



## 21 September 2025

### 25th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

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

#### HOLY FAMILY PARISH and OUR LADY OF THE BAYS Mass Times

**Tuesday:** Motueka 9.30am, Nelson 12.05pm

**Wednesday:** Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am

**Thursday:** Nelson 12.05pm

**Friday:** Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am

**Saturday Vigil:** Takaka 4pm, (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday), Wakefield 5pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday), Waimea West 5pm (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- Mass 6pm

**Luke 16:1-13 A Warning against Exploitation:** Prophet Amos, in the first reading, issues a warning against exploiting the poor. It reminds us to be mindful of our actions and to avoid any form of injustice or mistreatment of others. **Prayer for All:** St Paul, in the second reading, emphasises the importance of prayer for everyone, including those in authority. Our prayers have the power to bring about positive change and create an atmosphere of peace and justice. **The Shrewd Manager:** The Gospel presents the parable of the shrewd manager, illustrating the importance of using our resources wisely and with a sense of accountability. It challenges us to be prudent and intentional in our actions. **Living with Kingdom Values:** The parable prompts us to reflect on how we live out our faith in our daily dealings. Our actions should reflect the values of God's kingdom, characterised by justice, compassion and responsible stewardship. **Using Wealth for Good:** The Gospel challenges us to examine how we handle our material resources. While emphasising the danger of serving money, it also encourages us to use our wealth for the benefit of others, fostering a sense of generosity and solidarity. **Choosing God over Mammon:** The readings invite us to make choices aligned with God's values rather than worldly gain. Let us be mindful of our responsibilities to one another, pray for the well-being of all, and use our resources in ways that honour God. *Bible Diary 2025-Claretian Publications India*

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**Nelson Hospital:** Sacraments of Healing contact Parish Office or ask for the Hospital Chaplain.

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

Newsletter Deadline **Wednesday noon:** [ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com) (OLOB), or [office@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:office@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz) (HFP)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** We hold in prayer those who have recently died: Alan Ferris, Joan Roberts, Chris McGrath, Sr Rosalene Hoban RNDM, Leueen Margerat Maaka (nee Tohill) and Rose Elliott (Dublin, Ireland). May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Shirley Armstrong 11/9, Sr Theresa Galvin RNDM, Paul A Finnigan (18/9).

**Please pray for our sick in our community:** Kerry Eggeling, Kerry Mitchell, Shanny Schipper and Stan Frika. Please remember in your Prayers all our parish community that are suffering: *“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:**

**Our Lady of the Bays Parish & Holy Family Parish**

**Tuesday 23 September**

† 7pm, RCIA, OLHP Hall, Richmond

† 7pm, RCIA, HFP mtg rm, Nelson

**Sunday 28 September**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING** - 2am - Spring Forward one hr

† 12.30pm, Faith & Light, SFA, Stoke

**Wednesday 1 October**

† 7pm - Month of the Rosary commences, St Mary’s Church

**Saturday 4 October**

† 5pm - Takaka Vigil - Multicultural Sunday

**Sunday 5 October**

† 9.00am, OLPH, Multicultural Sunday

† 11am, SPC, Multicultural Sunday

**Friday 10 and Saturday 11 October**

† 7pm Fri Safeguarding Trg, HFP mtg rm

† 10.30am Sat Safeguarding Trg, HFP mtg rm

**Monday 13 October**

† 12pm Women’s luncheon, SFA mtg Rm

**Celebrating Maori Language Week: Ake Ake Ake**

– A Forever Language: Every year since 1975 New Zealand has marked Māori Language Week and as a time to celebrate te reo Māori – the Māori language – and to use more Māori phrases in everyday life. “The New Zealand Catholic Bishops’ Conference wants the liturgy of the universal Church to be inculturated in this land and to reflect the distinctiveness of New Zealand,

and therefore have encouraged the use of some te reo Māori for all congregations.”

**Amalgamation: Holy Family and Our Lady of the Bays Parishes – [Amalgamation Newsletter](#)**

Issue No. 1, September 2025 - This is the first issue of our Amalgamation Newsletter, which will be distributed with the parish newsletter. We will provide updates each month on the amalgamation process through this special edition newsletter.

**EMELIO CAPIN: Diaconate**

**Ordination** : Congratulations and blessings to Emilio Capin on the occasion of his Diaconate

Ordination on 26 September

2025. May God guide and

strengthen him in his ministry. If

you wish to send him a message his email

address is: [emiliocapin@mail.com](mailto:emiliocapin@mail.com).



**October—The month of Rosary:** Come and reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday at 7pm with “Let the beads do the talking”. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays will be at St Mary’s Church, Nelson; 2nd and 4th Wednesdays will be at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke.

**Anointing Masses:**

16 Oct, 2pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

4 Dec, 2pm, St Mary’s, hosted by NSN SVDP

26 Feb 2026, 2pm, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke

SVDP.

**Nelson Spiritual Growth Group**

invite you to their Friday 26

September Contemplative Prayer

Morning at Whakatu Church,

Champion Rd, Richmond. 9.30am -

12.30pm, the theme being Trust God.



**Faith and Light** will be in the Hall at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke on Sunday,

28 September, 12.30pm, starting

with shared lunch. Contact

Judy Burke, 027 3690 115.



**Called and Equiped Formation Programme -**

**Applications for 2026: JOIN US** on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. For more contact Lucienne Hensel at 04 496 1715 or [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz).

**Safeguarding Training:** The safeguarding Team is pleased to again have Kevin Plant visit from Wellington to conduct another Safeguarding Training. There will be two options: Friday 10 October at 7 pm and Saturday 11 October at 10 30 a.m. Both of these sessions will be held in the parish meeting room in Manuka St, Nelson and last 1 ½ hours. Ministers who have not attended a safeguarding training since 2022 need to attend one of these sessions to continue their role in their parish ministry. This training is open to ministers from all of the Nelson/Tasman parishes. Any enquiries Tim James 027 4468760.

**Firewood please!** St Vincent de Paul is in need of firewood to be cut and dried over the summer so it is available for distribution next winter in Motueka. If you have wood available, or know of any, to be picked up and cut by us, please contact Tony Sullivan 0272425201.

**Trustee Wanted:** The Wattie Jenkins Richmond Trust is a registered Tier 3 charity that operates the Wattie Jenkins Retirement Village, a small registered retirement village consisting of six units in Roeske Street, next door to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Richmond. The Trust and trustees have a relationship with the St Vincent de Paul Society and the local Catholic community. The Trust is seeking people to fill to two vacancies, and are keen to recruit someone with experience with asset management and managing contracts. The Trust does not have any employees and the Chairperson assisted by the other trustees deal with the day to day management of the village. The trustees do not receive remuneration. Trust meetings are held quarterly, plus the AGM. To find out more about joining the Trust, please contact the Chairperson, Brian McGurk, either by email at [brian@brianmcgurk.co.nz](mailto:brian@brianmcgurk.co.nz) or 027 444 0170.

### OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding is the responsibility of keeping children and vulnerable people safe from harm, abuse, and neglect. It means creating

an environment where wellbeing is protected, voices are heard, and risks are reduced. Our purpose is to ensure that every person feels valued, respected, and secure, so that they can grow and thrive. At its heart, safeguarding is about prevention, protection, and building a culture of care. The team that supports safeguarding for our parish are the following: Judy Kenter – Motueka, Elizabeth Stolten – Motueka, Chris Bascand – Richmond. Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have any questions or queries!

**RCIA Richmond:** All who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith are most welcome to attend the RCIA sessions held on Tuesdays in the Richmond parish hall at 7pm. The sessions start with a video presentation followed by short discussion. Next session 23 September.

**St Peter Chanel, Motueka Intercessory Prayer Group** meets in the Day Chapel at 6pm each Wednesday. Take an hour out of your busy life to pray and contemplate in peace and companionship.

Roster link: [St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)

### Garin College Caritas Challenge for 2025: Cardboard City for Gaza

On Friday 12 September, 32 students and staff from Garin College participated in our Caritas Challenge 'Cardboard City' event from 5-11 pm. This was to stand in solidarity with those around the world who are

experiencing extreme hardship. The money raised this year will go specifically to **Caritas Gaza**. All sponsorship money and donations can be paid into the Garin College Bank Account: 12 3165 0231417 00 with the reference GAZA, by



**RCIA** : Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested? 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)

1 October, 2025. Thank you in anticipation for your support. Markelle Ward (DRS) markelleward@garincollege.nz Tony Etchells (ADRS) tonyetchells@garincollege.nz

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**RCIA St Mary's:** All who are interested in learning about becoming Catholic are welcome to attend enquiry sessions being held on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Parish meeting room, Manuka Street. Sessions began 16 Sept and start with a video presentation followed by short discussion.

**First Holy Communion:** First Holy Communion preparation sessions re-commence after the School holidays - **9.30am** on the 12, 19 October followed by the Mass. Holy Communion practice at 4pm, 8 Nov and the Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated on 9 November at the 10.30am Mass.

**Upcoming events:** Women's luncheon, Mon day 13 October, 12 noon, SFA Mtg Rms.

**Congratulations to Molly on her Baptism!**

We welcome Molly and her family into our Holy Family Parish community. May this be the beginning of a lifetime filled with faith, love, and blessings.



**THANKS!** The SFA Faith Community extends grateful thanks to Peter Mellor for providing beautiful music for the last ten Sunday 8.30am Masses. As neither of the other musicians were available, Peter very generously offered to fill the large gap! Many thanks Pete.

**Multicultural Sunday - Stoke and Nelson:** We joined together and celebrated our diverse cultures within our churches' communities. Thank you to everyone that made the Mass and celebration so memorable.



**Holy Family Parish Roster - 27/28 September 2025**

	Greeters	AV/Music	POW/POF	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Care	Church Cleaning	Hospitality
<b>St Mary's, Saturday 6pm</b>	M Columbus L Bjerga		G Warner L Bjerga	P Robertson K Mardon M Warner			
<b>St Francis of Assisi, Sunday, 8.30am</b>	M Menzies	C Coyle (M) Joseph's Grp	R Cullen P Pettit	F O'Leary	S Hills	Seifried Family	
<b>St Mary's, Sunday, 10.30am</b>	D Hambly V DeCoursey	Dove Music Grp	H McDonnell G McDonnell	S Moyle M Monti T Zam L Moyle	D de Borja	A Fidler	volunteer

*Thank you to all who support the Ministries. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for someone to fill in.*

<b>Liturgy of the Word - St. Francis of Assisi Chapel 9.30am</b>	<b>Ernest Rutherford Sunday Service:</b>
Tuesday 23 Sept (Shelley)	Thursday, 25 Sept (Ann)
	Sunday 28 September (Diane)