



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 Niu Whanga Parahi Kaitiaki
OUR LADY OF THE BAYS
MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

22 February 2026 FIRST 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, (1st & 3rd Saturday), Wakefield 5pm (2nd Saturday), Waimea West 5.00pm (4th 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 1st Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to share that Archbishop Paul Martin SM has officially chosen the name for our new Tasman parish: **Saint John Paul II Parish**.

In his response to our consultation process, the Archbishop commended the hard work of our leadership team and the entire parish community. He believes this name is a wonderful fit for our future for several reasons:

- **A Guide for Our Mission:** It is helpful to have a saint we can identify with, whose life and example provide a foundation for reflecting the mission of the Church in our time.
- **A Link to the Council:** The name honours the two Popes who began and saw through the completion of the Second Vatican Council. This links us to the movement of the Church over the last 65 years.
- **Courage and Witness:** Saint John Paul II provided a firm foundation through his courage, witness, and teachings during changing times in the world and the Church.

A Local Connection: The Archbishop also noted a special existing link to the Saint via the altar at St Peter Chanel Church in Motueka.

As we move forward in the work of becoming one parish, we pray that the intercession of Saint John Paul II guides and sustains us now and into the future.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Andrew Kim

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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@holyfamilynelson.org.nz |

office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz (HFP) | office.admin@parish.org.nz (OLOB)

Communion to the Sick: St Mary's, Pete Gillin 548 8195; St Francis of Assisi, Shelley Hills 027 437 7851; St Peter Chanel, Elaine Taggart 021 256 2941.

Archivist:: Bernadette King-Turner, archivist@holyfamilynelson.org.nz 021 394 516

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

Websites <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org/> and www.ourladyofthebays.org

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

Recently Deceased: Colin Fromont, Laurence Staig.

Rite of Election: This weekend, the first Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the Rite of Election. From this time on, those who are unbaptised are now called "Catechumens" and their names are shown so that we may pray for them during this important season.

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

Friday 20 February

† Day of prayer and penance for the victims of the victims of abuse and violence

Wednesday 25 February

† 10.30am, Requiem Mass for Laurence Staig, St Mary's, Nelson. This will be the only Mass of the day for Nelson/Stoke

† 11.40am, Garin College opening Mass

Thursday 26 February

† 2pm, Anointing Mass, SFA, Stoke

Friday 6 March

† 10am, 6 March, Peter Chanel Church, Motueka

Tuesday 31 March

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

Anointing Masses, Richmond:

† 11am, 5 March, Arvida Oakwoods

† 11am, 19 March, Summerset Ranges



Ash Wednesday: St Mary's Nelson welcomed Nelson Cathedral Dean Charles Tyrell and Rev Graham O'Brien who joined Fr Andrew for a beautiful Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Liturgy.



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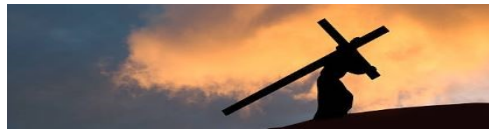
Fridays during Lent, 7pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond; St Joseph's, Wakefield; St Peter Chanel, Motueka.

Friday 20 February, 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.

Wednesday 25 February, 1.30pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond. Enquiries to Karen 027 245 7800.

Be involved! We invite anyone as an individual or as a group to take a turn to lead each Friday Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. 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



LENT: We have begun our journey toward Easter Sunday and the saving Grace of God. This penitential season focuses on the 'The Lenten pillars' of Prayer, Fasting (self-denial) and Almsgiving (charity). Prayer during Lent seeks to foster interior conversion, deepen relationships with God, and prepare spiritually for Easter. During Lent let us increase our times of 'conversation' with God.

Opening Mass: You are invited to attend our Opening Mass for the year



in our College Gym, starting at 11.40am, Wednesday 25 February. All visitors to please be seated by 11.30am. We would welcome your presence and at the light lunch in the library following the Mass.

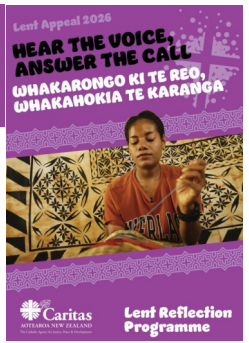
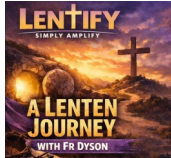
A **malgamation Update - Our Journey Together** - As we continue this journey, we invite you to keep praying the [Amalgamation Prayer](#), trusting in the faith, history, and hope that unite us as one community.



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 Year 7 up to Year 13.

Join Fr Dyson for a unique
Lenten podcast series reflecting
on this beautiful liturgical
season: Episode 1: Marked for a
Mission:

[https://youtube.com/shorts/O-
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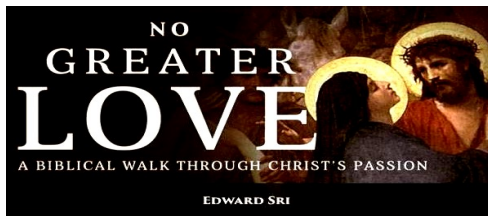
“Hear the Voice Answer
the Call”: During Lent we
are invited to slow down
and listen carefully to
scripture, to conscience
and to the needs of
others as the psalm says

“Teach me wisdom in my secret heart” (Psalm
51:6). In the Gospels we also meet people who
hear God’s voice in unexpected ways - in the
wilderness, on a mountaintop, at a well, on a dusty
road or in the shadow of grief. Their encounters
lead to action. They step forward in trust. [https://
www.caritas.org.nz](https://www.caritas.org.nz)

Bishops Lenten Appeal “The beginning of Lent
marks the start of the 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](https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give). The bank account for Caritas
Aotearoa New Zealand is 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. For more
information, email: caritas@caritas.org.nz or call
0800 22 10 22.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 6 March. 10am,
Methodist Church, Neale Ave, Stoke. Starting with
morning tea (supplied). Handy to attend after Mass
at St Francis of Assisi! This year our service was
written by Nigerian folk. All parishioners from all
our churches welcome. Our church has part in the
service. These are short readings so if anyone
would like to help, contact Judy Burke on
027 369 0115.

Faith and Light meet Sunday
22 February, 12.30pm, St
Francis of Assisi Meeting
room for a shared lunch.
Please feel free to join us.
Contact Margot:
027 444 8398.



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.

Nelson Dove Fellowship have started new local
small faith groups 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 Blessings from Stacey,
Margot & Teresa.

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 0212964155; **Richmond:** Greg & Maryanne Hall, 0276181421
Greg.maryanne@gmail.com or **Motueka** - Margaret Jones 0210474894 marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com

Parishes Sacramental Programme
2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka: To



register for the sacramental programme, click this link: <https://forms.gle/cFU5vKv9X5c5medB7>. The Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist are for children in year 4 and above.

Baptism:

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.

Confirmation:

- Session 1: Sunday 3 May
- Session 2: Sunday 10 May
- Session 3: Sunday 17 May
- Session 4: Sunday 24 May
- Practice: Saturday 6 June

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 7 June

Reconciliation:

- Session 1: 26 July
- Session 2: 2 August
- Session 3: 9 August
- Practice: 15 August

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 16 August

Communion:

- Session 1: 1 November
- Session 2: 8 November
- Session 3: 15 November
- Practice: 21 November

Sacrament of First Eucharist: 22 November

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>

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.

CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

[St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)

[Holy Family Parish](#)

[Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#)

[St Peter Chanel School Newsletter](#)

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

Christian Meditation: Monday Christian meditation 7.30 OLPH Hall. Contact Karen 027 245 7800 or Marie 027 865 8032.

Motueka women are invited to a candlelit social evening in the Church Hall (beside the school) on Friday 6 March from 7pm until 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. Invites are on the table in the foyer so please fill in your name and come along. Contact ellecampion@gmail.com.

Gardening! Thanks to all who signed up to take care of a patch. Great response! I now have a couple of extra garden tasks so see the sheet on the OLPH church foyer notice board if you can help. Karen.

Welcome! Our combined parishes welcome Samuel Arce who was baptised by Fr Dyson at OLPH last week.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH



We are blessed to have such a lively parish family who gathered in sunshine last Sunday for the annual HFP picnic. Thank you to the Knights of the Southern Cross for the BBQ food, Fr Raymond who brought his warm sense of humour and all who attended. Joy definitely multiplies when shared!