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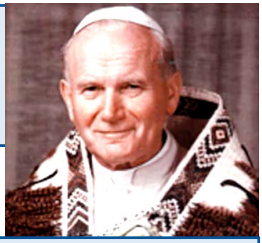


6 SEPTEMBER - 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	1Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11	No Masses
TUESDAY	Mic 5:1-4; Rom 8:28-30; Mat 1:1-23	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
WEDNESDAY	1Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am
THURSDAY	1Corinthians 8:1-13; Luke 6:27-38	Nelson 12.05pm: Rest Homes see Dates to Remember
FRIDAY	1Corinthians 9:16-27; Luke 6:39-42	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am **No Mass (4 Sept)** **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	1Cor 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49	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: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Gospel Matthew 18:15-20
Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "Church order" discourse. Here Jesus speaks about matters of Church discipline and order and we hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to a question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven by saying that those who wish to enter it must be like children and He cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

Jesus also addresses a dispute between two members of the Church and outlines a procedure for settling matters fairly. He does not discourage disagreement within the Church community but acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance. *Loyola Press*

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

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 on earth. Every gift helps strengthen this mission, and supports your local parish and the Archdiocese. Leaving a will or bequest can support your local church in important ways. For more details visit https://cadw.nz/wills-and-bequests.

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'. We have been created on purpose, by a God who knows us, loves us, and calls us His own. We are not simply known by God - we are treasured by Him. We are fully seen, unconditionally loved, and held in His faithful care. Every person is created in the image and likeness of God, and this is where our dignity begins and remains. Belonging to God means that our worth is not determined by our achievements, circumstances, or the opinions of others. In God, there is always a place for us. Click here for more details.

SEASON OF CREATION

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Season of Creation: 1 September - 4 October: This year's theme, "Living Water, explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. The symbol depicts water flowing from the Temple of God - at first a tiny stream that grows deeper, and deeper and as it does so, it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation. Click here for more Season of Creation initiatives and activities worldwide.

What can we do? One effort in caring for creation is the reduction of plastic on our planet. One small way of achieving this is through the collection and reuse of milk bottle tops. These tops are collected, bulked and forwarded to Waikanae where they are melted down and made into garden furniture. Just drive through Waikanae and look out for it. Collection tins have been placed in church foyers for you to recycle your milk bottle tops so that together we can all in one small way do our bit in Caring for Creation.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Emilio Capin - Saturday 5 September: *Lord God, we pray for Deacon Emilio as he receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders this weekend. Grant Emilio the grace to serve your people with holiness, faithfulness and a shepherd's heart.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST
FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, 5 Sept, St Mary's meeting room, Nelson **7.30am to 9am**. Dairy farmer John Kersten from Reefton will share the profound spiritual experience he had while in Medjugore. RSVP William John Schryvers 027 4625 983.

Wishing all the wonderful fathers in our parish a very happy and blessed Father's Day this Sunday! May God continue to bless you with strength, wisdom, patience, and love as you guide and nurture your families. God bless you all!

SVDP Motueka Meeting Tuesday 8 September: 3.30pm in St Peter Chanel church foyer. Thank you to generous parishioners for continuing to fill the meal kit bags to support SVDP - these are not only providing people with food, but are supporting them in cooking skills too. They are an important part of our out-reach and we are very grateful for your ongoing support.

Would all those who have taken Pyx from St Mary's Sacristy please return them after each use so there are some available for others each weekend.

GENERAL NOTICES

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

Pro-life Facts: Open Adoption is an organization set up to restore the "missing option" of Open Adoption. You can read about their work at www.openadoption.org.nz.

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. 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 - Saturday 5 September, 2.00pm, Whakatu Presbyterian Church, 34 Champion Road, Richmond. Guest speaker - Gary Hoogvliet, (A Very Tall Man) from Radio Rhema and Sanctuary. A collection will be taken up for the Save the Children Fund. Afternoon tea will follow the meeting. Contact Judy Burke 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

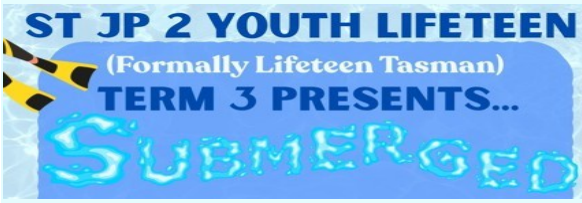
Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 16 September, 10.30am, Richmond parish hall**. Ph **Kath on 03 970 6754; 027 4523 948** or **Elizabeth on 03 544 5188; 027 5451818**.

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
Judith Ann McDonald (29/8); Raffaele, Alfredo & Angelina Miccio; Beth Hunter (8/9); Pat Esposito (birthday 8/9)	**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 - SEPTEMBER 2026 click here

Friday 4 September	† 9.30am, Stoke: **NO MASS**
Sat/Sun 5 & 6 Sept Sun 6 Sept - 12 Sept	† Masses for the Care of Creation † Social Justice Week
Saturday 5 September	† 7.30am-9am, St Mary's Meeting Room, **Men's Breakfast**
Wednesday 9 Sept	† 11am, Social Justice Week - St Joseph's School Mass, St Mary's, Nelson
Thursday 10 Sept	† 10am, Mass, Ernest Rutherford, Stoke † 11am, Mass, The Wood, Nelson
Sunday 27 September	† Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants
Sunday 4 October	† St Francis of Assisi Feast Day † Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert
Sunday 8 October	† 11am, Mass, The Wood, Nelson

CONTACTS: HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

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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 Sept

NEWSLETTERS - LINKS	SPC School Newsletter T3 Weeks 7 & 8	St Paul's School Richmond	Passionist Family Group 30 Aug 2026	Wel*Com* Issue 13	Sept Sisters of Compassion Update

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