



**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 Titahi Whānui O Ngā Whangape Parahi Kaitiaki  
**OUR LADY OF THE BAYS**  
MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

**2 November 2025**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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

Sunday 2 Nov readings: Ez 37.1, 4-6, 12-14; Ps 27.1, 4, 13-14; 1 Peter 1.3-9; Revelation 1.5-6; Luke 7.11-17

**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, (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- Mass 6pm

Dear Parishioners

The month of November is a special time to pray for the dead and there is much going on in our united parish community to honour those who have passed away. There are blessings of graves occurring throughout the region including Marsden Valley, St Joseph's Wakefield, Takaka and Waimea West. Meanwhile, many of our churches have their annual November Banner of Souls and All Souls Masses which enable parishioners to further honour the love they have for those who have died. All of these events help us reflect on our lives as a community committed to Christ in whom we trust to hold in his grace those who are no longer with us. This month is a time for reflection, focusing on gratitude and remembrance. It is an opportunity to appreciate blessings, remember loved ones, and find peace and balance as the year heads toward the Advent season.

The month of November also has special significance for people of Catholic faith. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

We sincerely wish all our parish community a very blessed beginning to this special month.

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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@holyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:archivist@holyfamilynelson.org.nz) 021 394 516

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

Websites <https://www.holyfamilynelson.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@holyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz) (HFP)

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Keddie

**Mass Intention:** Betty DiLeva 5/11

**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**

**Saturday 1 November**

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

**Sunday 2 November**

- † All Souls’ Day
- † 5pm, Rosary for Mary Keddie, OLPH

**Monday 3 November**

- † 1pm, SFA, Requeim for Mary Keddie

**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**

- † 2pm, Pilgrimage walk from St Mary’s to Fr Garin’s Chapel, Wakapuaka Cemetery.

**Saturday 22 November**

- † 5pm, Candle Mass of Remembrance, Sts Peter & Pauls’ Church, Waimea West.

**Wednesday 26 November**

- † 7pm, Healing Mass, SFA

**Monday 8 December**

- † Christmas-themed Women’s Luncheon, SPC, Motueka—more details to follow

**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



**“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. Koha/donation welcome and please bring a plate for hospitality.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE JOURNEYS:**

**Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope, 2025 led by the Nelson Community:**

Sunday 16 November, 2pm St. Mary’s Church, Manuka Street, Nelson. All Parishioners from across the region are welcome to attend - please be sure to [REGISTER](#). The Pilgrimage is walking 3km, from St Mary’s Church, Manuka Street, to Fr Garin chapel, Wakapuaka Cemetery.



**ST Peter Chanel Community Pilgrimage 2025, led by the Motueka community –** Sunday 23 November 2025 starts after the 11am Mass and morning tea at noon. From 1pm parishioners make their own way to St Mary’s Church Nelson to arrive by 2pm for 10 minutes of guided prayer. At 2.15pm walk or drive to Garin’s Memorial Chapel for a 3pm Liturgy.

**All parishioners across the region are welcome to join these communities in their pilgrimage of faith.**

**A**malgamation 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](mailto:nelsontasmancatholic@gmail.com) or through either website [ourladyofthebays.org](http://ourladyofthebays.org) or [holyfamilynelson.org](http://holyfamilynelson.org). Please continue to pray the [Amalgamation Prayer](#) which reflects our shared faith, history, and hope for the future.



**When - Saturday 15 November:** St Mary's Mtg room  
**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.

**Blessing of the Marsden Valley Graves** will take place at 2pm, Sunday 9 November. We will meet for a short ceremony, and the blessing of the Holy water, by the green notice board on the high top side of the original cemetery. You will then be free to go and bless the graves in the old, the new, or the Services areas of cemetery.

**Nelson Community for Christian Meditation** invite you to a Community Morning. Gerson Badayos will speak on "Human Personality and Prayer Life". Gerson is a Catholic seminarian in formation to become a priest for the Archdiocese of Wellington. He has a background in psychology, counselling and teaching. Saturday 15 Nov, 9.30 – 12.30pm at the Catholic Church Hall, 35 William Street, Richmond. All very welcome. Morning tea provided. \$10 or small koha/donation. Registrations to Marie at mlshepherd54@gmail.com or 0278658032 or Mary at mary.kroch1@gmail.com or 0273721173



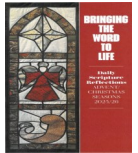
**Columban Calendars 2026** are now available at the HF Parish office and OLPH foyer for \$13 each. These make a wonderful gift for family and friends.



**Women's Luncheon:** A very enjoyable Women's Luncheon was held last month. We were very delighted that two ladies from St Peter Chanel, Motueka joined us. Our next gathering will be a Christmas-themed luncheon on 8 Dec. Note that date NOW!....more details to follow.

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

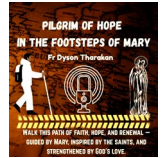
Fr James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. Copies will be available at the churches with payment via Honesty Box. They are also available from the HF Parish Office, Nelson.



**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](#) (click this link)



**Annual Appeal:**

Contact: 027 4055 469

Donate online:

[catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate](http://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate)  
[reception@catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@catholicsocialservices.org.nz)



**St Bernard's School, Brooklyn, Wellington:** Official closing Mass and Jubilee celebrations, 15 November. For programme details: <https://forms.gle/tCZ6qtN9KJqq9h64A>.

**CALLED & EQUIPPED Formation Programme:**

**Applications for 2026 now open!**

*Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others? Would You like to know more about what it means to be catholic? Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough? JOIN US* on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. Applications close on **30th November 2025**. For more information, contact Lucienne Hensel at: [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) / 04 496 1715.

**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. A minute's silence and crosses will be laid. Meet at Broads Field, Vanguard

**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 [katiemrose54@gmail.com](mailto:katiemrose54@gmail.com) 0212964155; **Richmond:** Greg & Maryanne Hall, 0276181421 [Greg.maryanne@gmail.com](mailto:Greg.maryanne@gmail.com) or **Motueka** - Margaret Jones 0210474894 [marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com](mailto:marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com)

Street, Nelson. Crosses will be provided.

**Prolife Facts:** Voice for Life urges Parliament to repeal the Abortion Legislation Act 2020 which removed key safeguards for unborn children. Since it's passing, abortions have surged, including late term abortions. Please sign the petition at [voiceforlife.org.nz/petition](http://voiceforlife.org.nz/petition). For pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

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

### OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

**Blessing of the graves: St Joseph's Wakefield:**

There will be the Blessing of the graves after 5pm Mass on 8 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.

**Candel Mass of Remembrance:** 5pm, Saturday 22 November, Saints Peter & Pauls' Church, Waimea West. *Candles to be lit for Hugh Peerless, Margaret T. Doorman, Noel Consedine, Terry Silcock, and Kevin Wilson. Before Mass begins the above names will be called out, and a family member will be asked to come forward and light the candle by the photo on display of their loved one. After Mass there will be the ceremony of the blessing of the graves, starting at the lych-gate with prayer.* Contact: Colleen, Phone 544-8663 or email [colleenynz@gmail.com](mailto:colleenynz@gmail.com) for further information.

**The Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

**Christmas Giving:** The St Vincent de Paul Society's Richmond Conference



Christmas outreach to families in need, is somewhat constrained this year by increased demand on our funds. If you wish to donate to this cause our Bank Account Number is 03-0703-0394763-02. Please use 'Christmas' and your name as the reference. If you require a receipt for tax purposes, email your physical address to our treasurer Dale Springer at Richmond. [Treasurer@svdpnelson.org.nz](mailto:Treasurer@svdpnelson.org.nz). Thank you. Nga mihi nui and God bless.

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

### 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 who have gone home to God on memorial banners. These are now available in the foyers of both Churches from 19 October. During November they 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 November Masses said.

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

**St Joseph's School News Link:** <https://stjosephsnelson.school.nz/for-parents/newsletters/>

### Holy Family Parish Roster - 8/9 November 2025

	Greeters	AV/Music	POW/POF	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Care	Church Cleaning	Hospitality
<b>St Mary's, Saturday 6pm</b>	I & K Sowman		P Cronin N Sowry	M Kularathna P Robertson T Zam			
<b>St Francis of Assisi, Sunday, 8.30am</b>	M Grooby	R Eggeling Joseph's Grp (M)	P Pettit C Brady	S Hills	M Menzies		
<b>St Mary's, Sunday, 10.30am</b>	Lar Thu Mu Lar	Guitar Group	V Lobo A Oertly	M Nang T Nicholas M Pike C Piper	D de Borja	H Kennedy	Knights of SC

*Thank you to all who support the Ministries. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for someone to fill in.*

<b>Liturgy of the Word - St. Francis of Assisi Chapel 9.30am</b>		<b>Ernest Rutherford Sunday Service:</b>
Tuesday 4 Nov (Frances)	Thursday 6 Nov (Ron)	Sunday 9 Nov 10am (Ron)