



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 Taura Whiri o Ngu Whangape Parahi Kaitiaki
OUR LADY OF THE BAYS
MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

15 February 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH and OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH
Mass Times - Please see over page for Holiday Mass changes

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 5pm, (1st & 3rd Saturday), Wakefield 5pm (2nd Saturday), Waimea West 5.00pm (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

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:17–37: I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfil them.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God. **IP**

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Mondays, please contact the office unless it's an emergency: priest@holyfamilynelson.org.nz |

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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.

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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

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

Mass Intentions: Raffaele Miccio (14/2)

Please pray for our sick: *“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 ACROSS THE REGION

Mass changes: Tuesday 9.30am Richmond, Wednesday 9.30am Motueka.

Friday 13 February

† 7pm, LifeTeen 2026 Term 1 Launch - Family Amazing Race, OLPH Hall

Saturday 14 February

† 7.30am, Men’s Breakfast, HFP Mtg Room

Sunday 15 February

† 11.30am, HFP annual picnic - ALL WELCOME

Ash Wednesday Mass Timetable: 18 February

9.30am, SPC Motueka, Mass
9.30am, St Paul’s School, Richmond, Liturgy
9.30am, SFA Stoke, Mass
11am, St Joseph’s School, Nelson, Liturgy
11am, Garin College, Richmond, Liturgy
6pm, St Mary’s, Nelson, Ecumenical Liturgy
7pm, OLPH, Richmond, Mass

Friday 20 February

† 6pm, Light refreshments followed by
7pm, Stations of the Cross, St Mary’s, Nelson
† Stations of the Cross, time TBC, Fridays, OLPH, Richmond

Wednesday 25 February

† 11.40am, Garin College opening Mass

Thursday 26 February

† 2pm, Anointing Mass, SFA, Stoke

Friday 27 February

† 6pm, Light refreshments followed by Stations of the Cross, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke

Special Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi runs from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027 marking 800 years since his death.

Historical timeline: Click on the link below to access a historical timeline of the establishment of church communities. [Parish Timeline](#)

Parishes Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:

To register for the sacramental programme, click this link: <https://forms.gle/cFU5vKv9X5c5medB7>



Baptism:

School Baptism Programme: Each school will prepare children for Baptism prior to the commencement of the Sacramental Programme.

Baptism registration for school aged children not attending Catholic Schools. If your child does not attend a Catholic School and wishes to be baptised and attend the sacramental programme you can contact the parish office to register them.

Confirmation:

Session 1: Sunday 3 May
Session 2: Sunday 10 May
Session 3: Sunday 17 May
Session 4: Sunday 24 May
Practice: Saturday 6 June

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 7 June

Reconciliation:

Session 1: 26 July
Session 2: 2 August
Session 3: 9 August
Practice: 15 August

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 16 August

Communion:

Session 1: 1 November
Session 2: 8 November
Session 3: 15 November
Practice: 21 November

Sacrament of First Eucharist: 22 November

Ash Wednesday: Ashes are an outward sign of inward sorrow for sin and penitence.

In Biblical times in the Near East, to wear old clothes and pour ashes on your head was a cultural expression of deep grief, humility and a desire to repent. For example, we see this in Isaiah 37:1, Job 42:6, Daniel 9:3. Jonah 3:5-6 shows those in Nineveh responded to God’s judgement with a call for all people, from the King down, to repent and sit in ashes, so that God may show mercy. This act was important to God – He listened to the humble and sincere repentance and showed mercy. As we approach Ash Wednesday, may we prepare to meet God in sorrow and penitence.

A **malgamation Update - Our Journey Together** - As we continue this journey, we invite you to keep praying the [Amalgamation Prayer](#), trusting in the faith, history, and hope that unite us as one community.



TERM ONE

We are starting each Friday in TERM ONE by joining the Parish Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Lifeteen will then go into the Prish hall for light refreshments and activities until 8.30m.

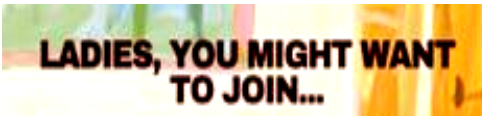
WHEN Every Friday in School Term from: Friday Feb 13 to Friday 27 March, 7pm-8.30pm.

WHERE Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Church and hall.

WHO? LifeTeen is open to all youth from Year 7 up to Year 13. Stations of the Cross 7pm is open to all.



Men's Breakfast Saturday 14 February at St Mary's meeting room, Nelson, from 7.30 - 9am. We invite all men from our region to come and listen to Paolo Garcia, (National MP for Grey Lynn). He is strongly prolife, a devout Catholic, a man with strong faith, husband and father of four. He is the first Filipino born person to be represented in the NZ Parliament. Contact details and RSVP by Thursday 12 February - Willie 0274625983.



Nelson Dove Fellowship for Women are launching new small local faith groups for all women across the region. Come to a gathering to form the groups and kick it off. Our Lady of the Bays, (35 William St, Parish rooms) meeting is on Feb the 14th, 1- 2pm with cuppa and snacks to follow. Come and be part of a friendship group where women encourage each other in their daily faith lives. If you want to be part of a group but cannot make this meeting please email staceyashley5@gmail.com. Blessings and fondest regards, Stacey, Margot & Teresa.

Lent Series: Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a five-part video series, which, along with the companion full-length book, reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. Screened at HFP Mtg Rm, Nelson, March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7pm-8.30pm.



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WHARARONGO KI TE REO, WHAKAHOA KIA KARANGA

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Lent Reflection Programme

“Hear the Voice Answer the Call”: During Lent we are invited to slow down and listen carefully to scripture, to conscience and to the needs of others as the psalm says “Teach me wisdom in my secret heart” (Psam 51:6). In the Gospels we also meet people who hear God’s voice in unexpected ways - in the wilderness, on a mountaintop, at a well, on a dusty road or in the shadow of grief. Their encounters lead to action. They step forward in trust. <https://www.caritas.org.nz>

Bishops Lenten Appeal “The beginning of Lent marks the start of the Bishops’ Lenten Appeal. Donations can be made to Caritas directly via direct debit or credit card through the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand website <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>. The bank account for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is 03-0518-0211216-000. Please use “Lent” as the Code and your first and last name as particulars. Freepost envelopes are available at Mass throughout Lent. Please take an envelope this morning if you prefer to give in that way. Donations received by Caritas by 31 March will be sent a receipt for the 2025/26 tax year. Any donations received in the Caritas office after April 1st will be sent a receipt for the 2026/27 tax year. Your generous support enables Caritas to help poor and marginalised communities around the world. Thank you. For more information, email: caritas@caritas.org.nz or call 0800 22 10 22.

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 0212964155; **Richmond**: Greg & Maryanne Hall, 0276181421 Greg.maryanne@gmail.com or **Motueka** - Margaret Jones 0210474894 marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer for Women - Friday morning, 6 March at the Stoke Methodist Church. This is an inter-Church gathering so save the date! More later. Judy Burke ph 027 3690115.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE This Lent, become a *40 Days for Life Prayer Partner* and spiritually unite with the global *40 Days for Life* movement to pray for an end to abortion and to bear witness to the dignity of every human person from conception. Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. Use the QR code to find the sign-up page: For more information contact Simon: 021 400 729 or simon@fli.org.nz



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

Palms please! If you have palms from last year, we would welcome them being placed in the basket in the church foyer before Ash Wednesday.



Mothers Prayers: 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. Our first meeting for this year will be Thursday 19 February. Phone Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523948 or Elizabeth 544 5188 / 027 5451818.

Stations of the Cross, St Peter Chanel, Motueka, Friday 20 February and every Friday at 7pm during Lent.

Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond, Wednesday 25 February 1.30pm. The reflections are for the not so young, however, all are welcome. We will use the data screen.

Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond, every Friday commencing 20 February 7.00pm concluding Friday 27 March. We invite anyone as an individual or as a group to take a turn to lead each Friday. As Fr Dyson has said sharing your gifts and talents is one way that we can be a light in the world. Please contact Judith Ashley if you would like to do this. Thank you judenz13@gmail.com

Christian Meditation Group: Mondays at 7.30 to 8.15pm in the OLPH hall. You are warmly invited to come along and join in. We have an opening prayer, a short teaching, music, 20 minutes in silence and stillness and a closing prayer. Meditation may be something you want to try in your prayer life this Lent. Karen 027 245 7800 or Marie 027 865 8032.

Gardening Help Please: Would you be able to give a little time and tidy a patch of church garden in your own time? Weeds are awaiting you! I will be outside church after 9 am Mass so see me and claim your patch. Ph 027 245 7800 Karen. Thanks so much.

Communion for the Sick in Motueka, contact Elaine Taggart 021 256 2941.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



Parish Picnic 2026: The date for the annual Holy Family Parish Picnic is Sunday 15 February after 10.30am Mass. Save the date! Any enquiries: Tim James Phone or txt 027 4468760.

Last Year's Palms: Over the next two weeks, as we prepare for Lent, there will be a basket in Church foyers for Palms from last year's Palm Sunday. These will become the Ashes that we will use on Ash Wednesday 18 February. Please can you bring you have at home and pop them in the baskets.



Lent 2026 Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent alternating between St Mary's and St Francis of Assisi churches at 7pm. This will be preceded by light refreshments at 6pm. Please diary!

RCIA HFP - Wanted for RCIA: Because we are blessed with an increased number of candidates across our Parishes preparing for Baptism at Easter, we need someone to sew a number of white garments that will be used at the Vigils at the 3 Churches. They are a simple design. Please contact Katie Rose if you can help: katiemrose54@gmail.com or 0212964155.

CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS
[St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)
[Holy Family Parish](#)
[Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#)
[St Peter Chanel School Newsletter](#)