St John Paul II Parish

Newsletter

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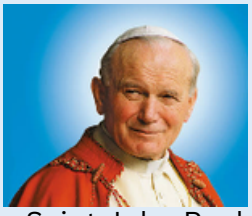
25 October 2026 - St John Paul II Parish Feast Day Celebration

Mass Times Reconciliation Adoration Readings

SATURDAY	**Takaka Mass 5pm (I & III Saturday), Liturgy of the Word 9.30am (II Sunday); 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**	
MONDAY	Ephesians 4:32-5:8 Luke 13:10-17	No Masses
TUESDAY	Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am Sts Simon & Jude *(Apos)*
THURSDAY	Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35	Nelson 12.05pm; Rest Homes see Calendar
FRIDAY	Phillippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am, **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	Phillipians 1:18-26; Luke 14:1,7-11	Vigil Masses only
RECONCILIATION	After every Mass; during Adoration; or by appointment with a priest	
ADORATION	St Mary's Nelson - Friday 5pm, OLPH Richmond - First Thursdays 1.30-6pm	



Readings: Ex 22:20-26, 1Thes 1:5-10, Mt 22:34-40

Loving God, Loving Neighbour: Our First Parish Feast Day

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the heart of God's Law: To love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. These two commandments are inseparable; our love for God is made visible in how we care for one another.

Saint John Paul II perfectly embodied this Christian vocation. This week marks a historic milestone for our community as we celebrate our very first Parish Feast Day.

22 October marks the exact day of St John Paul II's solemn inauguration as Pope in 1978. On that day, he gave us our parish's marching orders: "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!" From his courageous youth under wartime occupation to his global pontificate, his entire life was a tireless witness to hope, human dignity, and a profound love for Our Lady (Totus Tuus).

As his spiritual family, we are called to live out today's Gospel by bringing that same fearless faith and love for our neighbour into our local community. As we gather for the Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to grow in this love and live it faithfully.

St John Paul II, pray for us!

To celebrate Our First Parish Feast Day our churches warmly invite everyone to share morning tea after Mass on Sunday 25 October. Please bring some food to share. **St Francis of Assisi, Stoke**, after 8.30am Mass. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Richmond**, after 9.00am Mass and 6pm (cuppa only). **St Mary's, Nelson** after 10.30am Mass. **St Peter Chanel, Motueka** after 11am Mass.

Priest	Designation	Email Address	Contact
Fr Andrew Kim	*Parish Priest*	On leave up to Dec	-
Fr Raymond Soriano	*Acting Parish Priest*	rasorsvd@gmail.com	021 613 953
Fr Dyson Tharakan	*Associate Priest*	frdysonz@gmail.com	020 4866 238
Fr Kinh Nguyen	*Associate Priest*	vknguyenhy@gmail.com	020 4179 2567

PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations to Fr Raymond – 46th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

We warmly congratulate Fr Raymond on this special anniversary and give thanks to God for his 46 years of faithful priestly service to the Church and our Parish community.
May God continue to bless him with grace, strength and joy as he continues his ministry among us.
With our prayers and every blessing, Fr Raymond, we join in celebrating your blessed anniversary.

Sacramental Programme: First Holy Communion programme sessions commence on 1 November with following sessions on the 8 November and 15 November. The first Holy Communion Sacrament Masses will be on 22 November, Nelson 10.30am Mass, Motueka 11am Mass.

ALL SOULS' DAY & MEMORIAL MASS
Parish Memorial Mass

On October 30 at 7pm in St Francis of Assisi, we will be remembering all those of our Parish family that have gone home to God in the past year. All are invited to come and honour our loved ones in preparation for our November observances. Those parishioners attending who have not lost loved ones in the last year, are invited to contribute a plate to the supper following the Mass. This will be the only Mass of the day for Stoke and Richmond.

All Souls Day: November is the month we remember all the departed souls and pray for them. For Mass times, please see the Roster on page 3.

Can you help? Support the Waimea West Working Bee for Sts Peter & Paul Church on Saturday 14 November, 9am-12.30pm. The focus will be to clear the little "garden" area on the left of the church. Morning tea provided.

Men's Steak Night: A night out to socialise, make new connections and get comfortable with being part of a local Catholic parish. Tim James will share briefly on what has kept him being a Catholic for 63 years. Location: Fanny's at 223 Hardy Street Nelson **Tuesday 3rd Nov, 7pm, 2026**. Meal and drink $20-$25. Seating limited to 25 on the night. RSVP (Pone or TXT) Tim 027 446 8760 or Willie 027 462 5983.

The florist team at St Mary's, Ann and Marcella have great pleasure in welcoming Phuong Nguyen to St Mary's florist team. Many thanks Phuong for putting your hand up to serve the Lord.

Statue Repatriation! In a beautiful expression of community and heritage, leaders from our Parish, School, and Nelson City united to honor the formal handover of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions Convent Statues, which were blessed by Fr Raymond. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Founders Heritage Park for their dedicated stewardship over the decades, and to everyone who contributed to making this sacred homecoming such a memorable celebration, especially our archivist Bernadette King-Turner. Click here for background on the historical Images.

We joyfully welcome our newly baptised: On Friday, 16 October, St John Paul II Parish was blessed with the baptism of five young people at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond officiated by Fr Dyson. We extend our warmest blessings to Logan, Ella, Mia, Zoe, and Ryann. As they begin their spiritual journey, we pray that the Holy Spirit fills them with grace, wisdom, and a lifelong love for the Lord. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Sacred Heart Takaka Restoration Project - Music Recital : Fundraising music recital, **Saturday, 24 October 2026, 2pm**, featuring Nelson's Rōnaki Quartet. Click here for more details.

For online purchases, text Sheryl Nalder on 0273918639, with your name and the number of tickets required. She will reply to confirm availability after which you may pay for them through: NBS bank account name: Sacred Heart Takaka Trust 03-1354-0630610-00, your name and 'concert' as reference.

Birthday Wishes to Tom McInerney and to Mary Newsome, who are both celebrating their 90th Birthdays. Blessings and congratulations to you both.

Columban Calendars available for purchase from the Parish Office or through church honesty boxes. **$14 each**. **Cash Only**.

Parish Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion Programme occurs on **Sunday 1st, 8th and 15th of November**, followed by the First Holy Communion Celebration which will be held on **Sunday 22 November**.

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish Ladies Invitation – Fashion afternoon tea & talk

All ladies from SJPII Parish and guests are invited to a fashion and style event hosted by colour and wardrobe stylist Suzanne Pearson. Bring a plate to **St Peter Chanel Church** on **Saturday 7 November at 3pm**.
Click here for more details or email: wearitwell.nz@outlook.com - ph: 021 755 951.

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

St Peter Chanel Church: Please join our group who meet for prayer every **Wednesday 6-7pm, all welcome.**

Monday, 26 October: No Christian Meditation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at as it is Labour Day Holiday. We will recommence the following Monday, 30 October.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The **Rosary will be prayed before each Mass**.
Please ensure the Rosary prayer before Masses is finished at least five minutes before the scheduled start of each Mass.

There will also be an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday.
For details see below. The Knights of the Southern Cross **Reflection booklets** are now available for purchase from the Parish Office for **$15 each**.

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).

Dovecotes in Nelson: Thursday 22 October, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, Margo 027 4448 398.
Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 12 November 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 16 November 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383
[Click here for information about Dovecotes nationwide.]

Marriage Enrichment Retreat 1 (MER1)**:** (Couple for Christ Nelson Tasman) One Mind, One Heart Phillippians 2:2. 27-29 November 2026: 27 November St Francis of Assisi, Stoke; 28 November Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond Hall, 29 November - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond.

Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 25 October at 12.30pm**, St Francis of Assisi meeting room.
You are welcome to come join us, contact **Margo 027 4448 398** or **Judy Burke 027 369 0115**.

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families. Our next meeting is on **Thur 19 Nov, 10.30am, Richmond Church Hall**.Ph **Kath** on **03 970 6754, 027 4523 948; or Elizabeth** on **03 544 5188; 027 5451818.**

Nelson Spiritual Growth Group - Flourishing with the Divine: The next contemplative prayer gathering is on Friday 30 October at St Barnabas Church, Stoke, from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
Register by 5pm Wednesday 28 Oct to eileengordon.eg@email.com. Click here for more details.

ROSARY AND ALL SOULS DAY - ROSTER

LET THE BEADS DO THE TALKING - October 2026

Date	Stoke @ 7pm	Richmond @ 7pm	Motueka
Wed 28-Oct	**St Francis of Assisi** Knights of the Southern Cross	**Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Filipino Couples for Christ Community	**St Peter Chanel** Every Sunday of October 10.30-10.55am

Combined Parish Remembrance Mass - Friday 30 Oct, 7pm, St Francis of Assisi. Only Mass of the day Stoke/Richmond

ALL SOULS DAY - Monday 2 November 2026

Event	Waimea West & Wakefield	Motueka	Richmond	Nelson	Takaka
Mass Times	10am Sts Peter and Paul	10am St Peter Chanel	6pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help	6pm St Mary's	**1-Nov:** 5pm Sacred Heart

BLESSINGS OF THE CEMETERIES & GRAVES

Date	Time	Cemetery	Priest
1 November	3:30pm	Hamama West Takaka	Fr Raymond
2 November	8:45am	Richmond (Wensley Rd)	Fr Dyson
	9:45am	St Mary's Boys Orphanage	Fr Dyson
	10:30am	Marsden Valley	Fr Dyson
	11:00am (after Mass)	Motueka	Fr Raymond
	11:00am (after Mass)	Sts Peter & Paul then St Joseph's following	Fr Kinh
	11:30am	Wakapuaka	Fr Dyson

ONLINE & YOUTH PROGRAMMES

World Youth Day - Korea July 2027: The Wellington Archdiocese is planning to send a group of young people on this pilgrimage with Fr Dyson and fundraising for this will begin soon. **Applications close 11.59pm, Sat, 31st October.** The options for attending are:

1. Those between the ages of 18-35, may join the ADW pilgrimage group who will travel and stay together in Korea for the event. These members will be financially supported by ADW and local fundraising initiatives.
2. If outside that age group, you will need to make your own arrangements to attend and finance your trip.

Please consider volunteering to assist in organising fundraising initiatives for this amazing Parish opportunity.
Those interested in this and/or joining the pilgrimage please contact Sam Schryvers at schryvers2010@gmail.com

St JP 2 Youth Lifeteen Presents Term 4:
Power Up! Charge Your Life With Prayer
Friday 23rd Oct – LABOUR DAY – NO youth group.
All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm-8.30pm, OLPH Church Hall, Richmond.
lifeteentasman@gmail.com ph 022 454 8973.
Click here for details.

SPARKIFY YOUR DAY!
One Gospel. One thought. One spark. Just 60-90 seconds with Fr Dyson. **SCAN • WATCH • FOLLOW.**
Link: Sparkifyme
Scan the QR codes to follow Sparkify on Instagram, WhatsApp & YouTube.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is a welcoming enquiry program to help people discover the foundations of the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact: **Nelson** - Katie Rose, 021 2964 155, katiemrose54@gmail.com;
Richmond - Greg & Maryanne Hall, 027 6181 421, greg.maryanne@gmail.com;
Motueka - Margaret Jones, 021 0474 894, marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com

OBITUARIES & ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Recently Deceased: Lesley McCrenor and Frances Cosgrove **Anniversaries:** Angelina Miccio (30/10) Carolyn (Carol) Harris (25/10)	Ian Blackman, Maureen Sharland, Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Micheal Barry, Joy Dunga, William (Bill) Gordon, Judith Pinnell

OCTOBER 2026 Parish Calendar *(Dates to remember)* click here

Parish Planned Giving - Last Week	
Total Collection	$9,653.90
Planned Giving *(included in the above)*	$6,240.30

We would like to extend an invitation to new parishioners or those that are putting cash in the collection basket to join the Parish planned giving. You may be able to claim back a refund of 33% of the amount of your donations from Inland Revenue *(tax receipts will be issued for all amounts received > $5.00)*. To join, please send your name and address to finance@parish.org.nz

CONTACTS

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Pete Gillin	St Mary's, Nelson	03 548 8195
Mary Silcock	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond	021 174 9383
Shelley Hills	St Francis of Assisi, Stoke	027 437 7851
Elaine Taggart	St Peter Chanel, Motueka	021 256 2941

PARISH SERVICES

Safeguarding Team	safeguarding@stjp2.nz
Archives	(Bernadette King-Turner) archivist@stjp2.nz - Ph: 021 394 516

CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

MOTUEKA	NELSON	STOKE	RICHMOND	TAKAKA
St Peter Chanel	St Mary's	St Francis of Assisi	OLPH Sunday 9am Roster OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart - October

NEWSLETTERS - LINKS

St Peter Chanel	Garin College Whanau update T4	St Joseph's School Newsletter	WelCom Issue 14

School Preference enquiries contact Parish Office: 027 337 4622 or office@stjp2.nz
Newsletter Deadline Wednesday noon; Information to: newsletter@stjp2.nz