



A Catholic Parish of  
The Archdiocese of Wellington

To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

# OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent — Year C

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### MASS TIMES

#### Sunday Mass

##### RICHMOND

Sunday 9.00am

##### MOTUEKA

Sunday 11.00am

##### WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat each month

##### WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Sat each month

##### TAKAKA

Saturday 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> each month

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### “This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.”

— Luke 9:35

This morning's Gospel reading describes an extraordinary experience that Peter, James and John had of Jesus on top of a mountain. It is a moment of profound confirmation, a divine declaration: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

The image of Jesus' face changing, as Luke describes, speaks to each of us today. The divine voice echoes, "Listen to him." This isn't a passive request; it's a call to active discipleship. It's a call to move beyond fleeting moments of spiritual high and embrace the challenging reality of following Jesus, even when it means descending the mountain and taking up the cross of life's challenges.

Like the disciples, we are often tempted to linger in moments of comfort, to avoid the difficult truths of our faith. But true faith demands action, a willingness to listen and respond to Jesus' call, even when it leads us into the heart of suffering.

In our world, we witness countless acts of sacrificial love, mirroring Jesus' own. We see it in the courage of those who risk everything to protect their loved ones, in the unwavering dedication of those who serve the marginalized. These acts remind us that love, as Teilhard de Chardin described, is a powerful, transformative force.

This Lent, let us strive to truly listen to Jesus. Let his words shape our lives, guide our actions, and illuminate our path. Let us remember that the God who spoke from the mountaintop is the same God who walks with us in our daily lives, even in our darkest moments. And let us, like the disciples, descend the mountain, ready to embrace the journey, knowing that we are never alone.

Ngā mihi nui

Maureen Phillips

Principal - Saint Paul's School

## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

**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](http://caritas.org.nz).

**DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NZ WELLINGTON UNIT:** The Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Sunil Nagothu SVD will be leading a midday Lenten 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.

**WelCom GOODBYE:** The Catholic Newspaper printed 10 months a year and published jointly by the Wellington and Palmerston North Dioceses, has appeared for the last time after 40 years. More resources will now go into CathNews and you can receive twice weekly bulletins at [cathnews.co.nz](http://cathnews.co.nz).

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** Love is a Decision - online registration now open for the June Course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive Sundays 8 & 15 June 10am-4pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are limited spaces. Any queries, please email [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**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 on the right, to start listening! 🚀

– Fr Dyson



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT AT 7pm ON THE FRIDAYS** of Lent. 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 three more opportunities, one in the evenings and two in the mornings. All are on a Wednesday in the Church OLPH

- 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.

**SEVENTH HEAVEN FAMILY GROUP:** Meeting on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm, Richmond Parish Centre, to discuss programme for 2025/2026. Please bring a small plate for afternoon tea.

**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

**MY ADVANCED CARE PLAN:** Maryanne Hardcastle gave a very important and informative talk last week to encourage us to have a personal Advance Care Plan. For more information, go to [www.hqsc.govt.nz](http://www.hqsc.govt.nz). On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. To find your plan template online, go to [myacplan.org.nz](http://myacplan.org.nz) and look for the tab, **Your Plan**, and download it to your computer or a USB.

**THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL DECORATE AN EASTER CANDLE:** Gertrud Weiss will again offer her popular workshop to decorate your own Paschal Candle. 7-8.30pm at meeting room at St Francis, Stoke. \$14 for candle and decorating wax. \$4 for decorating wax, if you bring your own candle. Registration essential - Karen Moynagh 027 245 7800 [karen@moynagh.co.nz](mailto:karen@moynagh.co.nz)

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH MORNING TEA** after mass and a speaker for 10.15am an interesting time and a chance to meet other parishioners.

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH RICHMOND LEADERSHIP TEAM 2025:** We will meet at 5.30pm. If you want to add anything to the agenda, please email [karen@moynagh.co.nz](mailto:karen@moynagh.co.nz) or ring 027 245 7800

**THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH ANOINTING MASS 2PM:** You are invited to Mass in the hall followed by afternoon tea.

**FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER MORNING:** 9.30am TO 12.30pm  
Theme: The Road to Easter. Facilitator Karen Moynagh, to be held at St Barnabas Church see flyer at end of newsletter.

## SAINT PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FINN CAMPBELL:** Finn completed his Secondary education at Garin College by being awarded an Archbishop's Award for 2024. It is an award for Catholic Leadership and must meet the following criteria:

- 1 Participation in the faith life of Parish and School
- 2 Being an authentic witness to catholic living within the college
- 3 Aiming to further their Catholic knowledge through the Religious Education programme
- 4 Showing Catholic Leadership by example.

There appear to have been 3 Awards in the Wellington Archdiocese last year.

Finn is an ex-pupil of St Peter Chanel School and at Garin, was a Christian Service Leader. This year he is studying Engineering at the University of Canterbury, and we wish him well in his studies and career.

**LEADERSHIP GROUP MEETING:** This month's meeting is next Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Church foyer at 5-15pm. We will be joined by Iain Hall from the Richmond Community Leadership Group.

**PRAYER GROUP:** From 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 can come, we may continue with this time so vote with your feet! This week, 19<sup>th</sup>, Contemplative Prayer.

**FRIDAYS OF LENT:** There will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm during Lent.

**GOMFADS:** The Men's social group of St Peter Chanel returns on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY ON MONDAY:** Wear your Green on Sunday for this popular Saint. This year St Peter Chanel School will celebrate St Patrick's Day by having a dress in your own clothes day. Having fun with the theme of all things green and Irish is strongly encouraged! We will raise money

for Caritas (the Catholic social action group), so please bring along a gold coin to donate to this charity, which works so hard to support people living with poverty and injustice.

**ROSTER:**

Dates	Greeter	Morning Tea	Music	Prayers of the faithful	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Cleaning	Lawns	Children's Liturgy	Flowers
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	R & K O'Gorman	R & K O'Gorman	Scott Cameron	Judy Kenter	D Ogilvie; C Ellis	T Donaldson V Dugdale H Duncan	-	Paul Hay	-	-

# Welcome

## Contemplative Time Aside

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**9.30am – 12.30pm**

**St Barnabas Church foyer, 523 Main Rd, Stoke**

**and opportunity for time in Isel Park**



**Facilitator - Karen Moynagh**

**Theme - Eternally Present Love**

PLEASE RSVP to Ilene @ 021-102-6778 OR [athlene16@gmail.com](mailto:athlene16@gmail.com) by 5pm Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Please bring an open heart, a Bible, your Journal, or writing paper, \$10.

Morning Tea provided and creative materials if wanted.

*Nelson Spiritual Growth Group*