



**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 Ngā Whānau Parahi Kaitiaki*  
**OUR LADY OF THE BAYS**  
MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

**1 March 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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

**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, (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

**Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9:**

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

**Background on the Gospel Reading:**

In the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to His Transfiguration which follows Jesus' first prediction of His death and His teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of His glory, His Resurrection and affirms the dual nature of Jesus as both man and God.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at His baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word. The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when He asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

Jesus' duality of nature is often difficult for us to comprehend but is one of the foundational beliefs of the Church. We must not repeat the reluctance of the disciples to believe and understand. We already have the whole picture. Just as Jesus was revealed as the beloved Son of God, we too can take our place as beloved children of God. During this week, try as a follower of Jesus, to respond to people with greater generosity, forgiveness, acceptance and love. **IP** and Akl Liturgy Centre

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Fr Dyson Tharakan, dysonexpress@gmail.com ; Fr Raymond Soriano, rasorsvd@gmail.com; (Assistant Priests). On Mondays, please contact the office unless it's an emergency: priest@holymfamilynelson.org.nz | office@holymfamilynelson.org.nz (HFP) | office.admin@parish.org.nz (OLOB)  
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**Nelson Hospital:** Sacraments of Healing contact Parish Office or ask for the Hospital Chaplain.

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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Eileen Seconi.

**Mass Intentions and Anniversaries:** Noel McBride (27/2).

**Please pray for the sick in our community, especially Fr Pat Maloney.**

*“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

#### Reconciliation for Lent

**Rite I:** After each weekday Mass 6pm, following Adoration, St Mary’s, Nelson

**Rite II:** 4pm, Sunday 8 March, OLPH, Richmond  
4pm, Sunday 15 March, SFA, Nelson  
7pm, Wednesday 18 March, St Peter Chanel, Motueka

#### Sunday 1 March

† 11.45, St Mary’s Church, baptism of Azra Pejkoivic - all parishioners welcome to attend

#### Friday 6 March

† 10am, World Day of Prayer, Peter Chanel Church, Motueka  
† 7pm- 9pm, Motueka SPC Hall, candlelit social evening

#### Saturday 7 March

† 11am, Memorial Mass for David Carran followed by light refreshments in St Mary’s Meeting Room

#### Tuesday 10 March

† 3.30pm, St Vincent de Paul Motueka, St Peter Chanel Church foyer

#### Thursday 12 March

† 10am, Mass at Ernest Rutherford

#### Tuesday 31 March

† 12pm, Chrism Mass, St Mary’s, Nelson

#### Anointing Masses, Richmond:

† 11am, 5 March, Arvida Oakwoods  
† 11am, 19 March, Summerset Ranges

**Special Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi: St Francis and Reconciliation:** Of all the values, reconciliation is most distinctively Christian. St Francis understood that forgiveness/reconciliation does not forget or ignore pain, but allows for new possibilities, change, growth, and life.

**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.



### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AROUND THE REGION**

**Fridays during Lent, 7pm** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond; St Joseph’s, Wakefield; St Peter Chanel, Motueka.

**Friday 6 March, 20 March, 7pm**, St Mary’s, Nelson, preceded by refreshments at 6pm.

**Friday 27 February, 13 March, 27 March, 7pm** - St Francis of Assisi, Stoke, preceded by refreshments at 6pm.

**St Francis of Assisi:** Friday 27 February we meet at SFA Stoke, 6pm for light refreshments followed by the Stations hosted by our Filipino Community. There will be an opportunity to give a Koha for St Vincent de Paul as part of our Lenten almsgiving. Next Friday 6 March will be at St Mary’s, Nelson hosted by our Burmese Community.

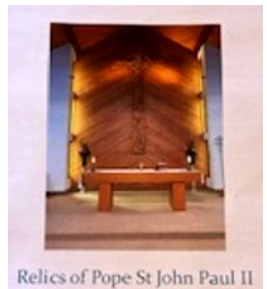
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** We invite anyone, individual or group, to take a turn to lead each Friday Stations of the Cross at OLPH. Sharing your gifts and talents is one way that we can be a light in the world. Contact Judith Ashley Thank you.

[judenz13@gmail.com](mailto:judenz13@gmail.com)

### **Relics of Pope St John Paul II:**

St Peter Chanel Church in Motueka is blessed to have the altar at which Pope St John Paul II celebrated Mass when on his Papal visit to Christchurch in 1986. If that isn’t exciting enough, there is also a relic of Pope St John Paul II sent to us from the Liturgical Office of the Vicariate of Rome. It is secured into the underside of the altar along with a relic of St Peter Chanel!

A booklet, researched and compiled by Motueka parishioner Kevin Courtney, is now available for purchase at a small cost. Copies of the Booklet are already in the Archdiocese of Krakow; with Cardinal Driansz, Pope John Paul II Secretary at the time of the Papal visit to Christchurch; in the Liturgical Office of the Vicariate of Rome; in the Wellington Archdiocese Archives. If you would like a copy email the parish office at [office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz).



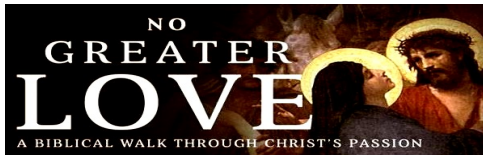
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Fridays in **TERM ONE** Lifeteen are joining the Parish Stations of the Cross at 7pm, OLPH before light refreshments and activities in the hall until 8.30pm. LifeTeen is open to all youth from Yr 7 to Yr 13.

Contact Paula: [lifeteentasman@gmail.com](mailto:lifeteentasman@gmail.com)

Join **Fr Dyson** for a unique Lenten podcast series reflecting on this beautiful liturgical season: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/imBHepvsiv4>



**Lent Series:** Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. Screened at Holy Family Parish Mtg Rm, Nelson on 2, 9, 16, 23 March from 7pm-8.30pm. 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.

**House Group Biblical Study:** An Afternoon study group will commence on Tuesday 3 March, 1.30pm. 'A Biblical walk through the Passion' is the subject. It follows the previous night's study for anybody wishing to participate but finds evenings difficult. Location: 2 Commodore Place, Nelson. Contact Tony: 027 4433 455 or [tony@finnigans.co.nz](mailto:tony@finnigans.co.nz).

**Eucharistic Ministers Training:** Ongoing formation is important! Two sessions for Ministers of the Eucharist have taken place in Richmond and in Stoke already and as this is a 'must attend' event – an additional session is being offered to all who have been unable to attend.

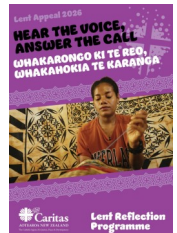
In **St Mary's** on **05 March** at **7pm** the **final session** will be offered. This is **Open to all in the combined area**. Please make every effort to attend – many thanks to those who already have.

**Planned giving:** Envelopes for next year will be available from 8 March at Nelson, Stoke, Richmond & Motueka. You may have been given a new planned giving number for the new amalgamated parish due to the large number of parishioners using the same numbers in both Holy Family and Our Lady of the Bays parishes. Check your new number and start using it from 1 April (including for the Easter special collections).

**Nelson Dove Fellowship** have started a new local faith group for all women across the region. Come and be part of a friendship group where women encourage each other in their daily faith lives. For more information email [staceyashley5@gmail.com](mailto:staceyashley5@gmail.com) Blessings from Stacey, Margot & Teresa.



**"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" (Psalm 51:6). <https://www.caritas.org.nz>. 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>. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand bank account number: 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. Email [caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:caritas@caritas.org.nz) or call 0800 22 10 22 for more information.



**World Day of Prayer:** Friday 6 March. 10am, Methodist Church, Neale Ave, Stoke. Starting with supplied morning tea, all combined parishioners welcome. There is a retiring collection. Our church has an active part in the service. These are very short readings, if anyone would like to help please contact Judy Burke on 027 369 0115 or [burkejudy86@gmail.com](mailto:burkejudy86@gmail.com)

**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)

## Parishes Sacramental Programme 2026

**Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:** Click here

to register for the programme.

<https://forms.glecFU5vKv9X5c5medB7>



The Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist are for children in year 4 and above.

**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.

**For Sacramental programme session dates,** starting 3 May, visit <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org>.

**Archdiocese invitation:** Registrations have now opened (for all dates during Lent) for the Webinar Series involving our Catholic Bishops. Registration Link <https://link.caritas.org.nz/lentweb1regiamong>

**Medjugorje In-Depth:** Enjoy a fulfilling stay in the holy valley of Medjugorje with Mir Pilgrimages from **5-18 June 2026**. Ph: 027 3525 217/  
[info@pilgrimages.co.nz](mailto:info@pilgrimages.co.nz)/[www.mirpilgrimages.co.nz](http://www.mirpilgrimages.co.nz).

### OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

**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. Phone Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523948 or Elizabeth 544 5188 / 027 5451818.

**World Day Of Prayer 2026** Friday, 6 March at 10am, St Peter Chanel Church, Motueka.

**St Peter Chanel School** students had a great time learning about the Holy Trinity with Father Raymond and his clever paper trick which helped deepen understanding of ourselves, each other, and our Church. We're so grateful for our wonderful church whānau and the connections that bring our faith to life.



**Christian Meditation:** Monday's 7.30 to 8.15pm in OLPH Hall. You are warmly invited to join in this quiet contemplative form of prayer. Karen 027 245 7800 or Marie 027 865 8032.

**Motueka women** are invited to a candlelit social evening in the Church Hall, Friday 6 March, 7pm to 9pm. We smile and greet each other on Sundays but don't always know each other's names. There will be a prize draw and you need bring

nothing along. Invitations are in the foyer so fill in your name and come along. [ellecampion@gmail.com](mailto:ellecampion@gmail.com)

**Please pray for the Catechumens** of St Peter Chanel, that as they journey toward the blessed light of Easter 2026, they may be strengthened by grace and drawn ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Christ and the fullness of His Church.



### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**Holy Week Liturgies:** For all those willing to take part in any (or all) of the Holy Week celebrations, sign-up sheets will be available in both Church foyers after Mass this and next weekend. All volunteers warmly welcomed!

**Tongan Catholic Community gathering:**



The Tongan Catholic Community gathered for their annual Mass at St Mary's Church, Nelson, last weekend. Visiting Wellington Celebrant Fr Akuila Taliauli, together with Tongan Catholic Community Leader Soane Lavemaa, led the celebration which was followed by festivities in St Joseph's School Hall. Fr Akuila will return in May to celebrate the community's one year anniversary.

**Please keep our Catechumens** in your prayers as they journey toward the joy of Easter 2026, that the Holy Spirit may guide them deeply into the mystery of Christ and His Holy Church.



**Breakfast!** Sisters Colleen and Maria were given a special breakfast treat when St Joseph's School student Braxton displayed his cooking skills by spoiling them with a breakfast they won't forget!



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