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16 AUGUST - 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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	**Ezk 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22**	No Masses
TUESDAY	**Ezk 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30**	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	**Ezk 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16**	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	**Ezk 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14**	Nelson 12.05pm: Rest Homes refer "Dates to Remember"
FRIDAY	**Ezk 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40**	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am, **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	**Ezk 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12**	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: Apoc 11:19; 12:1-10; 1Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56
Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith

In today's Gospel, a woman who is not Jewish approaches Jesus, requesting that He heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; He says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that He was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ.

In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all. *Loyola Press*

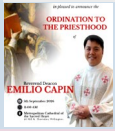
Priest	Designation	Email Address	Contact
Fr Andrew Kim	**Parish Priest**	On Sabbatical leave up to Dec	-
Fr Raymond Soriano	**Acting Parish Priest**	rasorsvd@gmail.com	021 613 953
Fr Dyson Tharakan	**Associate Priest**	On leave until September 6	-
Fr Kinh Nguyen	**Associate Priest**	vknguyenhy@gmail.com	020 41792 567

PARISH NOTICES

Mass of Assumption

Please come! We extend a warm invitation to attend our Mass of Assumption school Masses across the region: **11am, Thursday 13 August**, St Paul's School Mass, OLPH, Richmond, (**12.05pm Mass St Mary's, Nelson, will still be held**); **11am, Friday 14 August, St Joseph's School Mass, St Mary's Nelson** and **11.40am Garin College School Mass, Gymnasium (no usual Masses at Richmond or Stoke)**. For Garin College, please be seated 10 minutes early. A light luncheon in the Garin College library will follow the service, all very welcome to attend.

Men's Breakfast: St Mary's Parish meeting rooms, Nelson, Saturday, 5 September 2026. 7.30am – 9am. Speaker - John Kersten: Come and hear John, a dairy farmer from Reefton, share his profound spiritual experience while in Medjugore. He will talk about this experience and how Our Blessed Mother's messages and The Rosary changed his life and his family. RSVP by 3 September to William Schryvers 027 4625 983.



Ordination to the Priesthood of Emilio Capin: Deacon Emilio Capin is to be ordained to the priesthood at **11am on Saturday, 5 September 2026, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington**. All are invited to witness this special moment. Please pray for Emilio as he takes this next step in his faith journey and responds to God's call.

Ordination to the Holy Order of Deacon of Gerson Badayos: Please pray for Gerson as he prepares for Catholic ordination to the diaconate at Sacred Heart Church in Auckland at 6pm on Friday 2 Oct, 2026. All welcome! Click here for more invitation details.

Calling anyone who can sing! We are starting a new choir for the 6pm Richmond to be rostered once a month. **Practices are 7.30pm—8.30pm on Monday nights Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**. You do not need to know how to read music to join. Contact Evelyn Hall 027 4777 454.

Can you help? Parish Mass, 6pm, Richmond: Please contact us If you can help with any of the following ministries for the above Mass (training and support is available): **Sacristan**; **Mass co-ordinator; Powerpoint creator**; **Data projector operator**; **Altar servers**; **Readers**; **Music support**; **Ministers of the Eucharist**. Email or txt Mary Healey maryhealey6@gmail.com 021 550 405 or Judith Ashley judenz13@gmail.com 021 262 4442.

Notice - Safeguarding: Online Safeguarding sessions for **August** are being held on: Monday 24th 7-8.15pm; Tuesday 25th 6.30-8pm. **Register with Wellington Archdiocese Safeguarding Coordinator Kevin Plant at** k.plant@cadw.nz. The Microsoft Teams link to join workshops will be sent out two days prior.

TO LET: 9A Old Wharf Road Motueka – Flat to rent: One of the flats adjacent to the St Peter Chanel Church is available to rent. This is a 2 bedroom flat with one bathroom. Anticipated rent $300 per week.

423 High Street – House to rent: The old Presbytery adjacent to St Peter Chanel Church and School is available to rent. This is a 3 bedroom house with two bathrooms. As this property is adjacent the school, the school will have the opportunity to review any prospective tenants. Anticipated rent $500 per week.

To express your interest or inquire about these properties please email **office@stjp2.nz**

Notice: Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 21st and 28 August.

GENERAL NOTICES

HOPE FOR THE WORLD
LIFE, FAITH & FAMILY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Hope for the World International Conference on Life, Faith and Family - Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September . In Christ we can restore a culture where every life is protected from conception to natural death. Join us in Auckland to hear inspiring speakers. Find out more and register here: https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/ **before Thursday 20 August** to enter draw to win a beautiful statue of the Holy Family. Enquiries to Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

ALPHA - Monday nights from 6.30pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall, Richmond. Come and join us. Email alphajohnpaul2@gmail.com for more details.

ALPHA Saturday 29 August, St Mary's - 5.15pm: As part of the Alpha weekend we will be having a worship music session in the evening before the Mass. Join us for an evening of worship music as we prepare our hearts for Mass. Everyone is warmly welcome! Come along, sing, pray and worship together before Mass.

Dovecotes Richmond: Wednesday 19 August 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383. **Dovecotes Nelson CBD:** Thursday 27 August 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Nelson, Margo 027 4448 398. **Dovecotes Stoke**: Thursday 10 Sept 7pm - 8.30pm, Norma 0273101 255.

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. Our next meeting is on Thursday 20 August, 10.30am, Richmond parish hall. Ph Kath on 03 970 6754; 027 4523 948 or Elizabeth on 03 544 5188; 027 5451818.

NSGG: Our 28 August meeting will be at our usual venue of St Barnabas in Stoke, beginning with morning tea at 9.30am and finishing the morning at 12.30pm. Ilene Allan will lead us into this time of contemplative prayer on the theme of encouraging ourselves and others as we share examples of encouragement: Click here for details. It will help with preparation if you send your registrations to r.higgs@hotmail.com by 5pm, Wednesday, 26 August.

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 22 August, 5pm, venue TBC.** Details contact Ray Vargas 027 427 2383; Dahlia Vargas 027 507 9688; Sonny Bautista 027 1111 8258. Email CFCNelsonTasman@gmail.com.

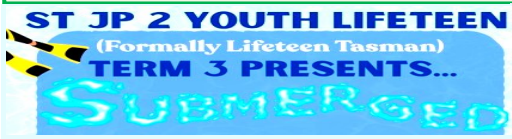
Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 30 August at 12.30pm**, St Francis of Assisi Meeting. You are welcome to come join us, contact Margo 027 4448 398 or Judy Burke 027 369 0115.

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).

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

You're Invited! The Stoke Combined Churches Womens' Groups Social Afternoon will be held on Saturday 5th September at 2.00pm in the Whakatu Presbyterian Church, 34 Champion Road, Richmond. Join us for an afternoon of shared Worship, Fellowship and Friendship. Our guest speaker will be Gary Hoogvliet, (A Very Tall Man) from Radio Rhema and Sanctuary. A collection will be taken up for the Save the Children Fund and afternoon tea will follow the meeting. For further information please contact Judy Burke on 027 3690 115.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES ACROSS THE REGION



STJP2 YOUTH LIFETEEN: Friday 14 August - Portal; Friday 21 August - Deep Water; Friday 28 August - Suit Up; Friday 4 September - Submerged
All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm to 8.30pm, OLPH Church hall, Richmond. Contact: lifeteen-tasman@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.
Every Sunday, 4.40pm—5.40pm.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Hall, Richmond.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Parishes Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:
Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be:
St Peter Chanel Church, Motueka: 15 August, 11am;
St Mary's Church, Nelson: 16 August, 2pm;
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond: 23 August, 4pm.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Sessions for 2026 start Tuesday 1st September. 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

ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Helen Newman (13/8), Edwin Baker (16/8), India Mae Woods (17/8), Ian Crighton	**Tom McInerney, Micheal Barry, William (Bill) Gordon, Joy Dunga, Dinky Nugent, Judith Pinnell, Christopher Hills, Marie Macquet**

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

NEW PARISH CALENDAR - AUGUST 2026 click here

Saturday Vigil & Sunday 16 August	†	**Assumption of Mary** - The Bishops Conference has transferred the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Sunday August 16 in 2026
	†	**A Rosary will be prayed before all Assumption Masses this weekend**
Thursday 20 August	†	11am, Summerset Ranges, Richmond
Thursday 27 August	†	2pm, Anointing Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke (Only Mass of the Day)
Tuesday 1 September	†	Season of Creation - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Saturday 5 September	†	7.30am-9am, St Mary's Meeting Room, **Men's Breakfast**

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	Sacred Heart Takaka
NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	SPC School Newsletter T3 Weeks 3 & 4	Passionist Family Group	Sisters of Compassion update Aug 2026	WelCom Issue 12	

Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@stjp2.nz
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Newsletter Deadline Wednesday noon; Information to: newsletter@stjp2.nz