

St John Paul II Parish, Nelson & Tasman

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31 May - The Most Holy Trinity

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

Mass Times — Reconciliation — Adoration

SATURDAY VIGIL	Takaka 4.00pm (I & III Saturday), Wakefield 5.00pm (II Saturday), Waimea West 5.00pm (IV Saturday) and Nelson Vigil Mass 6.00pm (every Saturday)
SUNDAY	Stoke 8.30am, Richmond 9.00am, Nelson 10.30am, Motueka 11am
TUESDAY	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	Nelson 12.05pm (For Retirement Village Masses see "Dates to Remember")
FRIDAY	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
RECONCILIATION	After every Mass - During adoration 5.00pm (St Mary's) - by appointment with a priest
ADORATION	Nelson Friday's 5.00pm, Richmond I Thursday of the month, 1.00pm - Benediction 5.45pm

Gospel Reading: John 3:16-18: God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities - special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, in which He explains that only those born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once and Jesus reiterates his statements, essentially explaining Baptism which we celebrate as a sacrament today.

The reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; He does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also shows the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that He has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. **IP**

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Papal Quote: 'It is wonderful to think that, when we consider our individual calling....each of us can say with confidence: "Despite my weakness, the Lord is not ashamed of my humanity. Instead, He comes to dwell within me...and makes me an instrument of His love for others, for society and for the world."' Pope Leo XIV [Regina Caeli](#), 25 May 2025.

May: The Month of Mary - Pray the Rosary:

20 minutes before all Masses at St Mary's and SFA, Nelson-Stoke

Sundays only 8.30am at OLPH, Richmond

Sundays only 10.30am at St Peter Chanel, Motueka

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet: During

Adoration & Holy Hour, St Mary's Church, Fridays, 5.00pm and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sundays, 3.00pm (led by the Samoan Cenacle Community in Samoan).



Keep praying our [St John Paul II Parish Prayer](#)



John Paul II Parish Logo

Extended Deadline! Thank you to those parishioners who have already submitted designs for a suitable logo for our new parish. The design should be simple in composition and incorporate references to...

† Aotearoa New Zealand

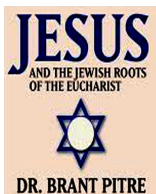
† Catholicism

† St John Paul II

† 7 churches within the parish

We would ask designers to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and refer to the St John Paul II Parish prayer for inspiration. The design will need to be appropriate for all communication platforms that we use; email, letterheads, websites, signage outside churches. Designs must be submitted via email or in person to the parish office by **12 noon by Friday 5 June**.

Faith Formation Series: Coming up at Richmond Church Hall, a 10 session video series on the Jewish roots of the Eucharist by the well known author and teacher Dr Brant Petrie, **starting on Tuesday 2 June at 7pm**. All welcome.



Prayer & Meditation

St Peter Chanel: A reminder that we meet for prayer every Wednesday 6.00pm to 7.00pm. You are most welcome to join us.

Mothers Prayers Group: Meet on the third Thursday of the month at 10.30am, Richmond hall. For more information ph: Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523 948 or Elizabeth 544 5188 / 027 545 1818.

Invitation! Nelson Spiritual Growth Group

invite you to a Contemplative Prayer morning Friday 29 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm at St Barnabas Church, Stoke. Theme 'The Spirituality of Hobbies' led by Spanky (Joshua) Moore. Bring: Bible, journal, \$10. Morning tea provided. Please respond to eileengordon.eg@gmail.com by 5pm Wednesday 27 May.



Richmond Christian Meditation Group will not meet in the Winter but will continue our meditation prayer in our own homes until Spring. A Christian Meditation group will still meet weekly at Nelson Cathedral and All Saints Church. Any Meditation queries to Karen 027 245 7800.

Fellowship

Dovecotes in Nelson City: Thursdays 4th week 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Nelson.



Dovecotes in the Nelson Area: Richmond 3rd Wednesday of the month 10.00am to 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383; Stoke, 2nd Thursday of the month 7.00pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255; Nelson, 4th Thursday of the month, 1.30pm to 2.30pm, Margo 027 444 8398.

Faith and Light: Sunday 31 May, held at SFA Church from 12.30pm to 3.00pm, contact Margo 027 444 8398.



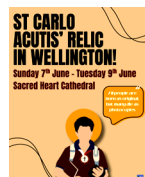
General Notices

Happy Birthday Arthur Maskill who turned 97 on Wednesday 27th May!



Uncollected Planned Giving receipts at St Mary's Church can now be picked up from the office.

St Carlo Acutis Relic Mission NZ : Wellington Archdiocese will host a relic of St Carlo Acutis, the first Millennial Saint, from Sunday 7 June to Tuesday 10 June at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street,



Wellington. You are all invited to visit the relic and join in the events prepared which include Holy Mass, adoration, talks, youth events, and a small exhibition in the foyer. "We don't need superpowers to be saints, we just need to love." - St Carlo Acutis: Click here for more details:

[St Carlo Acutis Relic Mission, Wellington](#)

Invitation! You are invited to an evening with Tim Lovell, sharing the latest news of his work with families in the Ukraine. Wednesday 3 June, 7pm, St Peter Chanel Church, Motueka



Save our Sacred Heart! The Sacred Heart Takaka Trust is seeking support for Takaka's historic Sacred Heart Church restoration. We have commenced our journey towards our goal of \$200K so please help by making a donation to NBS Bank Account: 03 1354 0630610 00.



World Youth Day 2027:

Interested in going to South Korea? Come join us for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Please fill out the expression of interest form:



<https://forms.gle/cz2MF9QGfjxRSTsBA> and email Regina Fernandes t: r.fernandes@cadw.nz for any questions.

Sacramental Programme

Parishes Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka: Click here to register:



<https://forms.gle/cFU5vKv9X5c5medB7>

The Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist are for children in year 4 and above. A small charge of \$15 per family per sacrament would be greatly appreciated. All please use this bank account - Saint John Paul II Parish: 02-0747-0066112-00. Use your name and 'SAC' as a reference.

Please note: There will be one combined Sacrament of Confirmation Mass for the whole St John Paul II Parish at 6pm on Saturday 6 June, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Church, 35 William Street, Richmond.

Practice Session: Thursday 4 June, 5pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond - children to bring parent and sponsor.

For all Sacramental programme session dates visit:

<https://www.holyfamilynelson.org>.

Youth Programmes Across the Region

ST JP2 YOUTH LIFETEEN
 (Formerly Lifeteen Tasman)
 TERM 2 PRESENTS:
NEON LIGHTS
 "You are the salt of the earth...
 You are the light of the world".
 MATTHEW 5:13-16

Remaining Dates of Term 2:

- Friday 29th May King's Birthday Weekend-no youth
- Friday 5th June God's Influencer-St Carlos Acutis
- Friday 12th June Neon Lights
- Friday 19th June Shine Online
- Friday 26th June Neon Light Walk-all ages welcome, details to come

7.00 to 8.30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall
 35 William Street Richmond
 Contact: lifeteentasman@gmail.com
 0224548973
 Scan QR code to register



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Come. Connect. Grow. Serve.

A place for young people (19+) to grow in faith, build friendships and experience the joy of Christ.

EVERY SUNDAY 5:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING AT STOKES CHURCH

ALL YOUTH AGED 19 AND ABOVE ARE WELCOME!

If you know any youth or someone who might be interested, please encourage them and send them along!

- WHAT TO EXPECT:
- ICEBREAKING SESSIONS
 - GAMES & FUN
 - PRAYER & SHARING
 - FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Blessing of the Fleet

Fr Raymond was joined by Sr Colleen and other Parishioners last weekend for Nelson's annual Blessing of the Fleet ceremony at Wakefield Quay, continuing the region's long held tradition of honouring the maritime community.



St John Paul II Pentecost Celebrations

Our churches were filled with a beautiful array of colour and decoration as we celebrated our first Pentecost as St John Paul II Parish. Fr Kinh is pictured last Sunday with parishioners at St Peter Chanel Church in Motueka.



OBITUARIES AND ANNIVERSARIES		PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Recently Deceased	Mark White (25/5)	Tom McInerney, Pat Heaphy, Joy Dunga,
Anniversaries	Rod Moyle (26/5)	Christopher Hills, Judith Pinnell, Ellen Biggs

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

Saturday 30 May	† 11.00am, Tongan Mass, St Mary's, Nelson † 5.30pm - Rosary for World Day of Prayer for Children, St Mary's
Sunday 31 May	† 1.00pm, Tongan Mass, St Mary's, Nelson
Monday 1 June	† King's Birthday - Public Holiday
Saturday 6 June - only Mass of the day	† 6.00pm, Confirmation Mass, OLPH Church, Richmond † No Vigil Mass, St Mary's
Sunday 7 June	† 5.00pm-9.00pm, Holy Mass, Syro-Malabar, OLPH, Richmond
Saturday 27 June - Feast of Sts Peter & Paul - Apostles	† 5.00pm, Vigil Mass, Celebration of the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul Apostles at Sts P & P Church, Waimea West
Sunday 12 July	† World Day of Prayer for Seafarers
Sunday 26 July	† World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly

AREA ANOINTING MASSES

Thursday 28 May	† 11.00am, The Wood, Nelson
Thursday 4 June	† 11.00am, Oakwoods, Richmond
Thursday 25 June	† 2.00pm, St Mary's, Nelson
Thursday 27 August	† 2.00pm, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke

NEWSLETTERS & CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS	SCHOOL PREFERENCES & NEWSLETTER DETAILS
St Peter Chanel, Motueka St Mary's, Nelson Our Lady of Perpetual Help St Joseph's School Newsletter WelCom	School Preference enquiries contact Parish Office Newsletter Deadline Wednesday noon Information to: newsletter@stjp2.nz Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@stjp2.nz