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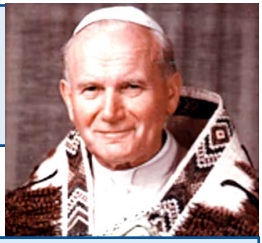

13 SEPTEMBER - 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times-Reconciliation-Adoration-Readings

SATURDAY VIGIL	**Takaka 4pm (I & III Saturday), 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	Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17	No Masses - **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
TUESDAY	Hebrews 5:7-9; John 19:25-27	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm - **Our Lady of Sorrows**
WEDNESDAY	1Cor 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	1Cor 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50	Nelson 12.05pm. Rest Homes see the Parish Calendar
FRIDAY	1Cor 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am. **Holy Hour 5pm, Nelson**
SATURDAY	1Cor 15:35-49; Luke 8:4-15	Vigil Masses only
RECONCILIATION	After every Mass - During adoration - by appointment with a priest	
ADORATION	St Mary's, Nelson, Fridays 5pm; OLPH Richmond - First Thursdays 1.30-6pm	

Readings: Ecclesiastes 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us

In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another and proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus extends Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant that follows is Jesus' elaboration of this reply. Through it we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us, and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable is moved by the humility of a pleading indebted servant and so mercifully forgives the large debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant then confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt - a pittance compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison. The king finds out and punishes the servant for failing to show the kind of mercy he had himself received. Jesus indicates that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity. The king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. *Loyola Press*

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Fr Kinh Nguyen	**Associate Priest**	vknguyenhy@gmail.com	020 41792 567

PARISH NOTICES

Social Justice Week: Sunday, 6 - Saturday, 12 September 'You Belong to God | Nā Te Atua anō koe'. The overarching theme for Social Justice Week from 2026–2028 is *You Belong* | Nō Konei Anō Koe. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that through Baptism we become adopted sons and daughters of God and members of the Body of Christ (CCC 1265). Our deepest identity is not found in what we accomplish, but in belonging to God's family. This truth changes the way we see ourselves and others. Because every person is loved and treasured by God, every person deserves to be recognised, welcomed, and treated with dignity and compassion. Click here for more details.

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Season of Creation: 1 September - 4 October: This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Click here for more Season of Creation initiatives and activities worldwide.

What can we do? Successive Popes have asked us all to Care for Creation from the excesses that are threatening our common home. Make a pledge to God that you will change one small thing in your lives to help this planet and its people.

Laudato si' - Cherishing our planet and each other: We are all asked to Care for Creation from the excesses that are threatening our home. This is a big task, but collectively if we all make little changes in our lifestyles and habits, it will make difference.

What else? Drop your plastic milk bottle tops into the collection tins in our church foyers for forwarding to a processing centre where they can be repurposed into useful items such as garden furniture.

Congratulations to Fr Emilio on his Priestly Ordination

We invite all our parishioners to take a moment to enjoy these wonderful images celebrating Fr Emilio's journey into the priesthood. Click here for images following Fr Emilio's first Mass and below for photos of his Ordination Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington, last weekend.

Ordination to the Holy Order of Diaconate of Gerson Badayos

Sacred Heart Church, Auckland, 6pm. Friday 2 Oct, 2026

Please pray for Gerson Badayos as he prepares for Catholic Ordination to the diaconate to be conferred by Archbishop Paul Martin SM. Click here for details.

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi

October 4th marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi who is the Patron Saint of Peace, the Environment, Ecology and Animals. These interests, including the blessing of our pets, will be part of the **8.30am Mass at St Francis of Assisi on Sunday 4 Oct**.

Safeguarding Workshops: If you are in church Ministry and have not completed Safeguarding training, please attend an Online Safeguarding Workshop. Register with Kevin Plant: k.plant@cadw.nz The Microsoft Teams link to join will be sent two days prior to each Workshop. **Sept:** Monday 21st 7pm-8.15pm; Monday 28th 12noon-1.15pm**. Oct:** Monday 5th 12noon-1.15pm; Tuesday 27th 7pm-8.15pm. **Nov:** Monday 23rd 12noon-1.15pm; Tuesday 24th 7pm-8.15pm.

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 11, 18 and 25 of September

GENERAL NOTICES

Spiritual Directors Open Day 1 October 2026 - Flourishing with the Divine: A day with the Association of NZ Christian Spiritual Directors, Nelson Girls College, 9.30am-5.30pm. Keynote talk, elective workshops, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea. Cost $85. Enquiries to karen@moynagh.co.nz, 027 245 7800. Click here for details.

Death Without Debt Workshop: Death Without Debt is a grass roots, not-for-profit, social movement exposing excessive funeral costs and promotng law change for affordability. **Saturday 19 September from 10am-1pm, Motueka Over 50's Social Hub, 10 Pah St, Motueka.** Cost: $30 pp; $45 for 2; $55 for a family group of 3 OR by Koha. Presenter - Fergus Wheeler in conjunction with the Last Light Project. Register by using the form on the DWD web page OR by emailing info@deathwithoutdebt.org.nz

Housing Election Forum: Click here for details. **Livestream at https://www.youtube.com/live/KNO3vzFBfVo**

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

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).

ALPHA is a welcoming series where people of all ages can explore the Catholic faith, ask life's big questions and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Monday nights from **6.30pm** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall, Richmond.** Email alphajohnpaul2@gmail.com for more details.

Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 10 September 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 16 September 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383
Dovecotes in Nelson City: Thursday 24 September, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Nelson, Margo 027 4448 398

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 16 September, 10.30am, Richmond parish hall**. Phone Kath on 03 970 6754; 027 4523 948 or Elizabeth on 03 544 5188; 027 5451818.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST
NELSON-TASMAN
A Catholic Lay Ecclesial Movement

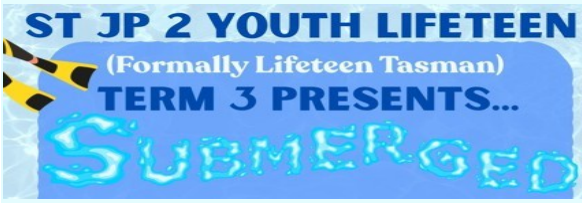
Couples for Christ Nelson-Tasman invite you to a Christian Life Programme evening on **Saturday 12, 19 and 26 September, 4pm, OLPH Richmond Hall.** Contact Ray Vargas 027 427 2383; Dahlia Vargas 027 507 9688; Sonny Bautista 027 1111 8258. For more details email CFCNelsonTasman@gmail.com.

Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 27 September 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.

Let the Beads do the Talking

October is the month of the Rosary. There will be an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday at 7pm with "Let The Beads Do The Talking". We will be led by different groups each week so come along and support them and pray the Rosary. Each Wednesday in Richmond and alternate weeks in Nelson and Stoke.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES ACROSS THE REGION



STJP2 YOUTH LIFETEEN

Term 3 presents - Submerged! All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm to 8.30pm, OLPH Church hall, Richmond. Contact: lifeteentasman@gmail.com 022 454 8973. Click here for more details.

ST JOHN PAUL II PARISH JESUS YOUTH gathers as a place for young people aged 19+ to **grow in faith, build friendships and experience the joy of Christ**.

Email/Text Scam Reminder: For questions or concerns about a scam, contact one of our Parish Priests or Elizabeth Berry, Archdiocesan Privacy Officer by email at privacy@cadw.nz. Click here for the Archdiocese Privacy Hygiene Checklist offering guidelines on ways to protect your personal information.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Sessions for 2026 are at 7pm Tuesdays at Parish meeting rooms in Richmond and Nelson. For more information please contact: **Nelson -** Katie Rose katiemrose54@gmail.com 0212964155;
Richmond - Greg & Maryanne Hall, 0276181421 Greg.maryanne@gmail.com ;
Motueka - Margaret Jones marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com, 0210474894

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**.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Greg Hall, Tom McInerney, Micheal Barry, William (Bill) Gordon, Joy Dunga, Dinky Nugent, Judith Pinnell, Christopher Hills, Marie Macquet

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION
PARISH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2026 (updated) click here

CONTACTS: HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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Mary Silcock	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	021 174 9383
Shelley Hills	St Francis of Assisi	027 437 7851
Elaine Taggart	St Peter Chanel	021 256 2941

CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS	St Peter Chanel Motueka	St Mary's Nelson	St Francis of Assisi Stoke	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Richmond OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart Takaka Sept

NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	SPC School Newsletter T3 Weeks 7 & 8	St Paul's School Richmond	Passionist Family Group 6 Sept 2026	Welcom Issue 13	Sept Sisters of Compassion Update

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