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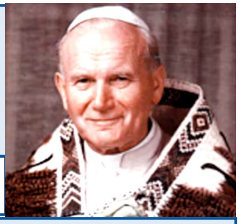


23 AUGUST - 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, Takaka 9.30am - Guided Meditation**

MONDAY	**Apoc 21:9-14; John 1:45-51**	No Masses
TUESDAY	**2Thes 2:1-17; Mt 23:23-26**	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	**1Thes 3:6-18; Mt 23:27-32**	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	**1Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51**	Nelson 12.05pm: Rest Homes refer "Dates to Remember"
FRIDAY	**1Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13**	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am, **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	**Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29**	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 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20
Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven

This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which He will build His Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when He reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about His passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples what people are saying about His identity and hears most people believe He is a prophet of Israel. Jesus asks His disciples who they believe He is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, saying this insight has come from God, and then calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

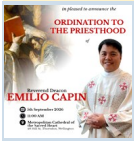
The use of the term *Church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Loyola Press*

Priest	Designation	Email Address	Contact
Fr Andrew Kim	**Parish Priest**	On Sabbatical leave up to Dec	-
Fr Raymond Soriano	**Acting Parish Priest**	rasorsvd@gmail.com	021 613 953
Fr Dyson Tharakan	**Associate Priest**	On leave until September 6	-
Fr Kinh Nguyen	**Associate Priest**	vknguyenhy@gmail.com	020 41792 567

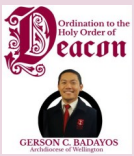
PARISH NOTICES

Maori Pastoral Care - Special Collection: The special collection for Maori Pastoral Care is taking place on Sunday 30 August. Please make donations for this collection to the Saint John Paul II Parish bank account. Cash donations may be put in an envelope marked for this special intention collection with your planned giving number or you may use special collection envelopes located in church foyers.

Building a rock for the community of Christ on earth: Planned Giving Campaign 2026
Remembering the Church and leaving a gift in your will is to make a commitment to future generations that they too may know God through His Church. With a will or bequest, we can make sure our treasures are put to good use to look after Christ's flock and to grow the kingdom here on earth. Every gift, regardless of size, helps strengthen this mission, and supports your local parish and the Archdiocese. Leaving a will or bequest can support your local church in many ways. To find out more, go to https://cadw.nz/wills-and-bequests



Ordination to the Priesthood of Emilio Capin: Deacon Emilio Capin is to be ordained to the priesthood at **11am on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington**. All are invited to witness this special moment. Please pray for Emilio as he takes this next step in his faith journey and responds to God's call.



Ordination to the Holy Order of Deacon of Gerson Badayos: Pray for Gerson as he prepares for Catholic ordination to the diaconate at **Sacred Heart Church in Auckland** at **6pm on Friday 2 Oct, 2026**. The Ordination will be conferred by Archbishop Paul Martin SM. All welcome! This Rite of Ordination is the first degree of the sacrament conferred through the laying on of hands and a solemn prayer of consecration by a bishop. It configures a man to Christ as a servant, preparing him for duties in liturgy, word, and charity. Click here for more details.

NEW: Parish Mass, 6pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond: OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster
If you can help with any ministries for the 6pm Mass (training and support is available): Sacristan; Mass co-ordinator; Powerpoint creator; Data projector operator; Altar servers; Readers; Music support; Ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Judith Ashley judenz13@gmail.com 021 262 4442.

Notice - Safeguarding: Online Safeguarding sessions **August:** Mon 24th 7-8.15pm; Tues 25th 6.30-8pm. **Register** with CADW Kevin Plant at k.plant@cadw.nz. The Teams link will be sent out two days prior.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation last weekend at both St Peter Chanel and St Mary's was a beautiful and grace-filled occasion for the children preparing for their Sacraments. It was a special opportunity for them to encounter Christ's loving mercy and experience the joy of God's forgiveness as they continue their sacramental journey.

Men's Breakfast: WHERE: St Mary's meeting room, Nelson. WHEN: **Saturday, 5 September 2026**.TIME: **7.30am – 9am**. SPEAKER: **JOHN KERSTEN**. Come and hear John, a dairy farmer from Reefton, share the profound spiritual experience he had while in Medjugore. He will talk about this experience and how Our Blessed Mother's messages and The Rosary changed his life and his family. RSVP by 3 September. Contact William John Schryvers 027 4625 983.

Music Recital : Sacred Heart Takaka Restoration Project - A special fundraising music recital is planned for **Saturday, 24 October 2026, at 2pm**, featuring Nelson's **Rōnaki Quartet**. **Click here** for the latest update on the ongoing seismic strengthening project.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE ***(Links)***

We invite you to take some time to look through both documents, the Parish Council Update and the Organisational Structure which also includes the 6 Pillars.

GENERAL NOTICES

Fr Pene Patelesio, Parish Priest - Our Lady of Kapiti Parish, died 16/08/26. The Requiem Mass will Church of Our Lady Of Kapiti, Paraparaumu, on Friday 21 August 2026 at 11.00am. Livestream Fr Pene's Mass or visit www.hcfh.co.nz. Well done good and faithful servant. Due to Fr Pene's funeral, there will be **NO 9.30am Mass in Richmond on Fri 21 August.**

Catholic Discovery : Our primary mission is to light a pathway to Christ through evangelisation and by supporting individuals as they journey towards faith. *Everyone* is welcome in the Catholic Church. If you are a newcomer, a recent convert, or you are a Catholic enquiring further, I pray that you find what you are looking for here. https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

ALPHA is a welcoming series where people of all ages can explore the Catholic faith in a friendly, relaxed environment. Monday nights from **6.30pm** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall, Richmond.** Please come and join us. Email alphajohnpaul2@gmail.com for more details.

Couples for Christ Nelson-Tasman invite you to a Christian Life Programme evening on **Saturday 22 August, 5pm.** For details contact Ray Vargas 027 427 2383; Dahlia Vargas 027 507 9688; Sonny Bautista 027 1111 8258. More details email CFCNelsonTasman@gmail.com.

Dovecotes - Thursday 27 August - Convent Chapel, 1.30 - 2.30pm, 22 Manuka St, Nelson, Margo 027 4448 398
Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 10 September 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255.
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 16 September 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383.

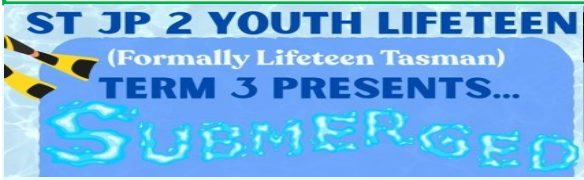
Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 30 August at 12.30pm**, St Francis of Assisi Meeting. You are welcome to come join us, contact Margo 027 4448 398 or Judy Burke 027 369 0115.

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).

You're Invited! The Stoke Combined Churches Womens' Groups Social Afternoon will be held on Saturday 5th September at 2.00pm in the Whakatu Presbyterian Church, 34 Champion Road, Richmond. Join us for an afternoon of shared Worship, Fellowship and Friendship. Our guest speaker will be Gary Hoogvliet, (A Very Tall Man) from Radio Rhema and Sanctuary. A collection will be taken up for the Save the Children Fund and afternoon tea will follow the meeting. For further information please contact Judy Burke on 027 3690 115.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES ACROSS THE REGION



STJP2 YOUTH LIFETEEN
Term 3 presents - Submerged! Friday 21 August - Deep Water; Friday 28 August—Suit Up. All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm to 8.30pm, OLPH Church hall, Richmond. Contact: lifeteentasman@gmail.com 022 454 8973. Details Click here

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**.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

For **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond, the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be:** 23 August, 4pm.

St John Paul II Parish Sacramental Programme 2026 - Sacrament of First Holy Communion commences 1 November.
More Session dates visit: https:/www.holyfamilynelson.org

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Sessions for 2026 start Tuesday 1st September. Interested in Becoming a Catholic? 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

OBITUARIES AND ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Recently Died: Fr Pene Patelesio, Parish Priest - Our Lady of Kapiti, died 16/08/26 **Anniversaries:** Lloyd Hunter 23/8 Wallace Wratt 21/8	Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Greg Hall, Tom McInerney, Micheal Barry, William (Bill) Gordon, Joy Dunga, Dinky Nugent, Judith Pinnell, Christopher Hills, Marie Macquet

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION
NEW PARISH CALENDAR - AUGUST 2026 click here

Thursday 27 August	†	10.30am, Mass, Sacred Heart , Takaka, followed by discussion on the 6 Pillars
Thursday 27 August	†	**2pm, Anointing Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke (Only Mass of the Day)**
Tuesday 1 Steptmber	†	Season of Creation - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Sun/Sat 6 –12 Sept	†	Social Justice Week
Saturday 5 September	†	7.30am-9am, St Mary's Meeting Room, **Men's Breakfast**
Sunday 27 September	†	Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

CONTACTS: HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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Mary Silcock	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	021 174 9383
Shelley Hills	St Francis of Assisi	027 437 7851
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
NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	SPC School Newsletter T3 Weeks 3 & 4		St Paul's School Richmond	Garin College Term 3 Wk 4 2026	WelCom Issue 12

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