St John Paul II Parish, Nelson & Tasman

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4 OCT 2026 - VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT - ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mass Times † Reconciliation † Adoration † Readings

SATURDAY	**Takaka Mass 5pm (I & III Saturday), Liturgy of the Word 9.30am (II Sunday); 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	Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37	No Masses
TUESDAY	Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Galatians 2:1-14; Luke 11:1-4	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am. **Our Lady of the Rosary**
THURSDAY	Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13	Nelson 12.05pm; Rest Homes see Calendar
FRIDAY	Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am, **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28	Vigil Masses only
RECONCILIATION	After every Mass; during Adoration; or by appointment with a priest	
ADORATION	St Mary's Nelson - Friday 5pm, OLPH Richmond - First Thursdays 1.30-6pm	

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Phillippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43
Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

In today's Gospel, Jesus again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.
After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

The Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.
This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways - through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers? *Loyola Press*

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PARISH NOTICES

Ordination to the Holy Order of Diaconate of Gerson Badayos

Sacred Heart Church, Auckland, 6pm. Friday 2 Oct, 2026

Please pray for Gerson Badayos as he prepares for Catholic Ordination to the diaconate to be conferred by Archbishop Paul Martin SM. Click here for details and here for livestream.

Celebration Sunday – Suzanne Aubert

Sunday, 4 October marks the centenary of the passing of Suzanne Aubert in Wellington (1 October 1926). Parish communities are invited to join the Compassion whānau in giving thanks for her life and praying for her beatification. **Click here** for details.

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi - 4 October - Pets Blessing, Stoke

This year marks 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of our Stoke church and Patron of Peace, Ecology, the Environment and Animals. Mass 8.30am - bring your pets and also plants, flowers, or a basket of fruit/vegetables to decorate the sanctuary. These will be taken home after Mass. 2.30pm: Holy Hour for Peace at St Francis of Assisi Church.

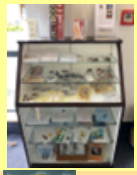
Takaka Mass Time Change: Please note Takaka Masses held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month will now begin at 5pm over Summer and a Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated on the 2nd Sunday at **9.30am.**

Please note: The **Anointing Mass on Thursday 22 October at 2.30pm in Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Church, Richmond, will be the **ONLY Mass of the day** throughout the Parish. **Resthome Masses** for **October: 8th, The Wood, 11am; 15th Summerset Richmond Ranges, 11am; 29th Summerset in the Sun, Stoke, 11am.**

First Parish Feast Day : The Feast Day of our Parish Patron, St John Paul II, (Oct 22) will be celebrated across the region in all Churches on Sunday 25 October.

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 more details

All Souls Day: November is the month we remember all the departed souls and pray for them. For all the Masses, please see the Roster following.



Parish Shop: We invite you to have a look at the many items we now have available for purchase which are on display in the Parish Office Shop Cabinet. Cash only.

2027 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish Office Nelson and honesty boxes Richmond and Motueka for **$14** each.

Safeguarding Workshops: Online Safeguarding Training Workshops for Parish Ministry volunteers. Register with Kevin Plant: k.plant@cadw.nz The Microsoft Teams link to join will be sent two days prior to each Workshop:. **October:** Mon 5th, 12noon - 1.15pm; Tue 27th, 7pm - 8.15pm; **November**: Mon 23rd. 12noon-1.15pm, Tue 24th 7pm-8.15pm

Lost Property - Richmond: Please check the Lost Property Box in the church foyer as there are many items that have been left for some time.

GENERAL NOTICES

World Mission Sunday - 100th Anniversary - Oct 18 2026: World Mission Sunday was established 100 years ago to draw every Catholic into the Church's great missionary mandate and to support the Pope's missionary endeavours. This missionary focus intensifies throughout October, reaching its high point on World Mission Sunday which this year falls on Sunday 18 october, the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Click here for a joint Bishops Anniversary Letter.

Discerning our nation's future through a Gospel lens: New Zealand's Catholic bishops are encouraging the faithful to view voting as a moral and civic responsibility, not simply an expression of personal preference. Click here for their full statement.

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

October is the month of the **Rosary which will be prayed before each Mass**.
There will also be an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday.
For details see below.

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).

Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 8 October 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
Dovecotes in Richmond: Wednesday 21 October 10am - 11.30am, Mary 021 1749 383
Dovecotes in Nelson: Thursday 22 October, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Convent Chapel, 22 Manuka St, Margo 027 4448 398. [Click here for information about Dovecotes nationwide.]

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 10 October, 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.

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own.
Our next meeting is on **Thursday 15 October, 10.30am, Richmond parish hall**.
Ph **Kath** on **03 970 6754; 027 4523 948** or **Elizabeth** on **03 544 5188; 027 5451818.**

Faith and Light: Next meeting **Sunday 25 October 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**.

SPARKIFY YOUR DAY!: One Gospel. One thought. One spark. - in just 60-90 seconds with Fr Dyson. SCAN • WATCH • FOLLOW
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ROSARY AND ALL SOULS DAY - ROSTER

LET THE BEADS DO THE TALKING - October 2026

Where	Wed 7-Oct	Wed 14-Oct	Wed 21-Oct	Wed 28-Oct
Nelson / Stoke 7pm	**St Mary's** Light of Christ Community	**St Francis of Assisi** Tongan Community	**St Mary's** Burmese Community	**St Francis of Assisi** Knights of the Southern Cross
Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7pm	The Priests	Youth Group	Garin College	Filipino Couples for Christ Community
St Peter Chanel	Every Sunday of October 10.30-10.55am			

Combined Parish Remembrance Mass - Friday 30 October, St Francis of Assisi

ALL SOULS DAY - Monday 2 November 2026

Waimea West & Wakefield	Motueka	Richmond	Nelson
10am Mass Sts Peter and Paul	10am Mass St Peter Chanel, Blessing of the Graves after	6pm Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help	6pm Mass St Mary's

World Youth Day - Korea July 2027: The Wellington Archdiocese is planning to send a group of young people on this pilgrimage with Fr Dyson and fundraising for this will begin soon. The options for attending are: 1. Those between the ages of 18-35, may join the ADW pilgrimage group who will travel and stay together in Korea for the event. These members will be financially supported by ADW and local fundraising initiatives. 2. If outside that age group, you will need to make your own arrangements to attend and finance your trip.

Please consider volunteering to assist in organising fundraising initiatives for this amazing Parish opportunity.
Those interested in this and/or joining the pilgrimage please contact Sam Schryvers at schryvers2010@gmail.com

St Joseph's School students celebrated their cultural diversity on Friday with a flourishing display of performances with students dressed in traditional ethnic costumes for their Cultural Celebration Assembly. Fr Raymond opened their celebration with prayer.

Email/Text Scam Reminder: For questions or concerns about a scam, contact one of our Parish Priests or Elizabeth Berry, Archdiocesan Privacy Officer by email at privacy@cadw.nz. Click here for the Archdiocese Privacy Hygiene Checklist offering guidelines on ways to protect your personal information.

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, 021 2964 155, katiemrose54@gmail.com
Richmond - Greg & Maryanne Hall, 027 6181 421, greg.maryanne@gmail.com
Motueka - Margaret Jones, 021 0474 894, marg.t.jones.58@gmail.com

Parish Sacramental Programme 2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion Programme occurs on **Sunday 1st, 8th and 15th of November**, followed by the First Holy Communion Celebration which will be held on **Sunday 22 November**. Your paragraph text

ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Mary Grace Andrade	**Ian Blackman, Maureen Sharland, Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Tom McInerney, Micheal Barry, Joy Dunga, William (Bill) Gordon, Dinky Nugent, Judith Pinnell, Christopher Hills, Marie Macquet**

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

PARISH CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2026 click here

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 OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart Takaka October
NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	Sisters of Compassion	St Paul's School Richmond	St Joseph's School Newsletter	Wel*Com* Issue 14	Passionist Family Group

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