



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
 Te Parahi Whakatoa o Ngāi Whangape Parahi Kaitiaki
OUR LADY OF THE BAYS
MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

26 October 2025
30th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

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, (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, Holy Hour or by appointment

Adoration & Benediction: Nelson Friday's 5pm, Richmond 1st Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm- Mass 6pm

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us. **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 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

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

Recently Deceased: Philip King-Turner

Mass Intention: Alice McDonnell 22/10

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:

Our Lady of the Bays & Holy Family Parishes

Tuesday 28 October

- † 9.00am, SPC Motueka Rosary
- † 9.30am, SPC Motueka, Anointing Mass

Wednesday 29 October

- † 11.40am, Garin College, End of Year Mass, All Welcome. **OLPH Mass this day is cancelled.**
- † 7pm, Let the Beads do the Talking, OLPH

Saturday 1 November

- † All Saints Day
- † 3pm, Hamama West Takaka Cemetery, Blessing of the Graves

Sunday 2 November

- † All Souls’ Day

Thursday 6 November

- † 7pm, SFA, Cardinal John Dew delivers “My Time Inside the Conclave”.

Saturday 8 November

- † 5pm, St Joseph’s Church, Wakefield, Blessings of the Graves

Sunday 9 November

- † 2pm, Blessing of the Marsden Valley Graves,

Thursday 13 November

- † 7pm, Memorial Mass, SFA, Stoke

Saturday 15 November

- † 7.30am, Men’s Breakfast, HFP mtg rm

Sunday 16 November

- † Time to be confirmed. Pilgrimage walk from St Mary’s to Fr Garin’s Chapel, Wakapuaka Cemetery.

Wednesday 26 November

- † 7pm, Healing Mass, SFA

Anointing Masses:

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

6 Nov, Oakwoods

13 Nov, The Wood, NSN

27 Nov, Summerset Richmond Ranges

Scam Alert! Please ignore any messages via Facebook, Messenger or Text purporting to be any of our priests as these are a scam.

Invitation to Garin College’s End of Year Mass

and Candle Ceremony - 29 October, 11.40am. You are all welcome to attend this special Mass, and luncheon afterward in our school library. Many students now go on exam leave. If you would like to attend please be seated 10 minutes prior. We would love for you to stay for our

“Let the Beads do the Talking” - The month of the Rosary: Come and reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary. Wednesday 29 October will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond where Garin College students will present the Glorious Mysteries followed by a cuppa and light supper.



“My Time Inside the Conclave” with Cardinal John Dew - 6 November @ 7pm at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke: Come and

listen to Cardinal John Dew share his experience at one of the most secretive and sacred gatherings in the world. Few people have seen inside. In fact, there is only one living New Zealander who has. Cardinal John will talk about his time at the Vatican during the funeral of Pope Francis, and taking part in the Conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV.

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



Amalgamation Update - Naming Our New Parish - Our journey together - the naming of our new parish has begun! We warmly encourage all parishioners to submit their new name choice via this [Online Form](#), email address nelsontasmancatholic@gmail.com or through either website ourladyofthebays.org or holyfamilynelson.org. Please continue to pray the [Amalgamation Prayer](#) which reflects our shared faith, history, and hope for the future.



Men's Breakfast

When - Saturday 15 November

Where - St Mary's Meeting rooms

Time - 7.30am

Speaker - Stewart Jenke

Stewart worked as a Technician and Manager at Radio Rhema for 45 years. Come and hear his journey into the Catholic faith. RSVP by Thursday, 13 November to Willie - 0274625983.

Healing Mass - Wednesday 26 November

7pm, at St Francis of Assisi Church. Details to follow. William John Schryvers, 0274625983

Situation Vacant: We are looking for a cleaner for St Francis of Assisi Church. The job includes cleaning the foyer, kitchen, toilets, and meeting rooms each week. If you are interested please contact the parish office for further details - office@holymarilynelson.org.nz.

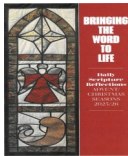
Join Fr Dyson on his Pilgrimage: Pilgrim of Hope:

In the Footsteps of Mary through Marian shrines — Loreto, Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje — sharing reflections, prayers, and stories of hope with Mary and the saints. We also want to wish him well and pray for him throughout his journey in faith.

Watch now on YouTube :- <https://youtube.com/playlistlist=PLWmalhMOitLifMJUNd8zFEZr5tQLabFm&si=4rViZ3P04Dj0aTag>

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

In this pocket size book, Fr James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. Connecting Biblical truth with modern-day examples, they provide spiritual nourishment as this Year of Jubilee comes to a close - and a new year begins. Copies will be available at the churches with payment via Honesty Box. They are also available from the HFP parish Office, 18 Manuka St, Nelson.



St Peter Chanel School Newsletter: For all the news please click this link: [SUC Newsletter](#)

Enrich your Faith with CATHOLIC TEACHINGS:

Our parish has purchased a subscription to a fantastic online resource from the Augustine Institute called FORMED. The website contains movies, documentaries, ebooks, courses and plenty more. It is available free to all parishioners and their wider circle of family & friends. Simply follow the steps below to register and access this wonderful resource to deepen your faith.

How to register on FORMED:

Step 1– <https://signup.formed.org/>

Step 2 - Holy Family Parish postal code-7010

Step 3 - Name and email address

Online Safeguarding Workshops: Safeguarding is a policy requirement for all 'who work with or provide ministry to children and vulnerable people.' **Dates for online Workshops 2025** are: Monday 3 November 7pm to 8.15pm; Tuesday 18 November 7pm to 8.15pm.

Contact Kevin Plant k.plant@wn.catholic.org.nz

Nelson Spiritual Growth Group

invite you to a morning of contemplative prayer. Friday 31 October, 9.30am, 12.30pm AT St Barnabas Church, Stoke.



Jude Saxon will lead the morning with the Holy Spirit.

The Combined Stoke Women's Churches group

meet Saturday 1 November at 2pm, Stoke Methodist Hall, Neale Avenue. Sara Clover will speak about her work as a retirement home Chaplain. All women and men are welcome to hear about this invaluable work. A cuppa and offering for Save the Children Fund will follow. Judy 0273690115.

Voice for Life Nelson: Unborn

Remembrance Day March

Sunday 2 November. 1-2pm.

Join us as we peacefully gather to mark the tragic loss of unborn lives in our Nelson region. We will observe a minute's silence and crosses will be



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 katiem-rose54@gmail.com 0212964155; **Richmond**: Greg & Maryanne Hall, 0276181421 Greg.maryanne@gmail.com or **Motueka** - Margaret Jones 0210474894 marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com

laid. * New Location* Meet us at Broads Field, along Vanguard Street, Nelson. Crosses will be provided.

Catholic Kiwi Podcast: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of Season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search “Catholic Kiwi Podcast” on YouTube or Spotify now.

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets in the SPC Chapel at 6pm each Wednesday. Take an hour out of your busy life to pray and contemplate in peace and companionship.

Roster link: [St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)

Sacred Heart, Takaka: The re-strengthening project of our old Marble church in Takaka is all go with additional foundations now in place. For progress of the much loved, historic marble Sacred Heart Church in Takaka. [Click this link.](#)

Blessing of the graves: St Joseph’s Wakefield: There will be the Blessing of the graves after 5pm Mass on 8th November. Please bring flowers to lay on the graves of our dearly departed. All welcome to join in the service. The rosary will be prayed before Mass at 4.30pm.

Archdiocese community page - website page: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/community/> This page is updated every day.

Anointing Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help last week. There was a real sense of the Holy Spirit and grace in the room.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

First Holy Communion: The ceremony practice is on 8 November, 4pm. The FHC sacrament will be celebrated 9 Nov at the 10.30am Mass.

November Banner Of Souls : Traditionally in our Parish, we write the names of family and friends gone home to God on memorial banners. These will again be available in the foyers of both Churches from 19 October. During November these will remain on display in our churches, in our hearts and in our prayers.

All Souls Box: Again this year Fr Andrew is making available the ‘Purple Box of Souls’. Place a Mass Envelope (donation by choice) with the names of loved ones you wish remembered. This box will remain before the Altar and they will be automatically included in Masses said.

The Children’s Liturgy team is asking for volunteers. Contact Paulina 027 204 9923.

Welcome to Qamari to our Catholic community. She was baptised at St Francis of Assisi on 18 October.



St Joseph’s School News

Link: <https://stjosephsnelson.school.nz/for-parents/newsletters/>

Holy Family Parish Roster - 1/2 November 2025							
	Greeters	AV/Music	POW/POF	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Care	Church Cleaning	Hospitality
St Mary’s, Saturday 6pm	M & K Wiechern		K Clark M Sauer	P Palmer M James P Palmer			
St Francis of Assisi, Sunday, 8.30am	S Hills	C Coyle (M) L Mitchell	G Weiss S Shepherd	F O’Leary	M Shepherd	J Hall	
St Mary’s, Sunday, 10.30am	T & A Apondar	Filipino Group	P Heaphy A McAlpine	P van den Elzen K Curtis Sr Colleen P Cronin	D de Borja	A Fidler	Volunteer
<i>Thank you to all who support the Ministries. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for someone to fill in.</i>							
Liturgy of the Word - St. Francis of Assisi Chapel 9.30am					Ernest Rutherford Sunday Service:		
Tuesday 28 Oct (Shelley)		Thursday 30 Oct (Ann)			Sunday 2 Nov 10am (Frances)		