



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
The Patron: Wellstone of St John Whanganui Parish Rotorua
OUR LADY OF THE BAYS
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24 AUGUST 2025

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This week's readings: click on this link; <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082425.cfm>

Luke 13:22-30 As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees. Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth. The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH REGULAR MASS TIMES		OUR LADY OF THE BAYS SUNDAY MASS TIMES	
St Francis of Assisi, Stoke: Sunday: 8.30am	St Mary's, Nelson Sat Vigil: 6pm, Sunday: 10.30am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond, Sunday 9am	St Peter Chanel, Motueka, Tuesday 9.30am, Sunday 11am
Wednesday: Mass - 9.30am Friday : Mass - 9.30am	Tuesday: Mass -12.05pm Thursday: 12.05pm	St Joseph's, Wakefield, Vigil Mass 5pm, 2 nd Saturday each month	Sts Peter & Paul, Waimea West, Vigil Mass 5pm, 4 th Saturday each month
Liturgy of the Word: St Francis of Assisi, Tuesday & Thursday:		Sacred Heart, Takaka, Saturday 4pm, 1 st & 3 rd each month, and 2 nd Sunday of the month, 9.30am Liturgy of the Word.	
Note: <i>If there is a Funeral Requiem Mass - only Mass that Day.</i>		Monthly Adoration & Mass , Richmond, 1 st Thursday of the month, 2pm-5pm	
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 5pm Friday, St Mary's. Transport enquiries, please phone the Parish Office.		WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:	
Reconciliation offered after Holy Hour, or appointment.		MOTUEKA: Tuesday 9.30am, No Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Liturgy of the Word until further notice.	
Nelson Hospital: Sacraments of Healing contact Parish Office or ask for the Hospital Chaplain.		RICHMOND Wednesday and Friday 9.30am Reconciliation after weekday Mass or by Appointment	
HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Office (new): 027 337 4622 (or 539 1251) Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Kim 022 301 8828 priest@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz office@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz Communion to the Sick: St Mary's Pete Gillin 548 8195 St Francis of Assisi - Shelley Hills 027 4377 851 Archivist, Bernadette King-Turner archivist@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz, 021 394 516 Website www.hollyfamilynelson.org		OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH: Office (new): 027 337 4622 (or Administrator: Fr Andrew Kim Fr Cirilo Barlis, Fr Dyson Tharakan (Assistant Priests) Email: office.admin@parish.org.nz Address: 35 William St. Richmond Website www.ourladyofthebays.org Newsletter ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com. Deadline Wednesday	



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ANNIVERSARIES & MASS INTENTION:

Andre Alenschkin 19/08, Raffaele, Alfredo and Angelina Miccio.

DATES TO DIARY

Saturday 23 August

- † 1pm, Dove Women's Group, Richmond
- † Sacrament of Baptism, Florence @ St Mary's
- † 6pm Mass, Sacrament of Baptism—Dylan

Sunday 24 August

† **10.30am Mass, Sacrament of Confirmation.**
As there will be a large number of attendees at 10.30am Sunday Mass, we encourage parishioners to consider attending the 6pm vigil on Saturday or the 8.30am Sunday Mass.

Monday 25 August

- † 7pm, Faith Formation, HFP Meeting Rm

Thursday 28 August

- † 2pm, Anointing Mass, St Francis of Assisi church, Songer St, Stoke.

Tuesday 2 September

- † 7pm, HFP PPC meeting, HFP Office, Manuka St

Wednesday 3 September

- † 7pm, HFP LCM meeting, HFP Office, Manuka St

Tuesday 9 September

- † 7pm, Taize Hour, 7.30 pm St Francis of Assisi chapel.

Anointing Mass at St Francis of Assisi at 2pm on Thursday 28 August 2025 followed by afternoon tea hosted by St Vincent de Paul. All Welcome.

Monsignor Charles Cooper: Parish Archivist is compiling a remembrance file for Monsignor Charles Cooper, who ministered at St Mary's Parish from 1991 to 1994. Email if you have special memories? Archivist@HolyFamilyNelson.org.nz *"Fr. Charles brought hope and compassion, meaning and laughter, joy and healing, as he lived out the gospel in a spirit, a courageous spirit, of collaboration with all the people of God."*

ALPHA/DOVE Women: Calling Alpha women and Dove women together for a final ALPHA video and get together on Sat 23 August in the parish rooms at Richmond Catholic Church, 35 William St, Richmond. 1pm to 2.30pm with afternoon tea included. There has been a great deal of interest in keeping in touch and doing more together. Come and hear fresh ideas for us in 2026. Contact: Stacey Ashley 021 259 7681

HOLY FAMILY & OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

We hold in prayer those who have recently died: Peter Gordon (Motueka), and for those that are sick, Peter Assaf, 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."

Fr Cirilo: Fr Cirilo is currently on holiday and will be returning on 12 September. We wish him an enjoyable and restful time away.

Faith FFP Form: Lectio; Philippians - 25 August, 7pm, HFP Meeting Room - The final session. Lectio: Philippians "Life in Christ". This has been a 6-part Bible Study on the book of Philippians.

Saint Nicholas Children's Trust Newsletter - August 2025 : This newsletter describes all our work and God's achievements to date. It is as a result of all the prayers from our dear parishioners to come as far as we have since we launched in February. I feel like this is a good news story, particularly in this jubilee year espousing the theme "pilgrims of hope". You will notice in our newsletter that we are presenting at the Catholic Bishops conference on 10 September.

Please click this link to read the newsletter.
<https://mailchi.mp/ce9924bd658b/saint-nicholas-childrens-trust-newsletter-june-273?e=4faa9e6f39>

What is our motivation to give? For the last four weeks at Mass, we have explored why and how we give, especially financially, to the work of our local Church. We see the importance of contributing financially to the work and ministry of our Church. Now, if it is within your means to provide financial support to the Church's mission, please pick up a copy the planned giving form available in the church after Mass, take it home, then complete and return it next week. For Holy Family Parish, due to the Sacrament of Confirmation this will be next week, 31 August.

Social Justice Week - The New Zealand bishops have published their annual Social Justice Statement. It supports the celebration of Social Justice Week, which this year runs from September 7-13. The theme for this year's week is "Let's Build Peace Together". In their message, the bishops explain that the work of building peace is "the vocation of every Christian". Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has produced resources to support Social Justice Week, including for schools and parishes.

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 10th October at 7 pm and Saturday 11th October at 10 30 a.m. Both of these sessions will be held in the parish meeting rooms 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.

Save the Date: Jubilee Pilgrimage - Pilgrims of Hope, 29/ 30 November 2025. - "A Journey That Takes Us Closer To God". More information coming soon...



Nelson Spiritual Growth Group: invite you to a Contemplative Prayer Morning. Seeing Through the Eyes and Ears of our Heart A Contemplative Journey. Led by Marie Shepherd, Friday 29th August, 2025 St Barnabas

Church, Main Rd. Stoke. 9.30am – 12.30pm, BYO Bible, pen, journal. Morning tea provided : Cost \$10, Please RSVP to eileen.gordon@gmail.com by 5pm Wednesday, 27 August.



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The RCIA Richmond sessions start on Tuesday 2 September in the Richmond parish hall at 7pm. All those who are interested in the enquiry process about the Catholic faith or wishing to become Catholic are most welcome. Each session starts with a video presentation followed by a short discussion.

Used Stamps: Many thanks to the person who left a big bag of stamps in our Richmond church foyer recently. The proceeds from the sale of these stamps will be gratefully received by the local charities that receive this financial help.

St Peter Chanel, Motueka

Anointing Mass, Tuesday, 26 August, 9.30am. This is preceded by the Rosary at 9am

Noticeboards: Have you noticed that the Notice Boards in the foyer have been reorganised? They now feature, St Peter Chanel School, the St Vincent de Paul Society, our recently departed, the make-up of our Parish of Our Lady of the Bays, and the St Peter Chanel community within it. Worth a look!

Update from Sacred Heart Church, Takaka:

Greetings to you all.

We are delighted to let our sisters and brothers of Our Lady of the Bays parish know that our congregation in Takaka, Golden Bay had a very special Mass on Saturday 16th led by Father Andrew Kim. Firstly, Skeet Barnett was officially thanked by us all for his many years of faithful service to the upkeep of our cemetery in Hamama. If you are interested to take a look, the Catholic cemetery is approximately 5 kilometres from Takaka on the left hand side as you are approaching the township from Motueka.

RCIA : Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested? We will be starting our RCIA course for enquirers in September. 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

Next came the confirmation of Carole Fourier during Mass. We all prayed and celebrated this wonderful ceremony. It was special to see Carole and Cynthia, her sponsor, come forward to receive the laying of hands on Carole's head by Fr Andrew, followed by the sacred Chrism of oil symbolizing strength and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit consecrating Carole to God's service. We are all delighted Carole is now a full member of our congregation. Finally, at our Mass Jisha and Sebastian joined us with Evie their new baby together with Jisha's parents. They were keen to share their gorgeous gift Evie with us. Evie is to be baptised in Nelson in the coming weeks. Evie is such a beautiful and perfect gift of creation. Thanks be to God. Most stayed after Mass for a celebratory supper which was lovely.

Voice for Life Nelson invites you to a screening of :

UNPLANNED: Saturday 30 August 7:00pm Reformed Church of Nelson, 15 Burrough Place, Enner Glynn. This is a free event.

We look forward to seeing you, and hope you can bring along a friend, family member or co-



worker. Please note, this movie is rated M, suitable for 16yrs and over.

Star of the Sea Marlborough. Our youth ministry is organizing our 2nd annual Wellspring formation retreat here in Blenheim on Oct 10-12, with guest speaker Brendan Malone from Lifenet nz leading workshops with a pro-life theme this year.

Involving prayer, adoration, reconciliation, and workshops for adults and teens, the Wellspring Retreat weekend is designed to feed the mind and spirit, with a wonderfully engaging speaker leading the way! All the details are attached, and we would love to open this up to any Nelsonians who would like to join in!

More details about Brendan and his work can be found here: <https://www.lifenet.co.nz/>

DRC NZ Wellington Unit "Healing Power of the Holy Eucharist" The DRC NZ Wellington Unit is excited to announce an evening retreat focused on the "Healing Power of the Holy Eucharist". It will be led by Fr. Joseph Edattu VC, the Director of DRC UK.

When : 29 August 2025, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Where : Sacred Heart Church Petone,

For further details, please contact [0273476327](tel:0273476327).

Joshua Men's Retreat - Called to Lead: 10-12 Oct Auckland. More info in following newsletters.

<https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/called-to-lead>

St Peter Chanel, Motueka - 24 August 2025

Greeters	M/Tea	Music	Prayer of the Faithful	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Cleaning	Lawns	Children's Liturgy	Flowers
A Francis S Fry	V & S Cameron	H Han	M Jones	S Collins M Kilmartin	K Courtney M Lucas K O'Gorman	P & M Macquet	P Hay		L Assaf

Holy Family Parish Roster - 30/31 AUGUST 2025

	Greeters	AV/Music	POW/POF	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Care	Church Cleaning	Hospitality
St Mary's, Saturday 6pm	M & K Wiechern	Justin's Group	M Sauer K Clark	M James T James P Robertson			
St Francis of Assisi, Sunday, 8.30am		R Eggeling (M) Peter	P Pettit C Brady	M Shepherd	M Shepherd	P Pettit	
St Mary's, Sunday, 10.30am	T & A Apondar	Filipino Music Group	H McDonnell G McDonnell	A McAlpine M Nang Sr Colleen K Curtis	D deBorja	A Fidler	Volunteer

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

Liturgy of the Word - St. Francis of Assisi Chapel 9.30am		Ernest Rutherford Sunday Service:
Tuesday 26 August (Shelley)	Thursday, 28 August (Ann)	Sunday 31 August (Ron)