you help?** Our Children’s Liturgy team is asking for volunteers to help support this important ministry. If you are interested in assisting please contact Paulina Bednarowicz-Urszulak, 027 204 9923.

**November Banner Of Souls:** Traditionally in our Parish, we write the names of family and friends gone home to God on memorial banners. These will again be available in the foyers of both Churches from 19 October. During November these will remain on display in our churches, in our hearts and in our prayers.

**All Souls Box:** Again this year Fr Andrew is making available the ‘Purple Box of Souls’. Place a Mass Envelope (donation is by choice this month) with the names of your loved ones you wish remembered. This box (available from 19 October) will remain before the Altar and these folk will be automatically included in Masses said.

**Faith and Light** meet this month on Sunday 19th, at 12.30pm. Please Note this is one week earlier due to Labour weekend. For more Information ring Judy Ph: 0273690115.

**Blessing of the Pets:** Sunday morning 8.30am Mass at St. Francis saw the annual "Blessing of the Pets" in honour of St. Francis of Assisi whose Feast Day was on Saturday. There were a good number of pets which were well behaved and respectful and there were no "accidents".



**Holy Family Parish Roster - 18/19 October 2025**

	Greeters	AV/Music	POW/POF	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Care	Church Cleaning	Hospitality
<b>St Mary’s, Saturday 6pm</b>	D & D Meria		P Gillin S Babbage	S Meria (T) K Mardon P Robertson			
<b>St Francis of Assisi, Sunday, 8.30am</b>	A McBride	R Eggeling Peter	R Cullen M Shepherd	M Grooby	A McBride	P Pettit	
<b>St Mary’s, Sunday, 10.30am</b>	P Nang	Justin’s Group	L Moyle S Moyle	G/H McDonnell A McAlpine (F) A Oertly T Zam	J Auld	D de Borja	Volunteer

*Thank you to all who support the Ministries. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for someone to fill in.*

<b>Liturgy of the Word - St. Francis of Assisi Chapel 9.30am</b>	<b>Ernest Rutherford Sunday Service:</b>
Tuesday 14 Oct (Shelley)	Thursday 16 Oct (Ann)
	Sunday 19 Oct 10am (Ron)