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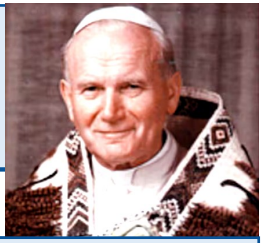

27 SEPTEMBER - 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times-Reconciliation-Adoration-Readings

SATURDAY VIGIL	**Takaka 4pm (I & III Saturday), 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	Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50	No Masses
TUESDAY	Daniel 7:9-14; John 1:47-51	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Job 9:1-16; Luke 9:57-62	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12	Nelson 12.05pm. Rest Homes see the Parish Calendar
FRIDAY	Exodus 23:20-23; Mat 18:1-5, 10	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am. **Holy Hour 5pm, Nelson**
SATURDAY	Job 42:1-17; Luke 10:17-24	Vigil Masses only
RECONCILIATION	After every Mass - During adoration - by appointment with a priest	
ADORATION	St Mary's, Nelson, Fridays 5pm; OLPH Richmond - First Thursdays 1.30-6pm	

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Phillippians 2:1-11; Gospel Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who question Him about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to answer, instead questioning them through the parable in today's Gospel. The religious leaders answer is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses in today's Gospel reading is straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders. Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God. *Loyola Press*

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PARISH NOTICES

Please keep in your hearts and prayers the family of St Mary's beloved former Archivist, Diana Clark, and her late husband Tony (RIP), whose youngest daughter, Danielle Kinzett, passed away last Sunday at the age of 52. A Remembrance Service for Danielle is to be held at 11am on Friday 25 September at the Grace Church Headingly Centre, Richmond. May Danielle rest in peace, and may God's comfort and strength be with her family and loved ones at this difficult time.

World Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants - **Sunday 27 September** - **St Francis of Assisi 8.30am Mass and St Mary's 10.30am Mass**. As we celebrate the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants, we invite you to join us for Mass wearing your country's **traditional cultural costume**, if you have one. It would be wonderful to see the rich diversity of our parish community represented through the beautiful cultural traditions of our parishioners. Your presence and participation will help make this a special occasion of prayer, unity, and thanksgiving for the many cultures that enrich our parish family.

Ordination to the Holy Order of Diaconate of Gerson Badayos

Sacred Heart Church, Auckland, 6pm. Friday 2 Oct, 2026

Please pray for Gerson Badayos as he prepares for Catholic Ordination to the diaconate to be conferred by Archbishop Paul Martin SM. Click here for details.

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi—4 October

This year marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of our Stoke church and Patron of Peace, Ecology, the Environment and Animals. 8.30am Mass, Stoke: Bring your pets for the annual blessing. You are also invited to bring a pot plant, flowers, or a basket of fruit/vegetables to decorate the sanctuary. These will be taken home after Mass. 2.30pm: Holy Hour for Peace at St Francis of Assisi Church.

Celebration Sunday – Suzanne Aubert

Sunday, 4 October marks the centenary of the passing of Suzanne Aubert in Wellington (1 October 1926). Parish communities are invited to join the Compassion whānau in giving thanks for her life and praying for her beatification.

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

Safeguarding Workshops: September/October/November Online Safeguarding Training Workshops for Parish Ministry volunteers. Register with Kevin Plant: k.plant@cadw.nz The Microsoft Teams link to join will be sent two days prior to each Workshop. **September:** Mon 28th 12noon-1.15pm**. October:** Mon 5th 12noon-1.15pm.

Divine Renovation/Alpha: From Maintenance to Mission!

More than 40 parishioners, team leaders and volunteers gathered with Fr Raymond this week to welcome Christchurch presenters Cheryl Surrey from Divine Renovation and Clare Bell from Alpha. It was an inspiring and energising evening, filled with practical ideas, encouragement and plenty of enthusiasm for the mission of our parish communities. Together, Cheryl (L -far right, third row) and Clare (R-front) led the group through *The Three Keys to Unlocking Your Parish*, exploring how parishes can move from **"Maintenance to Mission"** and discover a healthy balance between the two. Their message was both simple and powerful: Place our trust in prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit, while loving and meeting people exactly where they are. Through personal testimonies and stories of success, they shared what can happen when parish communities embrace a renewed vision for evangelisation and mission. The response from those gathered was overwhelmingly enthusiastic and grateful, with many leaving encouraged, inspired and ready to explore what the next steps might look like for our own parish community. **A big thank you to Cheryl and Clare for sharing their passion, experience and vision with us!** Click here for information about the Divine Renovation Ministry and click here for Alpha.

2027 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish Office for $12 each.

Season of Creation: 1 September - 4 October: Click here for Season of Creation initiatives and activities worldwide.

Happy Birthday to Ruby Aberhart of Richmond who celebrated her 95th birthday this week.

GENERAL NOTICES

Remember to put your clocks **forward one hour** this Sunday 27 September for Daylight Saving.

Catholic Enquiry Centre Media Assistance: The Catholic Enquiry Centre is looking for young Catholics keen to get involved with sharing the faith through media. If you or someone you know is creative and wants to volunteer their time to the Church in a unique way, email Regina at: r.fernandes@cadw.nz

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

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

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).

COUPLES FOR CHRIST NELSON-TASMAN
A Catholic Lay Ecclesial Movement

Couples for Christ Nelson-Tasman invite you to a Christian Life Programme evening on **Saturday 26 September, 4pm, OLPH Richmond Hall.** Contact Ray Vargas on 027 427 2383; Dahlia Vargas 027 507 9688; Sonny Bautista 027 1111 8258. For more details email CFCNelsonTasman@gmail.com.

Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 27 September 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.

Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 8 October 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 21 October 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383
Dovecotes in Nelson: Thursday 22 October, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Margo 027 4448 398. [Click here for information about Dovecotes nationwide.]

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 15 October, 10.30am, Richmond parish hall**. Phone Kath on 03 970 6754; 027 4523 948 or Elizabeth on 03 544 5188; 027 5451818.

Let the Beads do the Talking
October is the month of the Rosary which will be prayed before each Mass.

There will also be an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday at 7pm with "Let The Beads Do The Talking". We will be led by different groups each week so come along and support them and pray the Rosary. Each Wednesday in Richmond and alternate weeks in Nelson and Stoke.

ONLINE & YOUTH PROGRAMMES ACROSS THE REGION

SPARKIFY
Simplify. Amplify. Sparkify
Fr Dyson

Sparkify – One Gospel. One Message. One Spark: Sparkify with Fr Dyson is a short daily Gospel reflection, offering one thought and one spark to carry into your day. You can follow Sparkify on YouTube, WhatsApp and Instagram. On YouTube, simply search "Sparkify Father Dyson" or go directly to the Sparkify playlist. Scan the QR codes to subscribe, join or follow Sparkify. Sparkify posters with the QR codes will be available in the church foyers.

ST JOHN PAUL II PARISH JESUS YOUTH gathers as a place for young people aged 19+ to **grow in faith, build friendships and experience the joy of Christ**. Sundays 4.40pm to 5.40pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, Richmond.

The Garin College Senior A Basketball Team is heading to Nationals in Palmerston North this weekend! Please help their fund-raising efforts by booking one of their following services at great rates over the next two months: **Window washing**; **Gardening**; **Lawn mowing**; **Pressure washing; Car washing**. Donations welcome to: Garin College Board; ASB12-3165-0231417-00, ref: Basketball. Call Coach Richy Tau'alupe 0273077125 for details.

Garin College Caritas Fundraiser 2026 - Cardboard City: Last Friday Garin College held their annual Caritas fundraiser called Cardboard City. From 5-11pm, 33 students built shelters out of cardboard, ate plain steamed rice, and held a prayerful liturgy in solidarity with people suffering all over the world. The event had a serious message, but was still great fun! Click here for details on how you can help support the students inspiring Caritas effort.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Sessions for 2026 are at 7pm Tuesdays at Parish meeting rooms in Richmond and Nelson. For more information please contact: **Nelson -** Katie Rose katiemrose54@gmail.com 0212964155;
Richmond - Greg & Maryanne Hall, 0276181421 greg.maryanne@gmail.com ;
Motueka - Margaret Jones marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com, 0210474894

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**.

OBITUARIES & ANNIVERSARIES		PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Recently Deceased	**Tom Fox (19/9)** **Betty Sione (20/9)** **Danielle Kinzett (20/9)**	**Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Micheal Barry, Joy Dunga, William (Bill) Gordon, Dinky Nugent, Judith Pinnell, Christopher Hills, Marie Macquet, Tom McInerney**
Anniversaries	**Carolyn (Carol) Harris (25/10)** **Mollie Woods (18/9)**	

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION
PARISH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2026 click here

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CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS	St Peter Chanel Motueka	St Mary's Nelson	St Francis of Assisi Stoke	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Richmond OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart Takaka Sept

NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	SPC School Newsletter T3 Weeks 9 & 10	St Paul's School Richmond	St Joseph's School Newsletter	Garin College T3 Week 9	Passionist Family Group

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