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OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent — Year C

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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

Overcoming Temptation: Learning from Jesus

This week, the Gospel takes us into the wilderness where Jesus is tempted by the devil (Luke 4:1-13).

After 40 days of fasting, He is weak and hungry—but instead of giving in, He fights temptation with Scripture.

Each time the devil offers an easy way out; Jesus chooses God's truth over worldly shortcuts.

- "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

– Luke 4:4 (Deuteronomy 8:3)

- "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."

– Luke 4:8 (Deuteronomy 6:13)

- "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

– Luke 4:12 (Deuteronomy 6:16)

Jesus teaches us that temptation isn't just about avoiding sin—it's about trusting God more than ourselves.

Lent: Reset. Renew. Reflect

Lent is not just a time to give up things—it's a time to reset our hearts, refocus on God, and renew our faith.

It's like pressing pause on distractions and tuning into what really matters.

What is LENT?

L – Listen to God in silence.

E – Examine your heart and actions.

N – Nourish your soul through fasting and Scripture.

T – Transform your life with small acts of love.

How Can We Prepare Like Jesus?

Hold onto Scripture—memorize a verse that strengthens your faith.


Turn to prayer when distractions come.



Fast from whatever pulls your heart away from God.

Lent is not about guilt—it's about growth. Let's use these 40 days to reset, renew, and reflect.

Your daily Lenten reset: Lentify

Need a quick faith boost? Lentify is a daily podcast with short, powerful reflections to help you simplify distractions and amplify faith.

 Listen now on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube Shorts, Instagram & Facebook.

 Scan the QR code below to start listening! 

— Fr Dyson



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS



SAINT NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S TRUST: The launch of Saint Nicholas Children's Trust (the Trust) took place at Trafalgar Square in Nelson on Saturday 8th February 2025. The Trust Chair, Angela Francis of Our Lady of the Bays Parish, the Mayor of Nelson, the Hon Nick Smith, and two Members of Parliament, Greg Fleming MP, and Rachel Boyack MP, all spoke. There was overwhelming support with over 40 attending, including Fr Andrew and Fr Cirilo, taking part in the silent march. Supporters wore masks to symbolise the children who are sexually exploited without the ability to speak up for themselves. The Trust has a [very informative website](#), giving the background to, and aim of its work. And how You can make a difference by adding your time and money to help the objectives of the Trust. There was media coverage including [CathNews](#): Archbishop Paul said he is looking forward to the Saint Nicholas Children's Trust presentation at the Bishops Conference in September this year.

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.

THE DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE WELLINGTON Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Sunil Nagothu SVD will be leading a midday Advent retreat at St. Martin de Porres Church in Avalon on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2.00 PM. We'll conclude this special gathering with a Holy Mass. We warmly invite you to join us for this significant event to celebrate and worship the Lord as we spiritually prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS: March 13 is the 12th anniversary of Pope Francis' election as Pope. As he is fighting health issues in his 88th year, please remember him in your prayers.

NELSON CATHOLIC DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN: is starting up for 2025. We are warmly inviting all women to come along to the church hall at 35 William St, Richmond at 1pm, Sat 8 March. We enjoy singing, prayer, praise and friendship, so come along and we will see you there. Contact Stacey Ashley 021 259 7681.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

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.

BAPTISM, 4th MARCH: 12 Children from Saint Paul's Community were Baptised into the Church.

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.

MY ADVANCED CARE PLAN: Maryanne Hardcastle gave a very important and informative talk on Wednesday morning to encourage us to have a personal Advance Care Plan. For more information go to www.hqsc.govt.nz On Tuesday 25th March 1-2.30pm, Maryanne will return for a workshop to help us further with My Advanced Care Plan. Please consider if you can come. It is well worth it. To register or queries Karen 027 245 7800

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH, WAKEFIELD

PETER HOULT was farewelled at St Joseph's Church, Wakefield, on Friday, 7th March 2025. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for comfort and consolation of his family.

SAINT PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

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).

GOMFADS: The Men's social group of St Peter Chanel returns on Sunday March 23rd from 5 – 6-30 pm. Venue to be confirmed. Tea and Coffee provided, but bring your favourite beverage, and some tall stories! Get to spend some free time with those you only see at Mass.

LENT: Last week we had Pancake races to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, and on Ash Wednesday we went to the Church to receive the Ashes on our foreheads and to begin our Lenten journey.

BOT: The Board thanked retiring Presiding Chairman Jed Coppins for his 6 years of service to St Peter Chanel School, and welcomed Ben Turnbull as his successor.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This will be on Friday nights in the Church, starting at 7pm during Lent. All welcome.

ST PETER CHANEL MOTUEKA CHURCH DIRECTORY:

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Morning Tea	Robyn O'Gorman 021 660 282
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ROSTER:

Notes	Dates	Greeter	Morning Tea	Music	Prayers of the Faithful	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Cleaning	Lawns	Children's Liturgy	Flowers
First Lent	Sunday, 9 March 2025	T Hall A Francis	M Pascua & M Jones	Josie Moriarty	Angie Lucas	M Kilmartin & E Stolten	J Kenter J Maguire K Courtney	P & M Macquet	Mike Carr		No Flowers

PRAYER GROUP: In March we're trialling a different start time to make it easier for working people to join us. We will meet from 6.45pm for a prompt 7.00pm start and we finish within the hour. If more people come, we may continue with this time, so vote with your feet! Themes are, Intercession for Needs 12th; Contemplative Prayer 19th; Celebration and Thanksgiving, 26th.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On the Friday nights of Lent, there will be the Stations of the Cross at 7pm at St Peter Chanel Church. All welcome.

RELIC: Archbishop Paul Martin SM celebrates Mass at St Peter Chanel on Sunday. The relic and story of St John Paul II are displayed in front of the altar.

