St John Paul II Parish

Newsletter

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1 NOVEMBER 2026 - ALL SAINTS' DAY

Mass Times Reconciliation Adoration Readings

SATURDAY	**Takaka Mass 5pm (I & III Saturday), Liturgy of the Word 9.30am (II Sunday); 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	Is 25:6a,7-9; Rom 5:5-11; Mat 11:25-30	WW 10am; Motueka 10am; Richmond 6pm, Nelson 6pm
TUESDAY	Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am. *St Charles Borromeo*
THURSDAY	Philippians 3:3-8; Luke 15:1-10	Nelson 12.05pm; Rest Homes see Calendar
FRIDAY	Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am, **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15	Vigil Masses only
RECONCILIATION	After every Mass; during Adoration; or by appointment with a priest	
ADORATION	St Mary's Nelson - Friday 5pm, OLPH Richmond - First Thursdays 1.30-6pm	

Readings: Apocalypse 7:2-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. When we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness but rather He is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living and therefore it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. *Loyola Press*

Why Catholics Need to Avoid Modern Halloween

Catholics who abstain from the secular celebration do so for several key theological reasons:

Glorification of Evil and Darkness: The Church teaches that Christians must reject things that trivialize or celebrate evil, spiritual warfare, and the dark side.

Trivialization of Death: Catholic theology views death through the lens of Christ's Resurrection and victory over sin, preferring to approach mortality with solemn hope rather than cheap horror.

Association with Pagan Roots: While the modern holiday is largely commercial, elements trace back to pre-Christian Celtic harvest festivals where spirits were believed to roam. Some families avoid it out of caution regarding these historical or cultural overlaps.

What the Church Actually Teaches & Recommends: Official Catholic perspectives (such as those from Catholic Discovery and various educators) make a distinction between the secular culture and the Christian roots.

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Fr Andrew Kim	*Parish Priest*	On leave up to Dec	-
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Fr Kinh Nguyen	*Associate Priest*	vknguyenhy@gmail.com	020 4179 2567

PARISH NOTICES

LOGO UPDATE!

St John Paul II Parish community leaders and priests wish to thank all those who contributed to the design of a new logo through their prayers, submissions and development work. Our Parish community is extremely grateful for the time and energy many have devoted to the search for a new symbol, which now features as our newsletter banner. All of you will be given a token of appreciation during Masses at each Church this weekend. A presentation explaining the chosen design has been shared during some Masses already but you may also Click here to view it in your own time.

PARISH MEMORIAL MASS & ALL SOULS' DAY

On Friday 30 October at 7pm in St Francis of Assisi, we will be remembering all those of our Parish family that have passed away over the last year during our Parish Memorial Mass. All are invited to come and honour our loved ones in preparation for our November observances. Those parishioners attending who have not lost loved ones in the last year, are invited to contribute a plate to the supper following the Mass. This will be the **ONLY MASS OF THE DAY for Nelson, Stoke and Richmond.**

All Souls' Day Monday 2 November: November is the month we remember all the departed souls and pray for them. For Mass times, please see the page 3 Roster. Click here for our Book of Remembrance.

Blessing of the Ngawhatu Valley Graves: The graveyard at the top of the hill at Ngawhatu contains the graves of 23 boys who lived and died at St Mary's Orphanage. This historic and poignant site will be blessed at **9.45am on Monday 2 November**. You are invited to attend this blessing, but you will have to be able to negotiate two stiles and walk a fairly steep hill! Enquiries welcome, Frances 0276464529.

End of Year and Sacrament of Confirmation Mass - Garin College

The End of Year and Sacrament of Confirmation Mass at Garin College on **Thursday 5 November** at **11.40am** will be the **ONLY MASS OF THE DAY for Richmond, Stoke and Nelson**. During that Mass six children will be confirmed by **Archbishop Paul Martin SM**.

Parish Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion Programme session commence on **Sunday 1, 8 and 15 of November**, followed by the First Holy Communion Celebration which will be held on **Sunday 22 November** during the **Nelson 10.30am Mass**, **Richmond 9am Mass** and **Motueka 11am Mass**.

Testimony Afternoon Tea: Reefton Dairy farmer John Kersten will share the profound spiritual experience he had while in Medjugore. Last month, John spoke at the Men's breakfast and his story had such an impact that John is repeating it for others to be able to hear. Afternoon tea - if able, feel free to bring something to share. **Saturday 31 October, 2pm**. Richmond Catholic Church Hall, 35 William St. Click here for details.

Men's Steak Night: A night out to socialise, make new connections and get comfortable with being part of a local Catholic parish. Tim James will share briefly on what has kept him being a Catholic for 63 years. Location: Fanny's at 223 Hardy Street Nelson on **Tuesday 3 November, 7pm**. Meal and drink $20-$25. Seating limited to 25 on the night. RSVP (Ph or TXT) Tim on 027 446 8760 or Willie 027 462 5983.

Can you help? Support the **Waimea West Working Bee** for Saints Peter & Paul Church on **Saturday 14 November**, **9am - 12.30pm**. The focus will be to clear the little "garden" area on the left of the church. Morning tea provided.

Waimea West Candle Mass of Remembrance: Saints Peter & Pauls' Church, Waimea West, **Saturday 28 November, 5pm**. Candles to be lit for Carole Crocker and Frances Cosgrove. Contact Colleen on 03 544 8663 or colleenynz@gmail.com for further information.

Sacred Heart Takaka

More than 100 supporters of the Sacred Heart Church in Takaka travelled from across the region to attend the Rōnaki Quartet's recital debut last weekend as a fundraiser for the historic church's earthquake strengthening project. The Rōnaki Quartet gifted their time and talent for a memorable and moving Saturday afternoon.

Columban Calendars are available for purchase from the Parish Office or through church honesty boxes. **$14 each**. **Cash Only**. If you have taken Calendars please ensure they are paid for. **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards** are also now available for purchase from the office at **$6 per pack of five**.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Ladies Invitation – Fashion afternoon tea & talk

All ladies from SJPII Parish and guests are invited to a fashion and style event hosted by colour and wardrobe stylist Suzanne Pearson. Bring a plate to **St Peter Chanel Church** on **Saturday 7 November at 3pm**. Click here for more details or contact Margaret Jones on marg.t.jones58@gmail.com.

Op Shop Opening: St Vincent de Paul Society is opening an Op Shop in Motueka, a bargain for you could mean a helping hand for someone else! From mid-November, the new Vinnies in Greenwood Street will be open **Mon to Sat, 10am–4pm**, with affordable clothing, furniture, linen and kitchenware. Every purchase helps support local families in need. For donations of goods or offers to volunteer please contact Vanessa on 027 361 0185.

Catholic Social Service Annual Appeal 2026: Throughout November, we invite you to support our Annual Appeal, bringing a greater sense of belonging to people in our community. Your generosity helps people feel welcomed, connected, supported and cared for. Scan our QR code or visit our website for details on how to donate: cadw.nz/our-work/catholic-social-services/donate.

The Nelson Hospital Chaplaincy team is running a fundraising stall from Tuesday 1 Dec to Thursday 3 Dec 2026, 9.30 am and 2.30 pm each day on Level 2 outside the café. Donations of cakes/slices/loaves/muffins/fudges; jams or grapefruit-free marmalade, lemon honey, tomato relish; custom-made greeting cards. Items such as jigsaw puzzles, children's games & other new or near-new goods also appreciated. Click here. Email miriam.martin@nmdhb.govt.nz

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

The Knights of the Southern Cross **Reflection booklets** are available for purchase from the Parish Office for **$15 each**.

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).

Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 12 November 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 18 November 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383
Dovecotes in Nelson: Thursday 26 November, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, Margo 027 4448 398.
[Click here for information about Dovecotes nationwide.]

Marriage Enrichment Retreat 1 (MER1)**:** (Couple for Christ Nelson Tasman) One Mind, One Heart Phillippians 2:2. 27-29 November 2026: 27 November St Francis of Assisi, Stoke; 28 November Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond Hall, 29 November - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond.

Faith and Light: **Christmas Function! Sunday 29 November at 12.30pm**, St Francis of Assisi meeting room. Come and join us for Christmas festivities, contact **Margo 027 4448 398** or **Judy Burke 027 369 0115**.

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families. Our next meeting is on **Thur 19 Nov, 10.30am, Richmond Church Hall**. Phone **Kath** on **03 970 6754, 027 4523 948; or Elizabeth** on **03 544 5188; 027 5451818.**

Nelson Spiritual Growth Group - Flourishing with the Divine: The next contemplative prayer gathering is on **Friday 30 October** at St Barnabas Church, Stoke, from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
Register by 5pm Wednesday 28 Oct to eileengordon.eg@email.com. Click here for more details.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE MASS & ALL SOULS' DAY - ROSTER

Combined Parish Remembrance Mass - Friday 30 Oct, 7pm, St Francis of Assisi. Only Mass of the day Stoke/Richmond

ALL SOULS' DAY - Monday 2 November 2026

Event	Takaka	Motueka	Richmond	Nelson	Waimea West & Wakefield
Mass Times	**1-Nov:** 5pm Sacred Heart	10am St Peter Chanel	6pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help	6pm St Mary's	10am Sts Peter and Paul

BLESSINGS OF THE CEMETERIES & GRAVES

Date	Time	Cemetery	Priest
1 November	3.00pm	Takaka	Fr Raymond
2 November	8:45am	Richmond (Wensley Rd)	Fr Dyson
	9:45am	St Mary's Boys Orphanage	Fr Dyson
	10:30am	Marsden Valley	Fr Dyson
	11:00am (after Mass)	Motueka	Fr Raymond
	11:00am (after Mass)	Sts Peter & Paul then St Joseph's following	Fr Kinh
	11:30am	Wakapuaka	Fr Dyson

ONLINE & YOUTH PROGRAMMES

World Youth Day - Korea July 2027: The Wellington Archdiocese is to send a group of young people on this pilgrimage with Fr Dyson.

Applications close 30 October. Please consider volunteering for fundraising work. Contact Sam Schryvers on: schryvers2010@gmail.com for more info.

St JP 2 Youth Lifeteen Presents Term 4:
Power Up! Charge Your Life With Prayer
Friday 30th Oct Family Fun Night!
Friday 6th Nov Switch On

All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm-8.30pm, OLPH Hall, Richmond. **lifeteentasman@gmail.com** ph 022 454 8973. **Click here** for details.

SPARKIFY YOUR DAY!
One Gospel. One thought. One spark. Just 60-90 seconds with Fr Dyson. **SCAN • WATCH • FOLLOW.**
Link: Sparkifyme
Scan the QR codes to follow Sparkify on Instagram, WhatsApp & YouTube.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is a welcoming enquiry program to help people discover the foundations of the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact: **Nelson** - Katie Rose, 021 2964 155, katiemrose54@gmail.com; **Richmond** - Greg & Maryanne Hall, 027 6181 421, greg.maryanne@gmail.com; **Motueka** - Margaret Jones, 021 0474 894, marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com

ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Anniversaries: Betty Di Leva (5/11)	Ian Blackman, Maureen Sharland, Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Micheal Barry, Joy Dunga, William (Bill) Gordon, Judith Pinnell

NOVEMBER 2026 Parish Calendar (Dates to remember) click here

Parish Planned Giving - Last Week	
Total Collection	$8,680.00
Planned Giving *(included in the above)*	$6,353.00

We would like to extend an invitation to new parishioners or those that are putting cash in the collection basket to join the Parish planned giving. You may be able to claim back a refund of 33% of the amount of your donations from Inland Revenue *(tax receipts will be issued for all amounts received > $5.00)*. To join, please send your name and address to finance@parish.org.nz

CONTACTS

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Pete Gillin	St Mary's, Nelson	03 548 8195
Mary Silcock	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond	021 174 9383
Shelley Hills	St Francis of Assisi, Stoke	027 437 7851
Elaine Taggart	St Peter Chanel, Motueka	021 256 2941

PARISH SERVICES

Safeguarding Team	safeguarding@stjp2.nz
Archives	(Bernadette King-Turner) archivist@stjp2.nz - Ph: 021 394 516

CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

MOTUEKA	NELSON	STOKE	RICHMOND	TAKAKA
St Peter Chanel	St Mary's	St Francis of Assisi St Francis of Assisi - 22 Nov - 21 Feb	OLPH Sunday 9am Roster OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart - November Sacred Heart - Mass Times

NEWSLETTERS & COMMITTEE MINUTES - LINKS

St Peter Chanel	STJPII PPC Minutes - September	Garin College Whanau update T4	St Joseph's School Newsletter	Wel*Com* Issue 15

School Preference enquiries contact Parish Office: 027 337 4622 or office@stjp2.nz
Newsletter Deadline Wednesday noon; Information to: newsletter@stjp2.nz