St John Paul II Parish, Nelson & Tasman

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18 OCTOBER 2026 - MISSION SUNDAY

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	Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21	No Masses
TUESDAY	Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38	Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm
WEDNESDAY	Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48	Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am.
THURSDAY	Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53	Nelson 12.05pm; Rest Homes see Calendar
FRIDAY	Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12-54-59	Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am, **Nelson Holy Hour 5pm**
SATURDAY	Romans 8:1-11; Luke 4:7-16	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: Is 45:1,4-6; 1Thes 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21
Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus

The Pharisees, strict legalists, were devious in their plan to trap Jesus. Given the political and religious situation of the time, the question posed by the Pharisees offered a no-win scenario. The people had to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor as well as a temple tax. Had Jesus answered 'yes', he could have been accused of betraying his own religious duty. A 'no' would be treason – inciting others to not pay taxes was sedition.

Jesus' answer makes clear that Civil authority must be recognised but the first loyalty of all creation is to God. We live in an increasingly secular society, where faith in God is often viewed as irrelevant and unnecessary. For many of us, there are increasing difficulties in living lives which balance our obligations to God and to society. *Ak Liturgy*

World Mission Sunday 100th Jubilee - 18 October 2026
WMS was established 100 years ago to draw every Catholic into the Church's great missionary mandate and to support the Pope's missionary endeavours:. Click here for a joint Bishops Letter. Click here for Pope Leo's message. Collection envelopes in church foyers.

Pope Leo XIV has been diagnosed with **lung cancer** following successful surgery removing the lower lobe of his right lung, the Vatican has announced. The 71-year-old Pontiff underwent a 90-minute thoracic operation on Tuesday, 13 Oct 2026, at **Rome's Gemelli Hospital**, where doctors confirmed a diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma.

Priest	Designation	Email Address	Contact
Fr Andrew Kim	*Parish Priest*	On leave up to Dec	-
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Fr Kinh Nguyen	*Associate Priest*	vknguyenhy@gmail.com	020 4179 2567

PARISH NOTICES

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**.

The **Anointing Mass on Thursday 22 October at 2.30pm in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall**, Richmond, will be the **ONLY Mass of the day** throughout the Parish. **Resthome Mass, 11am, 29th October Summerset in the Sun, Stoke.**

ALL SOULS' DAY & MEMORIAL MASS

Memorial Mass: St Francis of Assisi, 7pm, Friday 30th October. This will be the only Mass that day for Stoke and Richmond.

All Souls Day: November is the month we remember all the departed souls and pray for them.

For Mass times, please see the Roster on page 3.

Please click here for the latest St John Paul II Parish Financial Summary.

Sacred Heart Takaka Restoration Project - Music Recital : Fundraising music recital, **Saturday, 24 October 2026, 2pm**, featuring Nelson's Rōnaki Quartet. Click here for more details.

For online purchases, text Sheryl Nalder on 0273918639, with your name and the number of tickets required. She will reply to confirm availability after which you may pay for them through: NBS bank account name: Sacred Heart Takaka Trust 03-1354-0630610-00, your name and 'concert' as reference.

Testimony Afternoon Tea

Come and hear dairy farmer John Kersten from Reefton share the profound spiritual experience he had while in Medjugore. Richmond Catholic Church meeting room, 35 William Street, **2pm Saturday 31st October**. See you there!

Men's Steak Night: A night out to socialise, make new connections and get comfortable with being part of a local Catholic parish. Tim James will share briefly on what has kept him being a Catholic for 63 years. Location: Fanny's at 223 Hardy Street Nelson **Tuesday 3rd Nov, 7pm, 2026**. Meal and drink $20-$25. Seating limited to 25 on the night. RSVP (Pone or TXT) Tim 027 446 8760 or Willie 027 462 5983.

Prayers for Ukraine: Please join Faith and Light communities throughout Europe and the world in praying for Ukraine. A message of deep distress and concern has been received from a Faith and Light province coordinator there seeking spiritual support for the dire conditions being experienced due to the ongoing conflict.

Shared Faith Prayers for Peace - Friday 16 October, 5pm, Sacred Heart, Takaka: As part of the Week of Prayer for World Peace, (11-18 October 2026), a shared faith gathering will be held in Sacred Heart, Takaka, Catholic Church Hall (behind the stone church). We invite those with or without faith to join us in our prayers, poems and readings for peace. Koha will be collected for Conflict Relief. This gathering has been organised by the Golden Bay Quakers.

Book Bags return please: Would those who have taken the children's book bags from OLPH Church foyer please return them to the plastic bin so other children may be able to enjoy their contents. The plan is to keep them at Church but 7 have now gone missing.

A Call to Service – St Mary's Nelson Communion Ministers on the Altar: The October edition of the Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Roster is being prepared this month. If you are interested in assisting Father distribute the Blessed Body and Blessed Blood at the St Mary's Nelson Saturday 6pm Vigil or Sunday 10.30am Masses, at Holy Communion time, please contact Pete Gillin on 027 548 8195, E: gillojunior@yahoo.com.

Can you help? Support the Waimea West Working Bee for Sts Peter & Paul Church on Saturday 14 November, 9am-12.30pm. The focus will be to clear the little "garden" area on the left of the church. Morning tea provided.

Columban Calendars are now available for purchase from the Parish Office or through church honesty boxes. **$14 each**. **Cash Only**.

Important Message: Please do not reply to any unsolicited phone, text or email messages that purport to be from any of our priests. These are likely to be scam messages. Be vigilant.

GENERAL NOTICES

Statue Repatriation Invitation! Please join our Parish and Nelson City community leaders for the formal handover ceremony of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions Convent Statues from Founders Heritage Park to St John Paul II Parish. The event will be held at **St Joseph's School Hall on Tuesday 20 October at 11.15am**. RSVP to Bernadette King-Turner at archivist@stjp2.nz or ph 021 394 516. Click here for more details.

Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage to Motuiti - Labour Weekend - October 24 - 27, on the feast of Christ The King. Places still available for pilgrims. For details and to register visit the official website www.fopp.nz

Parish Ladies Invitation – fashion afternoon tea & talk: All ladies from SJPII Parish and guests are invited to a fashion and style event hosted by colour and wardrobe stylist Suzanne Pearson. Bring a plate to **St Peter Chanel Church** on **Saturday 7 November at 3pm**. Click here for more details or email: wearitwell.nz@outlook.com - ph: 021 755 951.

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The **Rosary will be prayed before each Mass**. **Please ensure the Rosary prayer before Masses is finished at least five minutes before the scheduled start of each Mass.**
There will also be an opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary each Wednesday.
For details see below. The Knights of the Southern Cross **Reflection booklets** are now available for purchase from the Parish Office for **$15 each**.

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 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.
Dovecotes in Stoke: Thursday 12 November 7pm to 8.30pm, Norma 027 3101 255
[Click here for information about Dovecotes nationwide.]

Richmond Meditation Group: We will meet **Monday 19 October in the OLPH Hall, 7.30 to 8.15pm**. Christian Meditation is an ancient form of prayer. Our participation in this universal tradition is rooted in the teachings of the Gospels and the early Christian monastic methods of prayer and contemplation: 'Be still and know that I am God'. You are warmly welcomed to join us. Queries: Karen Moynagh 027 245 7800.

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**.

Mothers Prayers: We are a small group who pray for families. Our next meeting is on **Thur 19 Nov, 10.30am, Richmond Church Hall**.Ph **Kath** on **03 970 6754, 027 4523 948; or Elizabeth** on **03 544 5188; 027 5451818.**

Nelson Spiritual Growth Group - Flourishing with the Divine: The next contemplative prayer gathering is on Friday 30 October at St Barnabas Church, Stoke, from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
Register by 5pm Wednesday 28 Oct to eileengordon.eg@email.com. Click here for more details.

ROSARY AND ALL SOULS DAY - ROSTER

LET THE BEADS DO THE TALKING - October 2026

Date	Nelson / Stoke @ 7pm	Richmond @ 7pm	Motueka
Wed 21-Oct	**St Mary's** Burmese Community	**Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Garin Students	**St Peter Chanel** Every Sunday of October 10.30-10.55am
Wed 28-Oct	**St Francis of Assisi** Knights of the Southern Cross	**Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Filipino Couples for Christ Community	

Combined Parish Remembrance Mass - Friday 30 Oct, 7pm, St Francis of Assisi. Only Mass of the day Stoke/Richmond

ALL SOULS DAY - Monday 2 November 2026

Event	Waimea West & Wakefield	Motueka	Richmond	Nelson	Takaka
Mass Times	10am Sts Peter and Paul	10am St Peter Chanel	6pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help	6pm St Mary's	**1-Nov:** 5pm Sacred Heart
Blessing of the Graves	Following Mass	Following Mass	See Cemetery Blessings below		**1-Nov:** 3:30pm

CEMETERY BLESSINGS

Date	Time	Cemetery	Co-ordinator	Priest
2 November	8:45am	Wensley Rd	Judith Ashley	Fr Dyson
	9:45am	St Mary's Boys Orphanage	Frances O'Leary	Fr Dyson
	10:30am	Marsden Valley	James Rogers	Fr Dyson
	11:30am	Wakapuaka	Alison Oertly	Fr Dyson

ONLINE & YOUTH PROGRAMMES

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. **Applications close 11.59pm, Sat, 31st October.**
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 JP 2 Youth Lifeteen Presents Term 4:
Power Up! Charge Your Life With Prayer
Friday 16th Oct – Power Source
Friday 23rd Oct – LABOUR DAY – NO youth group.
All Youth Age 11 and up, 7pm-8.30pm, OLPH Church Hall, Richmond.
lifeteentasman@gmail.com ph 022 454 8973.
Click here for details.

SPARKIFY YOUR DAY!
One Gospel. One thought. One spark.
Just 60-90 seconds with Fr Dyson.
SCAN • WATCH • FOLLOW.
Link: Sparkifyme
Scan the QR codes to follow Sparkify on Instagram, WhatsApp & YouTube.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is a welcoming enquiry program to help people discover the foundations of the Catholic faith. 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

OBITUARIES & ANNIVERSARIES	PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Recently Deceased: Nenita Degala; Gary Blomfield **Anniversaries: Jack Gillin (22/10)**	**Ian Blackman, Maureen Sharland, Ron Mayes, Ian Crighton, Micheal Barry, Joy Dunga, William (Bill) Gordon, Judith Pinnell**

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

PARISH CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2026 (updated) click here

CONTACTS

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Pete Gillin	St Mary's, Nelson	03 548 8195
Mary Silcock	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond	021 174 9383
Shelley Hills	St Francis of Assisi, Stoke	027 437 7851
Elaine Taggart	St Peter Chanel, Motueka	021 256 2941

PARISH SERVICES

Safeguarding Team	safeguarding@stjp2.nz
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CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

MOTUEKA	NELSON	STOKE	RICHMOND	TAKAKA
St Peter Chanel	St Mary's	St Francis of Assisi	OLPH Sunday 9am Roster OLPH Sunday 6pm Roster	Sacred Heart - October

NEWSLETTERS - LINKS

St Peter Chanel	Garin College Whanau update T4	St Joseph's School Newsletter	WelCom Issue 14

School Preference enquiries contact Parish Office: 027 337 4622 or office@stjp2.nz
Newsletter Deadline Wednesday noon; Information to: newsletter@stjp2.nz