



## 27 JULY 2025

### 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This week's readings: click on this link; <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072725.cfm>

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things. (*Loyola Press*)

#### HOLY FAMILY PARISH REGULAR MASS TIMES

**St Francis of Assisi, Stoke:**  
 Sunday: 8.30am

**St Mary's, Nelson**  
 Sat Vigil: 6pm,  
 Sunday: 10.30am

Wed  
 Friday

Tuesday: Mass -12.05pm  
 Thursday: 12.05pm

Liturgy of the Word: St Francis of Assisi Tuesday and Thursday:  
 9.30am

**Note:** *If there is a Funeral Requiem Mass, it will be the only Mass for that Day.*

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 5pm Friday, at St Mary's. Transport enquiries, please phone the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation** offered after Holy Hour, or appointment.

**Nelson Hospital:** Sacraments of Healing contact Parish Office or ask for the Hospital Chaplain.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH:** Office (new): 027 337 4622 (or 539 1251)  
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#### OUR LADY OF THE BAYS SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond, Sunday 9.00am**

**St Peter Chanel, Motueka,**  
 Tuesday 9.30am - Anointing Mass  
 Sunday 11.00am

**St Joseph's, Wakefield, Vigil**  
 Mass 5pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month

**Sts Peter & Paul, Waimea West,**  
 Vigil Mass 5pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month

**Sacred Heart, Takaka,** Saturday 4pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> each month, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 9.30am Liturgy of the Word.

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**MOTUEKA:** Tuesday 9.30am,  
**No Friday Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament, and Liturgy of the Word until further notice.

**RICHMOND** Wednesday and Friday 9.30am  
 Reconciliation after weekday Mass or by Appointment

**OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH:** Office (new): 027 337 4622 (or Administrator: Fr Andrew Kim  
 Fr Cirilo Barlis, Fr Dyson Tharakan (Assistant Priests)  
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 Deadline Wednesday Noon



**HOLY FAMILY PARISH NELSON-STOKE**  
 St Francis of Assisi Church, Songer Street, Stoke  
 St Mary's Church, Manuka Street, Nelson



**RECENTLY DIED:** Gianinna Wratt,  
 May Sarmiento, Owen Dolan DD

**ANNIVERSARY:** Frank Pessione 24/7  
 Iain Robertson 25/7, Elaine van den Elzen

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Shanny Schipper, Frank  
 Wutzler, Stan Frika.

*“Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness. 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 DIARY**

**Sunday 27 July**

- † 9.30am, Sacrament of confirmation sessions commence. HFP Meeting room, Nelson
- † 10am - 4pm, Faith and Light - Camp Day @ Tea Pot Valley

**Monday 28 July**

- † 7pm, Faith Formation, HFP Meeting Rom

**Tuesday 5 August**

- † 7pm, PPC Meeting, Parish Office, Nelson

**Thursday 7 August**

- † Women's Luncheon—More details to follow
- † 7pm, Liturgy Mtg, Parish Office, Nelson

**Tuesday 12 August**

- † 7.30pm, Taize Hour, St Francis of Assisi Chapel

**FAITH and LIGHT:** Faith and Light camp this weekend. Please remember us in your prayers as we come together for our annual camp at Teapot Valley.



**HOUSE STUDY GROUP:** For those wishing to study PHILLIPIANS During the day. There is a group meeting **Wednesdays @ 1.30pm**. If interested more details @ Tony 274433455

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:**

Please click this [link](#) to view, or copies are available from the parish churches.

**WOMEN’S LUNCHEON: 7 August -**

All women of the Parish are invited to a luncheon at noon on Thursday 7 August at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke. This will be a social time of getting to know other women in the parish. Please bring a plate of finger food to share, and also an interesting 'old' item of clothing to tell us about. Enquires to Frances 0276464529.



**HOLY FAMILY & OUR LADY OF THE BAYS**

**GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY:** Sunday marks the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It is important that we recognize their irreplaceable role as keepers of memory, witnesses of faith and teachers of life. There are many Grandparents and Elderly who are unable to be physically with us at Sunday Masses. Let us pray for them and stay connected with them, acknowledging their importance and value as part of our community. What can you do this coming week to support an elderly person to feel valued as part of our parishes?

**FAITH FORMATION: LECTIO: PHILIPPIANS:**

**28 July, 7pm, HFP Meeting Room -** Lectio: Philippians "Life in Christ", is a 6-part Bible Study on the book of Philippians led by scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. This will run from Monday 21 July through until Monday 18 August.

**INTRODUCTION -** St Paul’s letter to the Philippians may be short, but it packs a powerful punch. Many may already be familiar with its popular verses such as “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Philippians 4:4) and “I can do all things in him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). But other treasures of this epistle include the model it provides for working together in partnership to advance the Gospel, the beautiful relationship of mutual love that unites Paul and the church at Philippi, and Paul’s great hymn to Christ in Philippians 2:6-11.

**GARIN COLLEGE:** You may be interested to read John Maguire's latest news, [here](#).

**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. For more information please contact : **Nelson** -

Katie Rose: [katiemrose54@gmail.com](mailto:katiemrose54@gmail.com)

0212964155;

**Richmond:** Greg and Maryanne Hall

0276181421 , [Greg.maryanne@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.maryanne@gmail.com) or

**Motueka** - Margaret Jones

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**SPIRIT TIDE IS HERE! Nelson/Tasman's first-ever Jesus Youth gathering for all 16+ ✨**

📅 Aug 16 | 10am–2 pm (Register from 9am)

📍 St. Mary's School Hall, Nelson

Ice-breakers • Praise • Real Talk • Holy Spirit vibes!

📱 Scan the QR on the poster or contact us to register.

Don't miss it - come, vibe, and be revived!

**SITUATION VACANT – Holy Family and Our Lady of the Bays Parish Administrator:** *With the recent resignation of Era Creevy and the impending retirement of Margot Fletcher, 1 September, we are looking for a suitable person to join our church family as a Parish Administrator.*

*This is a key role that helps keep our parish running smoothly, supporting both the Parish Priests and the wider church community. From general admin tasks to answering enquiries, writing newsletters, updating parish records and booking parish facilities—you'll be at the heart of parish life.*

*This part-time role will be 20 hours per week, working four hours five days per week, however may be flexible. The role will be based at the Nelson Parish office, but may require some work at the Richmond Parish office.*

*If you are interested in applying for the role or wish to request a full job description, please contact Michele Columbus on 03 539 1251 or email [office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz).*

**Applications Close: 19 August 2025**

**LOST and FOUND :** If you have misplaced or found an item while in our parishes' churches, please contact the office with a description or a photo. [office.admin@parish.org.nz](mailto:office.admin@parish.org.nz) or [office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz)

**Currently** we have two items that have been found, one from St Mary's and from Richmond Hall.



**OUR LADY OF THE BAYS**  
MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

**A BIG THANK YOU** from the Tapawera and Surrounding Valleys Community to those from the Lady of the Bays Parish who cooked the lovely meals. They were most appreciated.



**ST PETER CHANEL - MOTUEKA**

**ANointing MASS:** Next Tuesday at 9.30am will be this month's St Peter Chanel anointing Mass. Preceding the Mass at 9.10am there is a Rosary.

**VOLUNTEERS:** On Sunday Fr Cirilo acknowledged the many people who keep St Peter Chanel Church going. He ended by saying; 'For those who have not responded yet, what are you waiting for?' If you want to find out more about a Ministry that may interest you, then the contacts are on the Roster on the Notice Board. Or go on to Our Lady of the Bays website, and the roster and contacts come up under Motueka.

**ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL SHARED PRAYER**

This week, the value focus for Shared Prayer and in classes has been on being Connected to each other, to our faith and to our learning. The gift of Whakapono (faith) helps us trust in God and stay connected to Him and to one another as part of His family. We build strong, caring relationships in our school and the wider community. We explored how we are supportive and encouraging, why we tell the truth, why we stand up for others, and how we can do this.

## St Peter Chanel, Motueka - 6 July 2025

Greeters	M/Tea	Music	Prayer of the Faithful	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Cleaning	Lawns	Childrens Liturgy	Flowers
Z. Ogilvie M Wilson	Teisy Timon	Helena Han	Judy Kenter	C Ellis M Kilmartin	A Lane M Lucas J Kenter	M Campbell	Maurice Roche		J Roper

## Holy Family Parish Roster - 2/3 AUGUST 2025

	Greeters	AV/Music	POW/POF	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Care	Church Cleaning	Hospitality
<b>St Mary's, Saturday 6pm</b>	M & K Wiechern		P Cronin G Warner	T James M Milner M James			Dove Group
<b>St Francis of Assisi, Sunday, 8.30am</b>		D Tighe-Umbers (M) TBA	R Cullen S Hills	S'iyaguna	S Hills	Seifried Family	
<b>St Mary's, Sunday, 10.30am</b>	H & G McDonnell		V Lobo W Schryvers	M Nang M Monti M Pike P van den Elzen	D De Borja	Hamish Kennedy	Filipino Group

*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 29 July, (Shelley)

Thursday, 31 July (Ann)

3 August (Ron)



**Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington**  
Te Rohe Pihopa Matua Katorika o te Ūpoko o te Ika



**Prayer for the Fifth World Day for  
Grandparents and the Elderly**  
**'Blessed are those who have not lost  
hope' (Sir 14:2)**

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!  
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,  
animated by the hope that comes from You!  
Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of  
communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the  
hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing, to  
bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved  
ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of  
your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the  
Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost For in You, Lord,  
everything begins again! Amen

**TINDALL FOUNDATION FUNDING – Applications  
Now Open** - Parish groups, Catholic agencies, and  
related organisations that support families  
through social services are invited to apply for  
Tindall Foundation funding via the Archdiocesan

Allocation Committee. If you have a project that  
aligns with the funder's priority areas, please  
ensure your application is submitted by **Friday 15  
August 2025**. For more information, download the  
application [catholicssocialservices.org.nz/tindall/](http://catholicssocialservices.org.nz/tindall/)

**The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation – Love is  
a Decision** - online registration **Sundays 7 & 14  
September 10am-4pm** held at St Catherine's  
College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are  
limited spaces. E [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**Catholic Social Teaching / Pope quote:** *Our  
relationship with God comes first. Although it is  
true that we must live out our faith through  
concrete actions, faithfully carrying out our duties  
according to our state of life and vocation, it is  
essential that we do so only after meditating on  
the Word of God and listening to what the Holy  
Spirit is saying to our hearts. To this end, we should  
set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer,  
times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we  
recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of  
heart. This is a dimension of the Christian life that  
we particularly need to recover today, both as a  
value for individuals and communities, and as a  
prophetic sign for our times.* Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father_leo_xiv/homilies/2025/07/20250720_homily.html), 20  
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