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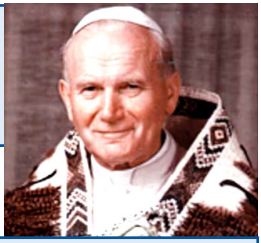


2 AUGUST - 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21	No Masses
TUESDAY	Jer 30:1-22; Mt 14:22-36	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	Dn 7:9-14; 2P 1:16-19;Mt 17:1-9	Nelson 12.05pm: Rest Homes refer "Dates to Remember"
FRIDAY	Nh 2:1-3, 3:1-7; Mt 16:24-28	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am, **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34	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: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35-39; Matthew 14:13-21
Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish

Last week we heard Jesus conclude His discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point. Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow Him so He reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd telling His disciples to provide food for them. The disciples reply with a report of the meagreness of their own provisions - five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this is not even including the women and children. Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meagre provisions of the disciples. This action offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus has been teaching in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions - remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven. This miracle anticipates the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning. *Loyola Press*

Priest	Designation	Email Address	Contact
Fr Andrew Kim	**Parish Priest**	On Sabbatical leave up to Dec	-
Fr Raymond Soriano	**Acting Parish Priest**	rasorsvd@gmail.com	021 613 953
Fr Dyson Tharakan	**Associate Priest**	On leave until September 6	-
Fr Kinh Nguyen	**Associate Priest**	vknguyenhy@gmail.com	020 41792 567

PARISH NOTICES

POSTPONED! Fr Frankie Mulgrew's planned Healing & Reconciliation visit has been postponed.

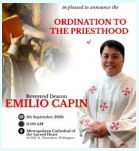
Solidarity Sunday

At all St John Paul II Parish Masses this weekend, badges will be offered to parishioners to wear representing love and respect for our priests. This is a first time event hosted by the Nelson Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross to thank our priests for their tireless service.

Calling anyone who can sing! We are starting a new choir for the 6pm Mass in Richmond, probably to be rostered once a month. **Practices will be 7.30pm-9pm on Monday nights starting Monday 3rd August in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**, 35 William Street. You do not need to know how to read music to join. Contact Evelyn Hall 027 4777 454 for any questions. Hope to see you there!

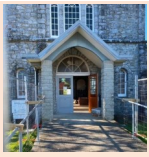
Sunday Evening Parish Mass: Thanks to all who have already helped to get our 6pm Parish Mass established. Please contact us If you can help with any of the following ministries (training and support is available): **Sacristan** (to prepare the altar); **Mass co-ordinator** (to prepare the church); **Powerpoint creator**; **Data projector operator**; **Altar servers**; **Readers**; **Music support**; **Ministers of the Eucharist**. Email or txt Mary Healey maryhealey6@gmail.com 021 550 405 or Judith Ashley judenz13@gmail.com 021 262 4442 to discuss options, dates and support.

Notice - Safeguarding: Thank you to Parish Ministry leaders and volunteers who have already completed an online safeguarding presentation in lieu of attending one of the in-person workshops held recently. For those still needing to complete this, online sessions for **August** are on: Monday 17th 12noon-1.15pm; Monday 24th 7-8.15pm; Tuesday 25th 6.30-8pm. **Register with Wellington Archdiocese Safeguarding Coordinator Kevin Plant at** k.plant@cadw.nz. The Microsoft Teams link to join workshops will be sent out two days prior.



Ordination to the Priesthood of Emilio Capin: Deacon Emilio Capin (originally from the Philippines), who started his seminary formation in 2020 is to be ordained to the priesthood at **11am on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington**. All are invited to witness this special moment. Please pray for Emilio as he takes this next step in his faith journey and responds to God's call.

Save the date! Men's Breakfast on Saturday September 5th at St Mary's. More details to follow.



Sacred Heart Takaka Restoration Project - Music Recital

A special fundraising music recital is planned for **Saturday, 24 October 2026, at 2pm**, featuring Nelson's **Rōnaki Quartet**. **Click here** for the latest update from the Sacred Heart Takaka Trust regarding news about the ongoing seismic strengthening project.

GENERAL NOTICES

Redwood College Class Reunion - Third Form 1977: We are having a reunion of third formers who started at Redwood College in 1977 which next year will be 50 years ago! We will gather over Nelson Anniversary Weekend 2027 and are trying to find as many of our classmates as possible. If that is you, your sister or friend please contact Kath on 027 7384 788.

HOPE FOR THE WORLD
LIFE, FAITH & FAMILY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Hope for the World International Conference on Life, Faith and Family - Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September. In Christ we can restore a culture where every life is protected from conception to natural death, and where marriage and the family are again seen as truly good for healthy, flourishing individuals and society. Join us in Auckland for inspiring local and international speakers. Find out more and register here https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/ before Thursday 20 August to enter draw to win a beautiful statue of the Holy Family. Contact Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz.

Visit the Archdiocese of Wellington website pages for "Upcoming Events" on Communities - Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington and Home - Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

ALPHA is a welcoming series where people of all ages can explore the Catholic faith, ask life's big questions, and grow in their relationship with Jesus in a friendly, relaxed environment. The session includes hospitality, a short video and open conversation. The 11 week course has started and now continues on Monday nights from **6.30pm** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall, Richmond.** Please come and join us. Email alphajohnpaul2@gmail.com for more details.

Faith Formation Series: Last Session of the Jewish roots of the Eucharist - Session 10: Revelation: Heavenly Worship and the End of Time. Tuesday 4 August, 7pm, OLPH Hall. All are welcome.

Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 13 August 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255.
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 19 August 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383.
Dovecotes in Nelson City: Thursday 27 August 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Nelson, Margo 027 4448 398.

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 20 August, 10.30am, Richmond parish hall**. Ph **Kath on 03 970 6754; 027 4523 948** or **Elizabeth on 03 544 5188; 027 5451818**.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST
NELSON-TASMAN
A Catholic Lay Ecclesial Movement

Invitation: Couples for Christ Nelson-Tasman invite you to a Christian Life Programme evening where you may deepen your relationship with God, family, and community while finding ways to discover God's plan for your life. **Saturday 22 August, 5pm, venue TBC.** For more details contact Ray Vargas 027 427 2383; Dahlia Vargas 027 507 9688; Sonny Bautista 027 1111 8258 or by email CFCNelsonTasman@gmail.com.

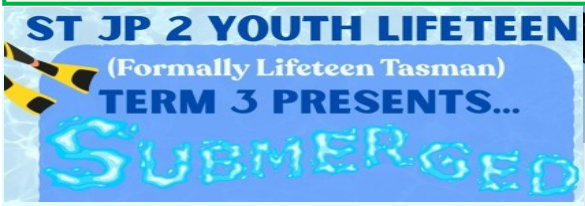
Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 30 August at 12.30pm**, St Francis of Assisi Meeting. You are welcome to come join us, contact Margo 027 4448 398 or Judy Burke 027 369 0115.

St Peter Chanel: A reminder that we meet for prayer every **Wednesday 6-7pm.**

Richmond Christian Meditation Group meets weekly at Nelson Cathedral and All Saints Church. Contact **Karen on 027 245 7800**.

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).

YOUTH PROGRAMMES ACROSS THE REGION



STJP2 YOUTH LIFETEEN

Term 3 presents - Submerged! Friday 31 July - DIVE IN!
All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm to 8.30pm, OLPH Church hall, Richmond. Contact: lifeteentasman@gmail.com 022 454 8973. Click here for more details.

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**.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Parishes Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation sessions commence on **Sunday 26 July and on Sundays following**: OLPH Richmond Hall after 9am Mass; St Mary's Meeting Room Nelson 9.30am; SPC Church foyer Motueka 9.30am.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be administered **across the region as follows: Motueka:** 15 August, 11am; **Nelson:** 16 August, 2pm; **Richmond:** 23 August, 4pm.

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

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Sessions for 2026 start Tuesday 1st September. 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

OBITUARIES & ANNIVERSARIES		PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Recently Deceased	**Peter Hampson; Tony Murray; Lois Brittenden**	**William (Bill) Gordon; Joy Dunga; Dinky Nugent; Judith Pinnell; Christopher Hills; Marie Macquet**
Anniversaries	**Roger Walsh (4/8); July: Eva Frago; Jock Madill; Shirley Winter; Brian Duncan**	

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

NEW PARISH CALENDAR - AUGUST 2026 click here

Thursday 6 August	†	11am, Oakwoods, Richmond † **Transfiguration of the Lord**
Saturday 8 August	†	**Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)**
Tuesday 11 August	†	7pm, Fr Frankie Healing & Reconciliation Service, OLPH, postponed
Sunday 16 August	†	**Assumption of Mary** - The Bishops Conference has transferred the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Sunday August 16 in 2026
Thursday 20 August	†	11am, Summerset Ranges, Richmond
Thursday 27 August	†	2pm, Anointing Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke

CONTACTS: HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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Mary Silcock	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	021 174 9383
Shelley Hills	St Francis of Assisi	027 437 7851
Elaine Taggart	St Peter Chanel	021 256 2941

CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS	St Peter Chanel Motueka	St Mary's Nelson	St Francis of Assisi Stoke	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Richmond	Sacred Heart Takaka
NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	SPC School Newsletter T3		Couples For Christ	Garin College Whanau Update T3	WelCom Issue 12

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