



St John Paul II Parish Nelson & Tasman

26 APRIL 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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 4pm, (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 at each church; during adoration 5pm, St Mary's; or by appointment

Adoration & Benediction: Nelson Friday's 5pm, Richmond 1st Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10: Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

This fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus identifies Himself both as the shepherd and the gate.

The relationship between sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. Having a good relationship with Him is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Faithful Christian leadership also requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. LP

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News Deadline **Wednesday noon:** ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com or office@holymfamilynelson.org.nz.

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

Recently Deceased: Paul Suan (19/4); Tony Romano (21/4).

Anniversaries: Peter McBride (26/4); Patricia Kidney (26/4); Graeme McBride (28/4).

Please pray for the sick in our community.: *“Father, we lift up all those who are suffering. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to them. In Jesus’ name we pray.”*



DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

Friday 24 April

- † ANZAC Weekend - **NO** JP11 Lifeteen today
- † 1.00pm Requiem Mass for Paul Suan, 1pm St Mary’s, Nelson

Saturday 25 April - Anzac Day

- National Day of Remembrance
- † 9.00am, Richmond, Anzac Day Mass
- † 9.30am, Nelson, Anzac Day Mass
- † 5.00pm, Extra Vigil Mass, Takaka, TBC
- † 6.00pm, Vigil Mass, Nelson



Sunday 26 April

- † Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday 26 April-2 May

- † National Vocations Awareness Week

Tuesday 28 April

- † Feast Day for St Peter Chanel - Patron Saint of Oceania
- † 7.00pm, Rosary for Tony Romano, St Mary’s, Nelson

Wednesday 29 April

- † Cancelled - 9.30am Mass, SFA, Stoke
- † 11am, Requiem Mass for Tony Romano, St Mary’s Nelson

Friday 1 May

- † 7.00pm, JP11 Youth Lifeteen OLPH, Richmond

Monday 4 May

- † St Mary’s Church - Please note that from today scaffolding will be installed across the front of the church for usual maintenance work but access will be as usual

Area Anointing Masses - 2pm

- † 20 June, St Mary’s, Nelson
- † 27 August, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke
- † 22 October, OLPH Hall, Richmond
- † 26 November, St Mary’s, Nelson

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during Adoration & Holy Hour at St Mary’s Church on Fridays at 5pm and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Sundays at 3pm (led by the Samoan Cenacle Community in Samoan).



Please keep praying our new [Amalgamation Prayer](#)

A Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood:

“Loving God, in your plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your church with the spirit of courage and love.



May those whom you call to serve as ordained ministers, recognise your call and respond with a generous heart.

May they always remain true to your name.

Fill with your strength those who serve us now. Remind us to encourage them, so that by their joyful lives, they will inspire others to follow Jesus the Good Shepherd.
Amen.”

Pope Leo XIV: ‘Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. Thoughts, words and deeds then break the demonic cycle of evil and are placed at the service of the Kingdom of God. communities.’ *Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), Vigil for Peace, 11 April 2026.*



Brief history of Anzac Day

The Anzac legend began on 25 April 1915 when around 20,000 soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) landed under fire on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. For eight long months, New Zealand troops, alongside those from Australia and other allied nations, battled harsh conditions and Ottoman forces desperately fighting to protect their homeland. By the time the campaign ended, more than 130,000 soldiers had died; at least 87,000 Ottoman and 44,000 Allied soldiers. Among the dead were 2779 New Zealanders. Gallipoli was New Zealand’s first major battle of World War One and the country was deeply affected by the massive loss of life and the return home of the injured. New Zealanders have marked the landings at Gallipoli since news of the event first reached our shores. Over time there have been changes in the way that Anzac Day is commemorated, reflecting the changing features and concerns of New Zealand society. Today, Anzac Day promotes a sense of unity and is a time for the nation to pay respects and acknowledge the many thousands of our military personnel who are

serving or have served, and who are called upon to support New Zealand in times of disaster, conflict and war.

National Vocations Awareness Week:

Parishioners are encouraged to support this cause by online donation. Parish bank account: Our Lady of the Bays - BNZ 020747 0066112 00. Please use 'vocations' as a reference.

World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul

Korea: A webinar series about this event is available online. The next session taking place on Tuesday 5 May is entitled *Courage: A call for young people to be bold and confident in their faith.* Click here to access more information: [World Youth Day 2027](#)



SAVE OUR MARBLE CHURCH
Strengthening Our Historic Church for Future Generations

Help Restore This Golden Bay Landmark!

FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$200,000

\$200K
\$150K
\$100K
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Tax Receipt, please email
Takakachurch@gmail.com
Reference: "Marble Church"

Save our Sacred Heart!

As a popular holiday destination, our little historic church Sacred Heart, Takaka, has hosted many visitors to Golden Bay over the years and some have baches here. We are seeking support for our historic church's restoration, which includes seismic strengthening. We have commenced our journey towards our goal of \$200K so please help by making a donation to NBS Bank Account: 03 1354 0630610 00. God Bless. Ruth Robson (on behalf of the Sacred Heart Takaka Trust).

Prayer & Meditation

St Peter Chanel: A reminder that we meet for prayer every Wednesday 6-7pm. April has a contemplative theme and you are most welcome to join us.

Contemplative Prayer Morning: On Friday 24 April our Contemplative Prayer Morning will be led by David Moynan on the theme: *The Resurrection - Who? What? Why? How?* John 20: 1-18. St Barnabas at 9.30am-12.30pm. Contact eileengordon.eg@gmail.com Regards Eileen.

Christian Meditation: No meditation Monday 27 April as it is a Public Holiday. Monday 4 May, meditation at 7.30 as usual 7.30 to 8.15pm in OLPH Hall. You are warmly invited to join in this quiet contemplative form of prayer. Karen 027 245 7800 or Marie 027 865 8032.

Fellowship

St Peter Chanel Women: Come and gather for a social evening upstairs at the Motueka Sprig & Fern on Thursday 23 April from 6pm. RSVP to ellecampion@gmail.com by 19 April.

Dovecotes: Nelson Dove Fellowship has started a new local faith group for all women across the region. Come and be part of a friendship group where women encourage each other in their daily faith lives. Vision - To build our faith & share in praise & worship, prayer & spiritual growth.



Dovecotes in the Nelson Area: Richmond, Wednesday 10-11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383; Stoke, 2nd Thursday of the month 7-8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255; Nelson, 4th Thursday of the month, 1.30-2.30pm, Margo 027 4448 393.

Dovecotes in Nelson City: Thursdays 4th week 1.30pm-2.30pm starts. Thursday April 30 at the Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Nelson.

Faith and Light: Next meeting Sunday 26 April, SFA, contact Margo on 027 444 8398.

Lost & Found

If any of the items below belong to you please contact the Parish Office: Ph 027 337 4622.

† A pair of coloured reading glasses left at St Peter Chanel Church, Motueka.

† A large green file containing church guitar music has been found at St Francis of Assisi Church. Contact Frances on 027 646 4529.

† A number of umbrellas and a raincoat left in the Garin College Gymnasium after the Amalgamation Mass on Sunday 19 April.

General Notices

Scam: Please treat any unsolicited txt or phone messages purporting to be from our priests with caution as they may possibly be scam contacts.

Working Bee: An Autumn working bee at Waimea West on Saturday 16 May, 9am -12.30pm. Please bring something to eat and your garden implements. Morning tea provided.

Holy Water is available in the foyer at OLPH after Mass for use in your homes. Some small containers are available but you may bring your own.

Book bags: The book bags at OLPH for children to use at Mass are very popular. Each one has two books, a soft toy and something to play with. Please encourage your child to leave these in the church so they can enjoy them again the following week.

Mission to Seafarers Port Nelson supports visiting seafarers through practical care, welfare visits, transport, Wi-Fi, and 24/7 support when they're away from home. For more information contact Amba on nelsonmts2024@gmail.com or 022 560 4761.

Sacramental Programme:

Parishes Sacramental Programme
2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:
Click here to register:

<https://forms.glecFU5vKv9X5c5medB7>



The Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist are for children in year 4 and above. A small charge of \$15 per family per sacrament would be greatly appreciated. All please use this bank account number - Our Lady of the Bays: 020747 0066112 00. Use your name and 'SAC' as a reference.

Please note: There will be one combined Sacrament of Confirmation Mass for the whole St John Paul II Parish. This will be at 6pm on Saturday 6 June, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Church, William Street, Richmond.

Practice Session: Thursday 4 June, 5pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond - children to bring parent and sponsor.

School Baptism Programmes: Each school will prepare children for Baptism prior to the commencement of the Sacramental Programme. Please contact the Parish office or your local Catholic School Director of Religious Studies.

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.

For all Sacramental programme session dates visit: <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org>.

Amalgamation Mass

Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to our inaugural Amalgamation Mass Ceremony at Garin College on April 19, 2026. Click this link for the Homily Archbishop Paul delivered on the day: [Amalgamation Mass Homily](#).
Pictures credit: Gio Vinluan and attendees.



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