



## 23 November 2025

### CHRIST THE KING

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

#### HOLY FAMILY PARISH and OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH 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 5pm, (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday), Wakefield 5pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday), Waimea West 5.00pm (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

#### Gospel Reading

*Luke 23:35-43*

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we too recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all. **LP**

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On Mondays, please contact the office unless it's an emergency

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Communion to the Sick: St Mary's, Pete Gillin 548 8195; St Francis of Assisi, Shelley Hills 027 437 7851

Archivist:: Bernadette King-Turner, [archivist@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:archivist@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz) 021 394 516

**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)

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

**Mass Intention:** Rene Barry 23/11; Sister Maureen McBride (RNDM) 26/11.

**Please pray for our sick in our community:**

Thelma Eggeling, Eric Davidsen, Maryanne Hall, Trevor Menzies, Stephen McNabb, Kerry Mitchell, Shanny Schipper and Stan Frika. *“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 ACROSS THE REGION**

**Sunday 23 November - Jubilee of Choirs & Musicians**

**Saturday 22 November**

† 1-3pm, Dove Women’s Group, OLPH Hall  
5pm, Candle Mass of Remembrance, Sts Peter & Pauls’ Church, Waimea West.

**Wednesday 26 November**

† 7pm, Healing Mass, SFA

**Wednesday - Weekly**

† 6pm, Intercessory Prayer Grp, SPC Day Chapel

**Sunday 30 November**

† 10.30am Mass - Rite of Welcome  
† 1.30pm - Faith & Light, SFA, Christmas Carols

**Monday 8 December**

† 12pm, Women’s Luncheon, SFA

**Wednesday 10 December**

† 10am, SPC Church, School Nativity Play

**Masses:**

4 Dec, 11am, Oakwoods, NSN  
4 Dec, 2pm, St Mary’s, hosted by NSN SVDP  
26 Feb 2026, 2pm, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke



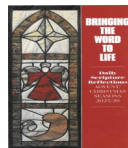
**Healing Mass : Wednesday 26 November 7pm:**

Come for Healing and Restoration. Fr Dyson will be celebrating this Mass at SFA. All welcome. Enquiries ph Willie: 027 462 5983.

**Columban Calendars 2026** are now available at the HF Parish office and OLPH foyer for **\$13 each**. These make a wonderful gift for family and friends.

**ADVENT 2025/26: Bringing The Word To Life: Only \$8.00. Available Now.**

Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer reflections for Advent and Christmas. Copies available in our churches, payment via Honesty Box and also from the HF Parish Office, Nelson.



**2026 Claretian Bible diaries now available** - these contain prayers, daily readings, reflections, Saints of the day and more. They are a great resource and so supportive to our faith! The cost is **\$25**, which includes a contribution towards postage and to support this mission. If you prefer to pay in cash, please put money in a labelled envelope and hand it in to the Parish Office or to a priest. **Internet payment details are: J. Somu. Account number 38-9019-0834575-00.**

**Reference: Bible121.** Diaries will be available in the Nelson, Stoke, Richmond and Motueka churches. If you would like copies at Takaka, Waimea West, Wakefield, please email requests to [safeguardingolob@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingolob@gmail.com)

**Dove Fellowship: Saturday 22nd November 1-3 pm.**

All women from Nelson and Tasman are encouraged to turn up for prayer and music together At the Richmond parish hall, 35 William Street. Dove Fellowship will be opening up into more intimate small parish based groups next year. A wonderful opportunity for those who attended Alpha or those who are looking for something else in our church. Contact: [staceyashley5@gmail.com](mailto:staceyashley5@gmail.com).



**Called and Equipped 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

**A**malgamation Update - **Our Journey Together** - the deadline for suggesting a name for our new parish has now passed. Thank you to everyone who took part and shared their ideas — your involvement means a lot. 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.

contact Lucienne Hensel at 04 496 1715 or [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz).

### Faith & Light Community -

**30 November:** Living Waters is celebrating 30 years of friendship, faith and community at our Christmas dinner! You're warmly invited to come along for our carols and play from 1.30-2pm on Sunday 30 November at SFA church as we mark this special occasion. Come and capture the spirit of the season!



### Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival -

**Wednesday 26 November at 6pm:** Faith & Light is proud to be part of this Nelson event. Find our tree, cast your vote and share the joy! Contact Judy 027 3690115 or Margot 027 4448 398.



**The Men's Breakfast at HFP Nelson** was another well supported Parish event! Thanks to all involved and especially to guest speaker Stewart Jenke.

**Nelson Spiritual Growth Group** invite you to a morning of contemplative prayer. **Friday 28 November, 9.30am - 12.30pm**, St Barnabas Church, Stoke. Theme: The Lord is my shepherd and I/we are His sheep. Bring a Bible, journal, \$10. RSVP: [eileengordon.eg@gmail.com](mailto:eileengordon.eg@gmail.com) by 5pm, Wed 26/11.



### Nelson Symphony Orchestra and the Nelson Civic Choir

Saturday 22 November, 7pm and Sunday 23 November at 3pm at NCMA. Tickets on sale from NCMA office or online <https://ncma.nz/events/www.nelsoncivicchoir.com>.



**Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain (Part Time 0.9FTE):** Hospital Chaplaincy Nelson, Health NZ- Te Whatu Ora applications close: 4pm, Wednesday 3 Dec. To be considered, please submit the following: CV, Cover letter, Application form <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/88409878?ref=cm-ui>

### OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

#### JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY—ST PETER CHANEL

**Sunday 23 November: St Peter Chanel Community Pilgrimage led by the Motueka community** starts after the



11am Mass and morning tea. From 1pm make your own way to St Mary's Church Nelson to arrive by 2pm for 10 minutes of guided prayer. At 2.15pm walk or drive to Fr Garin's Memorial Chapel for a 3pm Liturgy.

#### ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS PILGRIM WALK OF FAITH.

**St Peter Chanel Christmas Morning Tea/School Nativity Play:** Join us for a festive nativity and morning tea celebration SPC Church at **10am Wednesday 10 December**. If you need transport to/from this event, please let Robyn, or any other St Vincent de Paul member know.

**Candle Mass of Remembrance: 5pm, Saturday 22 November, Saints Peter & Pauls' Church, Waimea West.** Candles to be lit for Hugh Peerless, Margaret T Doorman, Noel Consedine, Terry Silcock, Kevin Wilson and Mary Keddie. These names will be called out before Mass begins and a family member will be asked to come forward and light the candle by the displayed photo of their loved one. After Mass there will be the ceremony of the blessing of the graves, starting at the lych-gate with prayer. Ph Colleen on 03 544 8663 or email [colleenynz@gmail.com](mailto:colleenynz@gmail.com) for further information.

**Advanced Funeral Preparation – OLPH:** You may not be ready, but expressing your funeral wishes in advance is a thoughtful way to start a conversation easing possible uncertainty for your loved ones and those that care about you. Copies

**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](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)

of documents that can help are on the noticeboard in Richmond. Inquiries to Rosario: 0210 2075075. **You can find this information as a link on the newsletter email.**

**Mothers' Prayers** - We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10.30am in the OLPH hall.

**Please note:** For our last meeting this year we'll be gathering a week later than usual, on **Thursday 27 November 11am**, at the home of one of our members. For more information phone Kath 027 4523 948 / 970 6754 or Elizabeth 027 545 1818 / 544 5188.

**Richmond Church Grounds Working Bee:** **Saturday 29 November** from 9am. Please bring gardening tools, gloves, clippers, rakes, forks and trailers to remove rubbish etc. Morning tea will be provided. See you there. Many thanks

**Blessing of the Graves, St Joseph's Wakefield - 8 November:** Family and friends laid flowers on all the graves in remembrance of loved ones buried there. Many thanks to Fr Cirilo who led the prayers and then blessed the graves. Special thanks to Owen and Graham Benson who were altar boys for the first time at St Joseph's before assisting Fr Cirilo at the cemetery.

**Used Stamps** - Many thanks to all who have left used stamps. Amazing to see so many. With Christmas not far away, this is a good time to remind anyone who might receive extra mail that stamps are still good for raising funds for local charities and will be gratefully accepted if you have no use for them.

**Tea Towels:** We now have a good supply - thanks to all who provided tea towels for Richmond Hall kitchen.

**SPC School most recent Newsletter:**

[SPC School](#)

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society Christmas**

**Giving:** To donate to this cause our Bank Account Number is 03-0703-0394763-02. Please use 'Christmas' and your name as the reference. For tax receipts email your physical address to our treasurer Dale Springer at: richmond.treasurer@svdpnelson.org.nz.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**All Souls Box:** Place a Mass Envelope (donation by choice) in the box beneath the altar with the names of loved ones you wish to have remembered during November.

**Fundraiser:** A sales table of handmade Christmas decorations and soft toy gifts will be held on **Sunday 7 December** at SFA after the 8.30am Mass. This is a fundraiser from our Parish for the Takaka Church rebuild. More information to follow next week. Judy Burke 027 3690115.



**Women's Luncheon:** All women are invited to a friendly Christmas-themed luncheon at noon on Monday 8 Dec in the SFA meeting room. Please bring a plate of finger food to share and a story or memory of a Christmas past! Contact Frances on 0276464529.

**Nelson & Stoke SVPD Society** wish to thank you for your food donations. We need biscuits, instant noodles, baked beans, stew and cans of food like tuna.

**CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS**

[St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)

[Holy Family Parish](#)

[Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#)



*A small group of pilgrims set out from Richmond and St Mary's Church in Nelson, walking the 16km and 3km routes to the Father Garin Memorial Chapel. Along the way, prayer and gentle conversation deepened their faith and sense of purpose. It was a simple, meaningful journey of reflection and companionship.*