

St John Paul II Parish Nelson & Tasman

3 MAY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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 4pm, (1st & 3rd Saturday), Wakefield 4pm (2nd Saturday), Waimea West 5.00pm (4th Saturday) and Nelson 6pm (every Saturday)

Sunday: Stoke 8.30am, Richmond 9am, Nelson 10.30am, Motueka 11am

Reconciliation: Offered after Mass at each church; during adoration 5pm, St Mary's; or by appointment with a priest

Adoration & Benediction: Nelson Friday's 5pm, Richmond 1st Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm


Gospel Reading: John 14:1–12

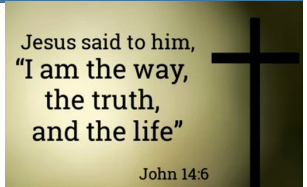
Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then challenges Jesus' words when he asks Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Jesus has already just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father and between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life." 



<p>Priest contact details:</p> <p>Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Kim, parishpriest@stjp2.nz</p> <p>Fr Dyson Tharakan, frdysonz@gmail.com (Assistant Priest)</p> <p>Fr Raymond Soriano, rasorsvd@gmail.com, Ph: 021 613 953 (Assistant Priest)</p> <p>On Mondays, contact the office unless it is an emergency: parishpriest@stjp2.nz</p>	<p>Ministry contact details:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Archivist: Bernadette King-Turner, 021 394 516 archivist@stjp2.nz</p> <p>Nelson Hospital: Sacraments of Healing contact Parish Office or ask for the Hospital Chaplain</p>
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Email addresses: office@stjp2.nz

News Deadline **Wednesday noon:** newsletter@stjp2.nz

Websites: <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org/> and www.ourladyofthebays.org

Recently Deceased: Tony Romano (21/4)

Anniversaries: Pat Esposito

Please pray for the sick in our community:



DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

Friday 1 May

† 7.00pm, JP11 Youth Lifeteen OLPH, Richmond

Monday 4 May

† St Mary's Church - Scaffolding will be installed across the front of the church for usual maintenance work but access will be as usual

Friday 8 May

† Anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV

Area Anointing Masses - 2pm

† 4 May, (10.00am), Ernest Rutherford, Richmond

† 20 June, St Mary's, Nelson

† 27 August, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke

† 22 October, OLPH Hall, Richmond

† 26 November, St Mary's, Nelson

May - The Month of Mary

To honour Our Lady in the month of May the Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before all Masses at St Mary's and SFA, Nelson - Stoke; and also before Sunday Mass in OLPH Church, Richmond, starting at 8.30am.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during Adoration & Holy Hour at St Mary's Church on Fridays at 5pm and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Sundays at 3pm (led by the Samoan Cenacle Community in Samoan).



Please keep praying our new [Amalgamation Prayer](#)

Pope Leo XIV: 'The Rosary, like other ancient forms of prayer, has united us this evening in its steady rhythm built on repetition. Peace gains ground in the same way: Word by word, deed by deed, just as a rock is hollowed out drop by drop, or fabric woven stitch by stitch.' Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), Vigil for Peace, 11 April 2026.



Reconciliation Rite I

- † After each weekday Mass at each church.
- † During Adoration, 6pm, St Mary's, Nelson.
- † By appointment with a priest.

New Parish contact details

Please note our new parish contact details:
office@stjp2.nz; parishpriest@stjp2.nz;
archivist@stjp2.nz.
Newsletter items: newsletter@stjp2.nz.

National Vocations Awareness Week: Parishioners are encouraged to support this cause by online donation. Parish bank account: Our Lady of the Bays - BNZ 020747 0066112 00. Please use 'vocations' as a reference.

World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul

Korea: A webinar series about this event is available online. The next session taking place on Tuesday 5 May is entitled **Courage: A call for young people to be bold and confident in their faith.** Click here to access more information: [World Youth Day 2027](#)



JP II Youth Lifeteen

JP II YOUTH LIFETEEN
(formerly Lifeteen Tasman)

FIRESIDE Chats

THIS FRIDAY-MAY 1ST!

BRING:

- Warm Clothes
- A water bottle
- A camp chair or rug to sit on

1 MAY 2026
7:00-8:30PM

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PARISH CENTRE-
35 William Street
Richmond

For more info contact: 0224548973
(if you are not registered-scan QR code to register)



(Formally 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:

7.00pm to 8.30pm at OLPH Parish Centre, 35 William St, Richmond:

Friday 1 May: Fun night

Friday 8 May: Soul or Scroll

Friday 15 May: City Lights

Friday 22 May: Block Party

Friday 29 May: King's Birthday Wkd- No Youth

Friday 5 June: God's Influencer - St Carlos Acutis

Friday 12 June: Neon Lights

Friday 19 June: Shine Online

Friday 26 June: Neon Light Walk - all ages welcome

Come together in faith, friendship and prayer! All youth age 11 and up are welcome. Email lifeteentasman@gmail.com or scan the QR code to register.



Save our Sacred Heart!

SAVE OUR MARBLE CHURCH
Strengthening Our Historic Church for Future Generations

FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$200,000

\$200K
 \$150K
 \$100K
 START

Help Restore This Golden Bay Landmark!

DONATE TODAY!

NBS Bank Account Number: 03 1354 0630610 00

Tax Receipt, please email Takakachurch@gmail.com Reference: "Marble Church"

As a popular holiday destination, our little historic church Sacred Heart, Takaka, has hosted many visitors to Golden Bay over the years and some have baches here. We are seeking support for our historic church’s restoration, which includes seismic strengthening. 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. God Bless. Ruth Robson (on behalf of the Sacred Heart Takaka Trust).

Prayer & Meditation

St Peter Chanel: A reminder that we meet for prayer every Wednesday 6.00 to 7.00pm. April has a contemplative theme and you are most welcome to join us.

Christian Meditation: Monday 4 May, meditation at 7.30 as usual 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.

Pentecost Retreat: Fr Raymond will be leading a Pentecost Retreat on being “One in the Spirit” on Saturday 23 May from 8.45am to 12.00pm in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall. More details to come.

Fellowship

Dovecotes: Nelson Dove Fellowship have started a new local faith group for all women across the region. Come and be part of a friendship group where



women encourage each other in their daily faith lives. Vision: To build our faith and share in praise & worship, prayer & spiritual growth.

Dovecotes in Nelson City: Thursdays 4th week 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Starts Thursday April 30 at the Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Nelson.

Dovecotes in the Nelson Area: Richmond, Wednesday 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: Next meeting Sunday 31 May, SFA, contact Margo on 027 444 8398.

Prayer and Praise Group: Thursday 14 May, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. You might like to come and see a new Prayer and Praise Group forming in the warmth of Norma Affleck's home at 398 Princes Drive. This is a welcoming invitation to all women across Nelson and Tasman.

Lost & Found

If any of the items below belong to you please contact the Parish Office: Ph 027 337 4622.

† A pair of coloured reading glasses left at St Peter Chanel Church, Motueka.

† A number of umbrellas and a raincoat left in the Garin College Gymnasium after the Amalgamation Mass on Sunday 19 April.

General Notices

Blessing of the Fleet: Fr Andrew will be taking part in the annual Nelson Blessing of the Fleet ceremony at 12.00pm on Saturday 9 May at the Seafarers Memorial, Wakefield Quay. Come for a fun, community day honouring our sea-going whanau, past and present.



Scam: Please treat any unsolicited txt or phone messages purporting to be from our priests with caution as they may possibly be scam contacts.

Working Bee: An Autumn working bee at Waimea West on Saturday 16 May, 9.00am to 12.30pm. Please bring something to eat and your garden implements. Morning tea provided.

Holy Water is available in the foyer at OLPH after Mass for use in your homes. Some small containers are available but you may bring your own.

Book bags: The book bags at OLPH for children to use at Mass are very popular. Each one has two books, a soft toy and something to play with. Please encourage your child to leave these in the church so they can enjoy them again the following week.

Mission to Seafarers Port Nelson supports visiting seafarers through practical care, welfare visits, transport, Wi-Fi, and 24/7 support when they're away from home. For more information contact Amba on nelsonmts2024@gmail.com or 022 560 4761.

Monumental:
Music for Choir and Organ
at Nelson Cathedral on Saturday May 2 at 6:30pm



2 at 6:30pm note the time. Bookings at ncma.nz. This is an extra special performance with 'last time' and 'first time' elements. It is the last time Pete Rainey is conducting Chroma - he is retiring his baton at this concert to free energy for critical Council work. At the same time, it is the first time that Chroma has ever performed with Paul Chan. Paul is one of New Zealand's leading organists with a magic combination of virtuoso keyboard skills, a big repertoire of music and a wonderful improviser.

Pro-life Movie: The film *Without a Doubt: God is Always There* tells the true story of Erica: pregnant, and diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer. She chose "faith over fear" instead of abortion, and her daughter Ella's birth powerfully shows God's presence. Visit voiceforlife.org.nz for more pro-life into.

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 - Our Lady of the Bays: 020747 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. This will be at 6pm on Saturday 6 June, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Church, William Street, Richmond.

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

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.

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

Anzac Day

Thanks to all who helped make Anzac Day commemorations across the region, including at OLPH and St Mary's Church pictured, a poignant and beautiful celebration of those who fought for our freedom. St Joseph's School year 3/4 pupils added poppies to the solemn crosses at St Mary's and Leiv Bjerga delivered the roll of honour.



NEWSLETTERS & CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

[St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)
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