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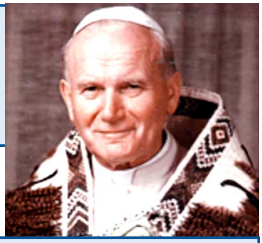


30 AUGUST - 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	**1Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30**	No Masses
TUESDAY	**1Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37**	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	**1Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44**	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	**1Cor3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11**	Nelson 12.05pm: Rest Homes see Dates to Remember
FRIDAY	**1Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39**	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am **Liturgy** **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	**1Cor 4:6-15,; Lk 6:1-5**	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: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27
Jesus speaks of His Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection

Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church, yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus is the Messiah, He confides in them the outcome of His ministry: He must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in His way of the cross. Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach His disciples that He would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator and those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others.

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

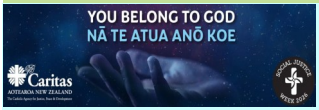
Maori Pastoral Care - Special Collection: This weekend - **Sunday 30 August** - Please make donations for this collection to the Saint John Paul II Parish bank account. Contact the parish office (027 337 4622) if you need the parish bank account number.

Wills & Bequests: Remembering the Church and leaving a gift in your will is to make a commitment to future generations that they too may know God through His Church. With a will or bequest, we can make sure our treasures are put to good use to look after Christ's flock and to grow the kingdom here on earth. Every gift, regardless of size, helps strengthen this mission, and supports your local parish and the Archdiocese.
Leaving a will or bequest can support your local church in many ways. To find out more, go to https://cadw.nz/wills-and-bequests.

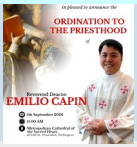
SEASON OF CREATION

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Season of Creation: 1 September - 4 October: The Biblical text for this year is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human wellbeing may flourish together.
St John Paul II Parish will celebrate the **Mass for the Care of Creation** at the weekend Masses of 5/6 September. All material for the preparation of these Masses has been sent, via email, to all liturgy groups.
" ...It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed." His Holiness Pope Leo XIV (Taken from his Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025)



Social Justice Week: Sunday, 6 – Saturday, 12 September 'You Belong to God | Nā Te Atua anō koe' Social Justice Week is an ongoing commitment in the Catholic calendar to reflect on and act on a particular social justice theme through the lens of Catholic social teaching. The overarching theme for Social Justice Week from 2026–2028 is *You Belong* | Nō Konei Anō Koe. Each year has a unique focus, and for 2026 it is: 'You Belong to God | Nā Te Atua anō koe' This year we begin a three-year journey exploring what it means to truly belong — to God, to one another, and to creation. **Videos** – a message from Bishop Stephen Lowe, a reflection from Manuel Beazley, and our Voices from Aotearoa series, in which people from around the country share what belonging means to them. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQSBxcDEBx8



Ordination to the Priesthood of Emilio Capin - Saturday, 5 September: Deacon Emilio Capin is to be ordained to the priesthood **at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Wellington**.
† *Lord God, we pray for Deacon Emilio as he receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Grant Emilio the grace to serve your people with holiness, faithfulness, and a shepherd's heart.*

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, 5 September 2026 St Mary's meeting room, Nelson. . **7.30am – 9am**. SPEAKER: **JOHN KERSTEN**. Come and hear John, a dairy farmer from Reefton, share the profound spiritual experience he had while in Medjugore. He will talk about this experience and how Our Blessed Mother's messages and The Rosary changed his life and his family. RSVP to William John Schryvers 027 4625 983.

Ordination to the Holy Order of Deacon of Gerson Badayos -Sacred Heart Church in Auckland at **6pm on Friday 2 Oct, 2026:** Please pray for Gerson Badayos as he prepares for Catholic ordination to the diaconate. The Ordination will be conferred by Archbishop Paul Martin SM. All welcome! Click here for more invitation details.

GENERAL NOTICES

Spiritual Directors Open Day 1 October 2026 - Flourishing with the Divine: A day with the Association of NZ Christian Spiritual Directors, at Nelson Girls College, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Keynote talk, elective workshops, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Cost $85. Enquiries to karen@moynagh.co.nz, 027 245 7800

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).

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. 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.

You're Invited! The Stoke Combined Churches Women's Groups Social Afternoon will be held on Saturday 5 September at 2.00pm in the Whakatu Presbyterian Church, 34 Champion Road, Richmond. Join us for an afternoon of shared Worship, Fellowship and Friendship. Our guest speaker will be Gary Hoogvliet, (A Very Tall Man) from Radio Rhema and Sanctuary. A collection will be taken up for the Save the Children Fund and afternoon tea will follow the meeting. For further information please contact Judy Burke on 027 3690 115.

Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 10 September 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 16 September 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383
Dovecotes in Nelson City: Thursday 24 September, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Nelson, Margo 027 4448 398

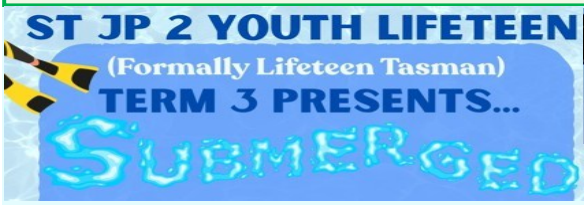
Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 16 September, 10.30am, Richmond parish hall**. Ph **Kath on 03 970 6754; 027 4523 948** or **Elizabeth on 03 544 5188; 027 5451818**.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST NELSON-TASMAN
A Catholic Lay Ecclesial Movement

Couples for Christ Nelson-Tasman invite you to a Christian Life Programme evening on **Saturday 12, 19 & 26 September, 4pm,** OLPH Richmond Hall. Contact Ray Vargas 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.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES ACROSS THE REGION



STJP2 YOUTH LIFETEEN

Term 3 presents - Submerged! 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**.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Sessions for 2026 commence 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

Parish Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:
The programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, commences in November.

ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Mina Finnigan (2/09) **Terry Silcock (28/8),** **Joe Perrone (29/8)** **Margaret Hawthorne (29/8)**	**Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Greg Hall, Tom McInerney, Micheal Barry, William (Bill) Gordon, Joy Dunga, Dinky Nugent, Judith Pinnell, Christopher Hills, Marie Macquet**

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

Thursday 27 August	†	**2pm, Anointing Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke (Only Mass of the Day)**
Sunday 30 August	†	**Special Collection - Maori Pastoral Care**
Sat/Sun 5 & 6 Sept	†	Masses for the Care of Creation
Saturday 5 September	†	7.30am-9am, St Mary's Meeting Room, **Men's Breakfast**
Sunday 27 September	†	Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants
Thursday 3 September	†	Mass; 11am, Oakwoods Richmond
Sunday 4 October	†	St Francis of Assisi Feast Day
Sunday 4 October	†	Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert
Sunday 11 October	†	Day of Prayer to Support Life

CONTACTS: HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Minister	Church	Contact
Pete Gillin	St Mary's	03 548 8195
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 OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart Takaka
NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	SPC School Newsletter T3 Weeks 3 & 4		St Paul's School	Passionist Family Group	WelCom Issue 13

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