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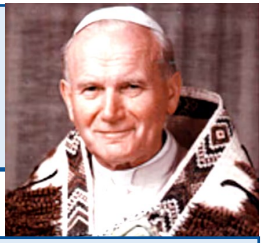

20 SEPTEMBER - 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	Ephesians 4:1-13, Matthew 9:9-13	No Masses
TUESDAY	Proverbs 21:1-13, Luke 8:19-21	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Proverbs 30:5-9, Luke 9:1-6	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11, Luke 9:7-9	Nelson 12.05pm. Rest Homes see the Parish Calendar
FRIDAY	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Luke 9:18-22	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am. **Holy Hour 5pm, Nelson**
SATURDAY	Sirach 11:9-12:8, Luke 9:43-45	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: Isaiah 55:6-9; Phillippians 1:20-24,27; Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. He has not only acted completely justly but exceptionally so. He is radically just - giving those who laboured a full day their due pay but also a full-day's wage to those who worked only one hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain look foolish as they lament the fact that the landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways. *Loyola Press*

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PARISH NOTICES

Season of Creation: 1 September - 4 October: Click here for Season of Creation initiatives and activities worldwide. **Laudato si'** - This week's tip to help our common home is to EAT LOCAL. Buy food that has done the least number of "food miles" and support local producers. **What else?** All **postage stamps**, used and unused, can also be put into the marked box in the foyers at SFA and OLHP churches or handed into the Parish Office. These are on-sold with proceeds given to worthy causes within the Parish. Please continue to put your **plastic milk bottle** tops into church foyer collection boxes for recycling.

All Welcome! We extend to all a warm welcome to attend the **Richmond 9am Parish Family Mass** on **Sunday 20 September** to be followed by a cuppa in the OLPH Hall. Please **bring a plate** to share if you can and stay to gather and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners.

Ordination to the Holy Order of Diaconate of Gerson Badayos

Sacred Heart Church, Auckland, 6pm. Friday 2 Oct, 2026

Please pray for Gerson Badayos as he prepares for Catholic Ordination to the diaconate to be conferred by Archbishop Paul Martin SM. Click here for details.

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi

October 4 marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of our Stoke church. He is the Patron Saint of Peace, Ecology, the Environment and Animals. Please bring your pets...dogs, cats, birds etc to the **8.30am, Stoke Mass** for their annual blessing. To acknowledge Ecology you are invited to bring a pot plant, flowers, or a basket of fruit or vegetables to this Mass to decorate the sanctuary. These are to go home with you after Mass! There will also be a **Holy Hour** praying for Peace at **2.30pm** in the **St Francis of Assisi church**.

Safeguarding Workshops: September/October/November Online Safeguarding Training Workshops for Parish Ministry volunteers. Register with Kevin Plant: k.plant@cadw.nz The Microsoft Teams link to join will be sent two days prior to each Workshop. **Sept:** Mon 21st 7pm-8.15pm; Mon 28th 12noon-1.15pm**. Oct:** Mon 5th 12noon-1.15pm; Tues 27th 7pm-8.15pm. **Nov:** Mon 23rd 12noon-1.15pm; Tues 24th 7pm-8.15pm.

Sparkify - One Gospel. One Thought. One Spark. A short daily Gospel reflection by our own **Father Dyson** - bringing one simple thought from the day's Gospel to inspire us, challenge us and help us live our faith each day. Simplify the message. Amplify the Gospel. Sparkify the world. Click here for the link to Father Dyson's youtube video.

World Youth Day - Korea July 2027: The Wellington Archdiocese is planning to send a group of young people on this pilgrimage with Fr Dyson. Options for attending are: 1. Those between the ages of 18-35, may join the ADW pilgrimage group who will travel and stay together in Korea for the event. These will be financially supported by ADW and local fundraising initiatives. 2. If outside that age group, you will need to make your own arrangements to attend and finance your trip. **Please consider volunteering to assist in organising fundraising initiatives for this amazing Parish opportunity. Those interested in this and/ or joining the pilgrimage please contact Sam Schryvers** at schryvers2010@gmail.com

Many Thanks to all those throughout our Parish communities who responded to this year's **Social Justice** focus. These included St Peter Peter Chanel School families and the Motueka church community. They combined their efforts to provide toiletries for the Motueka St Vincent de Paul Conference for distribution at the Motueka Community House. All initiatives greatly appreciated.

Special congratulations to **Fr Raymond** who turned 73 last Sunday and also to **Eleonore Wheeler** who celebrates 94 years this week. She gets a ride to Mass but walks home to Oakwoods after!

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 18 and 25 of September

GENERAL NOTICES

Healing of Memories Ministry Training Course: Saturday and Sunday 19 & 20 September, St Stephen's, Tahunanui. Archdeacon Robin Kingston offers a short training course on the Healing of Memories Ministry, a christian approach to helping heal from painful experiences. Click here for details.

Death Without Debt Workshop: **Saturday 19 September, 10am-1pm, 10 Pah St, Motueka.** Cost: $30 pp; $45 for 2; $55 for 3 OR by Koha. Register through the DWD website or e: info@deathwithoutdebt.org.nz

Spiritual Directors Open Day 1 October 2026 -Flourishing with the Divine: Nelson Girls College, 9.30am-5.30pm. LAST CHANCE to register at Acsd.org.nz/2026-training-event-nelson or ph Karen 027 245 7800. Click here for details.

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

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).

ALPHA is a welcoming series where people of all ages can explore the Catholic faith, ask life's big questions and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Monday nights from **6.30pm** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall, Richmond.** Email alphajohnpaul2@gmail.com for more details.

Dovecotes in Nelson: Thursday 24 September, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Margo 027 4448 398. [Click here for information about Dovecotes nationwide.]
Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 8 October 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 21 October 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383

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 19 and 26 September, 4pm, OLPH Richmond Hall.** Contact Ray Vargas on 027 427 2383; Dahlia Vargas 027 507 9688; Sonny Bautista 027 1111 8258. For more details email CFCNelsonTasman@gmail.com.

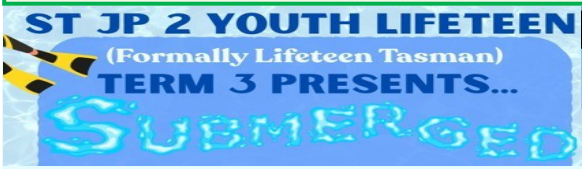
Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 15 October, 10.30am, Richmond parish hall**. Phone Kath on 03 970 6754; 027 4523 948 or Elizabeth on 03 544 5188; 027 5451818.

Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 27 September at 12.30pm**, St Francis of Assisi meeting room. You are welcome to come join us, contact Margo 027 4448 398 or Judy Burke 027 369 0115.

Let the Beads do the Talking

October is the month of the Rosary. There will be an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday at 7pm with "Let The Beads Do The Talking". We will be led by different groups each week so come along and support them and pray the Rosary. Each Wednesday in Richmond and alternate weeks in Nelson and Stoke.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES ACROSS THE REGION



STJP2 YOUTH LIFETEEN: Term 3 presents - Submerged! All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm to 8.30pm, OLPH Church hall, Richmond. Contact lifeteentasman@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**. Sundays 4.40pm to 5.40pm , Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, Richmond.

Email/Text Scam Reminder: For questions or concerns about a scam, contact one of our Parish Priests or Elizabeth Berry, Archdiocesan Privacy Officer by email at privacy@cadw.nz. Click here for the Archdiocese Privacy Hygiene Checklist offering guidelines on ways to protect your personal information.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Sessions for 2026 are at 7pm Tuesdays at Parish meeting rooms in Richmond and Nelson. 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

Parish Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion Programme occurs on **Sunday 1st, 8th and 15th of November**, followed by the First Holy Communion Celebration which will be held on **Sunday 22 November**.

ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Paul A Finnigan (18/9) **Catherine Williams (24/9)**	**Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Tom McInerney, Micheal Barry, Joy Dunga, William (Bill) Gordon, Dinky Nugent, Judith Pinnell, Christopher Hills, Marie Macquet**

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION
PARISH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2026 (updated) click here

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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 OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart Takaka Sept	
NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	SPC School Newsletter T3 Weeks 9 & 10	St Paul's School Richmond	Passionist Family Group 6 Sept 2026	WelCom Issue 13	Sept Sisters of Compassion Update	

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