



14 September 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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 4pm, (1st & 3rd Saturday), Wakefield 5pm (2nd Saturday), Waimea West 5pm (4th 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 1st Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm- Mass 6pm

Numbers 21:4-9 Rebellion and Complaint: With regard to the bronze serpent, two quite different questions may be asked. The first: what is the historical origin of this account? An easy answer: near the Sinai mines a healing god was honoured and little bronze serpents were offered in thanksgiving. The stories of travellers must have inspired the narrative. But the important question is the second: what does this page of the holy book intend to say? *The people complained.* The Israelites complain again: this is the inner rebellion of those who do not accept sacrifices and will not exert themselves in order to become better and who would rather blame others. *Make a bronze serpent.* A strange command to the Israelites, but the bronze serpent will be a prophetic sign: God intends to cure the sin with the very instrument of the sin. *Whoever looks at it shall live.* Another prophetic statement. Sinners will not have to follow strict prescriptions: let them merely look with faith at the sign God sends for their healing. Jesus will say: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up (on the cross) so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." (Jn 3:14). The story of the serpent is one of those biblical images with a hidden meaning, and people had to wait for the day when Christ would give them meaning. The same is true in our lives: in our past there have been some incidents which we did not understand at that time. Why did this happen to me? Some day, the light of Christ will reveal the meaning. *CCP-Catholic Pastoral Edition*

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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.holyfamilynelson.org/> and www.ourladyofthebays.org

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

RECENTLY DIED: We hold in prayer those who have recently died: Kevin Wilson

Please pray for our sick in our community:

Kerry Eggeling, and we pray for Leueen Margerat Maaka (nee Tohill), 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.”



CARE FOR CREATION ([link to resources](#)) and

Catholic Social Teaching - Save the date! During September Christians reflect on the need to care for the earth, our common home. This is an integral part of our Catholic tradition of social teaching, which also emphasises themes like solidarity, human dignity, the promotion of peace, and the right of all to what is needed for a decent human life. In our Archdiocese the Commission for Ecology, Justice, and Peace is asked to reflect on church and society in light of this tradition. The Commission extends an invitation to everyone interested in reflecting on ecology, justice and peace to gather on **Saturday 4 October**, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St Joseph’s Church, Mt Victoria. We will celebrate Mass and take time to share and reflect on issues of concern. We hope this will be a time of sharing and of making connections. A plate of food to share would be appreciated. Enquiries to Jim McAloon, jmcaloon@xtra.co.nz

Catholic Social Teaching / Pope Leo XIV quote:

'Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. In a world

where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity.' - Pope Leo XIV, [Message](#) for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 2025.

CALLED & EQUIPPED Formation Programme - Applications for 2026 now open!

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith? Would You like to know more about what it means to be catholic? Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough? **JOIN US** on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. For more contact Lucienne Hensel at 04 496 1715 or l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz.

Safeguarding Training: The safeguarding Team is pleased to again have Kevin Plant visit from Wellington to conduct another Safeguarding Training. There will be two options: Friday 10th October at 7 pm and Saturday 11th October at 10 30 a.m. Both of these sessions will be held in the parish meeting rooms in Manuka St, Nelson and last 1 ½ hours. Ministers who have not attended a safeguarding training since 2022 need to attend one of these sessions to continue their role in their parish ministry. This training is open to ministers from all of the Nelson/Tasman parishes. Any enquiries Tim James 027 4468760.

Trustee Wanted: The Wattie Jenkins Richmond Trust is a registered Tier 3 charity that operates the Wattie Jenkins Retirement Village, a small registered retirement village consisting of six units in Roeske Street, next door to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Richmond. The Trust and trustees have a relationship with the St Vincent de Paul Society and the local Catholic community. The Trust is seeking some people to fill to two vacancies, and are particularly keen to recruit someone with experience with asset management and managing contracts. The Trust does not have any employees and the Chairperson assisted by the other trustees deal with the day to day management of the village. The trustees do not receive remuneration. Trust meetings are held quarterly, usually between 4 pm and 5.30 pm on the last Wednesday in February, May, August and

November plus the Annual General Meeting. To find out more about joining the Trust, please contact the Chairperson, Brian McGurk, either by email at brian@brianmcgurk.co.nz or text/call 027 444 0170.

Hope & Renewal Summit: This week, we lift up in prayer all those who will speak, teach, testify, and lead worship at the Hope and Renewal Summit. May the Holy Spirit inspire their words and music so that hearts may be opened and the Church renewed. Let us pray: *Lord, anoint those who will teach, testify, and lead us in praise at the Summit. May their words lift hearts and their music awaken hope. Mary, born to bring Christ to the world, pray for every speaker and worship leader. May their hearts glorify God and help renew your Church. Amen.* To learn more or support the Hope and Renewal Summit, visit hoperenewalsummit.com or email: hoperenewal@pndiocese.org.nz



We are excited to introduce and welcome Judy Waller as the new administrator for both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of the Bays Parishes. Judy, a valued member of our Holy Family Parish community, will be working alongside Michele in the Parish Office in Nelson.

Her warm presence and dedication to the service of our parishes will surely be an asset as she helps with the administrative and spiritual life of both communities. We are confident that her contributions will strengthen our parishes and support the wonderful work being done within our faith family.

Please join us in welcoming Judy to her new role and keep her in your prayers as she embarks on this new chapter of service.



DATES TO REMEMBER: For both parishes

Sunday 14 September

- † Jubilee of Migrants
- † Multicultural Sunday celebration at St Francis of Assisi and St Mary's

Tuesday 16 September

- † 7pm, RCIA, OLHP Hall, Richmond
- † 7pm, RCIA, HFP Mtg Rm, Nelson

Wednesday 17 September

- † 5.15pm, SPC Leadership Group, Motueka

Thursday 18 September

- † 10.30am, OLPH, Mothers Prayers, OLPH Hall

Sunday 5 October

- † 9.00am, OLPH, Multicultural Sunday celebration.

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 SVDP.

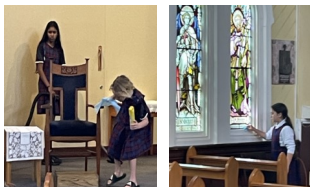
HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Jubilee of Migrants - Multicultural Sunday celebration 14 September: Come and celebrate with us! We're marking the Jubilee of Migrants at Mass and would love everyone to wear their national dress to show the beautiful mix of cultures in our Holy Family Parish. After Mass, we'll have a shared morning tea – bring along a plate of something from your culture if you can. It will be a wonderful chance to enjoy each other's food and company.

First Holy Communion: A child's first Holy Communion is when the child continues their initiation into the church and receives the body of Jesus in the form of bread and wine at Mass

RCIA : Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested? We will be starting our RCIA course for enquirers in September. The course will be held in Nelson, Richmond and Motueka. More information please contact : **Nelson** - Katie Rose katiemrose54@gmail.com 0212964155; **Richmond:** Greg & Maryanne Hall, 0276181421 Greg.maryanne@gmail.com or **Motueka** - Margaret Jones 0210474894 marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com

for the first time. It is a time to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus and give a deeper appreciation of Mass and the church as a community. If your young person has been baptised, has received the sacrament of confirmation, we invite them to the First Holy Communion programme. **The sessions for parents and candidates are at 9.30am, 14 September, 12, 19 October followed by the Mass.** Holy Communion practice at 4pm, 8 November and the Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated on 9 November at the 10.30am Mass.



Thank you to the Year 5 & 6 Students from St Joseph's School for cleaning and polishing the

church and polishing the pews this week as a gesture of giving back during Social Justice Week.

RCIA will commence on Tues 16 September at 7pm in the Parish meeting room, Manuka Street. All enquirers about becoming Catholic are welcome.



Welcome to Our Parish Family: We joyfully welcome **Maile Tau'alupe**, newly baptised into

our Holy Family Parish Community. May God bless Maile and his family, and may we

continue to surround them with our prayers and love as they grow in faith.

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

The RCIA Richmond has commenced. Tuesday, Richmond parish hall at 7pm. All those who are interested in the enquiry process about the Catholic faith or wishing to become Catholic are most welcome. Sessions start with a video presentation followed by short discussion.

Mothers Prayers: Next meeting, Thursday 18 September. We are a small group that pray for families especially our own. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 10.30am in the Richmond parish hall. For more information phone Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523 948 or Elizabeth 544 5188 / 027 545 1818

St Peter Chanel, Motueka Intercessory Prayer Group meets in the Day Chapel at 6pm each Wednesday. Take an hour out of your busy life to pray and contemplate in peace and companionship.

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

Holy Family Parish Roster - 20/21 September 2025

	Greeters	AV/Music	POW/POF	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Care	Church Cleaning	Hospitality
St Mary's, Saturday 6pm	A & D Perera		P Gillin J Waller	M Milner S Maria T James			
St Francis of Assisi, Sunday, 8.30am	M Menzies	R Eggeling (M) Joseph's Grp	M Shepherd L Isle	A McBride	A McBride		
St Mary's, Sunday, 10.30am	R & K Lotilla	Justin's Music Group	A M Angeles T Finnigan	A Oertly A McAlpine Sr Colleen K Curtis	D deBorja	J Auld	volunteer

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

Liturgy of the Word - St. Francis of Assisi Chapel 9.30am		Ernest Rutherford Sunday Service:
Tuesday 16 Sept (Frances)	Thursday, 18 Sept (Ron)	Sunday 21 September (Francis)