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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ASH WEDNESDAY- LENT

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent—and a wonderful opportunity to make yourself 100% available to God!

How available to God are you? No matter what your answer, Ash Wednesday is the perfect time to decide that you will be more available to God.

On Ash Wednesday, you can get your forehead blessed with ashes at Mass or a prayer service. These ashes are a reminder that we need to repent.

Repentance is a powerful invitation. When John the Baptist first appeared in the desert of Judea, this was his message: “Repent, prepare the way of the Lord” (Matthew 3:2). Later, when Jesus began his ministry, he led with this message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

But what does it mean for us to repent, here and now, more than two thousand years later? It means the same as it did to the people walking around the dusty pathways in their sandals, trying to inch closer to Jesus as he passed through their town or village. Repent means “to turn back to God.”

We all find ourselves needing to turn back to God many times a day, in ways small and large. It is not a matter of guilt, and it is not a shameful thing. It is simply that we are a better version of ourselves when we return to God.

ASH WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH 2025

TIMETABLE FOR OUR LADY OF THE BAYS AND HOLY FAMILY PARISHES

MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

9.30am St Francis, Stoke

7.00pm OLPH Richmond

SERVICE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES

11.00am St Pauls School at School Hall

11.00am St Joseph’s School at St Marys Church

9.30am St Peter Channel School, SPC Church

2.20pm Garin College at Garin Gym

5:30pm Anglican & Catholic Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson.

YOU ARE WELCOME AT ANY OF THESE.

MASS TIME

Sunday Mass

RICHMOND

Sunday 9.00am

MOTUEKA

Sunday 11.00am

WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2nd Sat each month

WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4th Sat each month

TAKAKA

Saturday 5pm, 1st & 3rd each month

2nd Sunday of month at 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Weekdays Mass

MOTUEKA

Tuesday 9.30am

Friday, 9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9.15am Rosary

Friday, 9.30am Liturgy of the Word

RICHMOND

Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am

Reconciliation after weekday Mass or by Appointment

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS



On Friday, 28th February, Archbishop Paul blessed the new Religious Education block at Garin College and classrooms in the presence of the whole school community/benefactors/workers. Well-done Garin College!

SYRO-MALABAR MASS: Sunday, 2nd March, at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke, 5:30pm. This will be an Indian-language Mass, celebrated by Father Joseph Kunnackattu of the Archdiocese of Wellington.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: Giving envelopes for the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025 are available. Every donation given will support Caritas' life-changing humanitarian and development work around the world – and create change not just for today, but for the future.

This year, Caritas are encouraging you to give online or through direct deposit, if possible, to reduce costs and make processing donations faster. To learn more or donate, visit caritas.org.nz.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

BAPTISM NEXT WEEK ON TUESDAY, 4TH MARCH: 12 Children from Saint Paul's Community are being Baptised into the Church. The Baptism will be held at 1.45pm in the school hall. You are welcome to come and celebrate with the families and children being Baptised. The children will be presented to the Parish at the 9am family Mass on March 16th. Please keep this special occasion in your prayers. Thank you.

MY ADVANCED CARE PLAN WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH Maryanne Hardcastle will visit us to give an introductory talk in the hall on My Advanced Care Plan. It is a process of thinking and talking about your values and goals and what your preferences are for current and future health care www.hqsc.govt.nz. You are welcome to stay for a cuppa.

ADORATION, THURSDAY 6TH MARCH: Note the new time of 1pm to 5:45pm. Benediction will follow with an evening Mass at 6pm.

RECONCILIATION A priest will be available from 4pm to 5:45pm during Eucharistic Adoration, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ANOINTING: FRIDAY 7th MARCH: The Sacrament of Anointing will be available at the end of the 9:30am mass.

FRIDAY 7th MARCH: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is held annually around the world, in many churches. This year Nelson, Stoke and Richmond are invited to the service at St Barnabas' Church, Main Road Stoke at 10am. (Please note the venue is St Barnabas, correcting the error last week).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT AT 7pm ON THE FRIDAYS of Lent starting the 7th of March. Most will be led by a parishioner and booklets will be available.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: Lorraine McArthur and Karen Moynagh invite you to come aside for an Hour of Prayer in Lent. There will be four opportunities, two in the evenings and two in the mornings. All are on a Wednesday in the Church OLPH

12 March 7-8pm

19 March 7-8pm

2 April 10.15 -11.15am

9 April 10.15 -11.15am

The hour will include prayer, scripture, reflection, contemplative questions, music and art.

Come for one or come for all of them.

ACCOMODATION WANTED: A Catholic family seeks a two-bedroom house, apartment or sharing a flat in or close to Richmond. Please contact Sam 027 437 0188

LENTEN BOOKLETS: These are not available this year, as our order didn't go in on time.

SAINT PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

ARCHBISHOP PAUL TO DELIVER ST JOHN PAUL II RELIC TO MOTUEKA: Archbishop Paul will bring the Relic of St John Paul II to St Peter Chanel, and celebrate the 11 o'clock Mass this Sunday. The relic will be placed under the altar next to the relic of St Peter Chanel.

All members of the Our Lady of the Bays Parish are invited to come and celebrate this unique and momentous occasion for our Parish, with the Motueka community.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 5th: A service, and distribution of the Ashes will take place at St Peter Chanel at 9-30am. Come and join with the School pupils for this, the beginning of our Lenten journey. Each Friday in Lent there will be a Rosary in the Church at 7pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – MARCH 7th: This year the service has been prepared by the Cook Islands WDP committee.

The Motueka Service will be held at St Andrew's Uniting Church 64 High St at 2pm on Friday March 7th. The service will be followed by afternoon tea. Please come and join with the other Churches in our Community for this event. This is also a Day of Prayer and penance for victims of abuse and violence. (NZ Bishop's National Calendar)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Please include in your prayers the sick, lonely and housebound of our community, and Pope Francis. Please remember in your prayers those of our Parish who have died recently, and those who mourn them, especially John Collins and Leonie Stack, and their families.

PRAYER GROUP: We will not meet on 5th March to encourage attendance at our Parish Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond at 7pm. We'd love to see you 12th March for 7pm prompt in the chapel. Theme; Intercession for Needs

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL SHROVE TUESDAY – SPC PANCAKE DAY RACE: On Tuesday 4th March we will hold a "Pancake Day Race" celebrating Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday), and the beginning of Lent – the season of preparation Catholics participate in before Easter each year. Parishioners and Parents are welcome to come and enjoy the House Pancake Day Race which will be on the school field at 12pm.

ST VINCENT de PAUL MOTUEKA: Next meeting is Tuesday March 4th in the Church Foyer at 3pm. New members are welcome. Bring your time and talents and support this vital and practical ministry. The basket in the foyer is for food donations, and there is a slot by the kitchen for cash contributions. There is also a SVdP box next to the Checkouts in Richmond PAK'nSAVE.

SOPRANO CARLEEN EBBS – ST PETER CHANEL EX PUPIL RETURNS 7pm-8pm Thursday 13th March, Chanel Arts Centre, High Street, Motueka. Tickets, \$25, plus booking fee if advance-purchased through Eventbrite. \$30 Door Sales:

I am a St Peter Chanel old girl who pursued singing study and an operatic career in London for many years. Now Wellington-based, I'm so delighted to be returning to Motueka with pianist Gabriela Glapska, to give a concert in the town that first and best nurtured my first musical steps, also very much supported by the thriving music scene within the St Peter Chanel Parish when I was a child. We have curated a programme which celebrates some of the most beautiful songs written, composers including Purcell, Britten, Debussy, Strauss and Puccini, and we can't wait to share these in recital at the atmospheric Chanel Arts Centre (and place of my baptism - full circle moment).

St. JOSEPH'S, WAKEFIELD

There will be Stations of the Cross, on Friday nights in the Church, starting at 7pm during Lent. All welcome.

