



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

## 29 March 2026 PALM SUNDAY

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

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH and OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH

**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 5pm, (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday), Wakefield 5pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday), Waimea West 5.00pm (4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm

## CATHOLIC HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2026 Nelson & Tasman

### Palm Sunday: 29 March

Nelson 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St  
 Stoke 8.30am Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Songer St  
 Richmond 9.00am Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St  
 Nelson 10.30am Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St  
 Motueka 11.00am Mass, St Peter Chanel, High St

### Tuesday of Holy Week: 31 March | Chrism Mass

*(only Holy Mass of the Day in the region)*

Nelson 12.00pm Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St

### Holy Thursday: 2 April | Commemoration of the Lord's Supper & Adoration

Richmond 7.00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St  
 Motueka 7.00pm St Peter Chanel, High St  
 Nelson 7.30pm St Mary's, Manuka St

### Good Friday: 3 April | Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Motueka 2.30pm St Peter Chanel, High St  
 Richmond 3.00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St  
 Stoke 3.00pm St Francis of Assisi, Songer St  
 Takaka 3.00pm Sacred Heart, Commercial St

### Holy Saturday: 4 April | Easter Vigil

Motueka 6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass, St Peter Chanel, High St  
 Richmond 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St  
 Nelson 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St

### Easter Sunday: 5 April

Stoke 8.30am Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Songer St  
 Richmond 9.00am Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St  
 Nelson 10.30am Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St  
 Motueka 11.00am Mass, St Peter Chanel, High St  
 Takaka 5.00pm Mass, Sacred Heart, Commercial St



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Communion to the Sick: St Mary's, Pete Gillin 548 8195; St Francis of Assisi, Shelley Hills 027 437 7851; St Peter Chanel, Elaine Taggart 021 256 2941; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mary Silcock 021 174 9383.

Archivist:: Bernadette King-Turner, [archivist@hollyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ourladyofthebays.org)

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

**Recently Deceased:** Lynne Thurlowe,  
Kate Direen

**Anniversaries:** Tony Hardiman 30/3

**Prayers for the sick:** Kathleen Moore

*"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 ACROSS THE REGION**

#### **Saturday 28 March**

† 5pm, Palm Sunday (vigil), Sacred Heart, Takaka

† 6pm, Vigil Mass, **SVDP National Society AGM Mass, Cardinal John Dew** presiding

#### **Palm Sunday 29 March**

† 12noon, Faith & Light, SFA meeting room

#### **Tuesday 31 March**

† 12pm, Chrism Mass, St Mary's, Nelson

#### **Good Friday 3 April**

† 3pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Sacred Heart, Takaka

† 11am, Way of the Cross, Tahuna Beach to Cathedral Steps

#### **Easter Sunday 5 April**

† Daylight Saving Ends

#### **Sunday 19 April**

† 11am, Amalgamation Mass, Garin College Gym, Archbishop Paul presiding

† 6pm, Mass, SFA, Stoke

#### **Rest Home Masses:**

There will be no Anointing Mass at Oakwoods Retirement Village on Thursday 2 April.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday 3 April and Easter Monday 6 April.**

#### **Reconciliation Rite I**

† After each weekday Mass at each church.

† During Adoration, 6pm, St Mary's, Nelson.

† By appointment with a priest.

### **Holy Week & Easter Schedule Nelson & Tasman**

#### **Sacred Heart Takaka Mass Schedule**

#### **Gospel Reflection**

**Faith & Light:** Next meeting Sunday 29 March, 12.30pm,

St Francis of Assisi Meeting. Please feel free to join us. Margot 027 444 8398.



Holy Family &  
Our Lady of the Bays Parishes

Invite you to the

## Amalgamation Mass

Celebrating the union of the two parishes into

### St John Paul II Parish

19 April 2026 @ 11:00 AM  
GARIN COLLEGE GYM

*B.Y.O Picnic & Entertainment to follow!*



**A** **MALGAMATION MASS– 11am, 19 April: Garin College Gym - Archbishop Paul presiding. A BYO food & drink BBQ and picnic will follow to celebrate our formation as St John Paul II Parish. Please bring something to share. [Amalgamation Newsletter #4 \(Click this Link\)](#). Please keep praying the [Amalgamation Prayer](#).**



#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AROUND THE REGION**

**Fridays during Lent, 7pm** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond; St Joseph's, Wakefield; St Peter Chanel, Motueka.

**Friday 27 March, 7pm Stations of the Cross** - St Francis of Assisi, Stoke, hosted by our Syro Malabar Community.

**Chrism Mass:** Please join us as our faith community celebrates the Chrism Mass during which Archbishop Paul will celebrate with our Priests around the region as they renew their Priestly vows. It is considered to be a sign of the close bond of the Priests with him. At this ceremony, Archbishop Paul will consecrate the sacred Chrism and bless the oils, a tradition that is among the principal manifestations of the fullness of his role. It is with this sacred Chrism, solemnly consecrated by the Archbishop, that the newly baptized are anointed, those to be confirmed are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and those ordained to Holy Orders are consecrated in Christ's service. It is with the Oil of Catechumens that catechumens are prepared and disposed for Baptism. Finally it is with the Oil of the Sick that those who are ill are comforted in their infirmity.



**Easter Triduum:** The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum - from the evening of Holy Thursday to the



evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are: Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

**Lent Series:** Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. Screened at Holy Family Parish Mtg Rm, Nelson



Monday 30 March from 7pm-8.30pm. No Greater Love is a five-part video series which guides you through the last hours of Christ's life.

**House Group Biblical Study:** An afternoon study group on the Lent Series above will take place on Tuesday 31 March, 1.30pm, 2 Commodore Place, Nelson. Contact Tony: 027 4433 455.

**All Invited! Thursday 2 April** - St Paul's Catholic School extend an invitation to our parish communities to join the children, staff and their classes for a prayerful Liturgy on Thursday 2 April to begin Holy Week. The Liturgy will run twice: 9.45am for years 1-2 & 5-6 and 11.15am for years 3-4 and 7-8.

**Way of the Cross: 11am, Good Friday, 3 April** - bring your faith closer to Christ by joining parishioners for the annual Way of the Cross journey from Tahuna Beach carpark to Nelson's Cathedral Steps. Ph: Willie Schryvers 027 462 5983.

**Planned Giving:** Special collection envelopes for Good Friday & Easter Sunday are available in the foyer of the churches in Nelson,



Stoke, Richmond & Motueka. As many parishioners have new planned giving numbers from 1 April, please write your planned giving number and surname on these envelopes if you use them (for this collection only). This will ensure that your donations are properly recorded in your name. Queries to [finance@parish.org.nz](mailto:finance@parish.org.nz).

## Relics of Pope St John Paul II

St Peter Chanel Church in Motueka is blessed to have the altar at which Pope St John Paul II celebrated Mass when on his Papal visit to Christchurch in 1986. If that isn't exciting enough, there is also a relic of Pope St John Paul II sent to us from the Liturgical Office of the Vicariate of Rome. It is secured into the underside of the altar along with a relic of St Peter Chanel! A booklet, researched and compiled by Motueka parishioner Kevin Courtney, is now available for purchase at a small cost. Copies of the booklet are already in the Archdiocese of Krakow; with Cardinal Driansz, Pope John Paul II Secretary at the time of the Papal visit to Christchurch; in the Liturgical Office of the Vicariate of Rome; in the Wellington Archdiocese Archives. If you would like a copy email the parish office at [office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz).



**Caritas: "Hear the Voice Answer the Call"**: Donations welcome to Caritas via direct debit or credit card through <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand bank account number: 03-0518-0211216-000. Use "Lent" as the Code, your first and last name as particulars. Freepost envelopes are available at Mass throughout Lent. For more information Email [caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:caritas@caritas.org.nz), call 0800 22 10 22 or visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz>



**Invitation - 120th Jubilee:** The Catholic Parish of Wellington South invites former and current parishioners to a celebration of several historical milestones on Saturday/Sunday 18-19 April, 2026. The area's first Catholic church, St Francis de Sales in Island Bay, was built in 1906, 120 years ago, and the current church was blessed and opened on 17 April 1966, 60 years ago. For more info: email: [office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org](mailto:office@wellingtonsouthcatholic.org)

## 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.



**Please note: There will be one Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony for the region on Saturday 6pm, 6 June, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond.**

**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.

**Sacramental programme session dates across the region,** visit <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org>.

The first issue of **WelCom** will be available in churches across the Diocese for Palm Sunday 2026.

### **Journey toward Easter 2026**

Please pray for Catechumens across our parishes as they journey toward Easter 2026. May the Holy Spirit guide and deepen their faith.

**Motueka:** (From L-R); Amy, Cara, Dean, Fr Andrew, Steve, Floyd, Danielle and William (not pictured).



**Richmond:** (From rear L-R); Sam, Duncan, Tony, Sarah, Natalie, Grace and Amanda (insert).



**Nelson/Stoke:** (From rear L-R); Sarah, James, Peter, Abbe, Susheila, Linnia, Rosemary, Hefa and Hayley.



### **OUR LADY OF THE BAYS**



### **Holy Week at Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

#### **Richmond**

#### **Palm Sunday: Mass 9am**

Meet outside the church under the trees by the presbytery for our Palm Sunday procession. Come early to get a carpark. For safety reasons, we will close the entrance when the car park is full.

#### **Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm**

After mass there will be an opportunity to stay and pray. The church will be open until midnight. A roster is available at the back of the church. You are invited to sign up for a time to be in the church during that time. Fr. Raymond will be available for reconciliation after Mass until midnight.

#### **Good Friday Liturgy - The Passion of our Lord 3.00pm**

The church will be open from 10.30am until 2.30pm for personal Stations of the Cross. After the liturgy the church will be open until 8.00pm for adoration of the cross and personal prayer in the Chapel of Repose.

#### **Easter Vigil Saturday 7.00pm**

Prior to the start of Mass we will go outside in preparation for the lighting of the Easter fire (weather permitting). Due to the fire ban the Easter fire will be situated just inside the church doors. Please collect a candle from the foyer.

#### **Easter Sunday - Mass at 9.00am**

**Christian Meditation:** Monday's 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.

### **HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

#### **Contemplative Prayer Morning:**

9.30am-12.30pm, Friday 27 March, St Barnabas, Stoke. Our theme will be 'Remembering -The Lamb of God'- led by Ilene Allan. What to bring: \$10; Bible; Journal. Morning tea provided. RSVP to [eileengordon.eg@gmail.com](mailto:eileengordon.eg@gmail.com) by 25 March for copying and catering purposes. Thank you.



#### **Weekend Baptism**



Welcome to Hyacinth who was baptised by Fr Andrew at St Francis of Assisi last week.

### **NEWSLETTERS & CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS**

[St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)

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[St Peter Chanel School Newsletter](#)