



HOLY FAMILY PARISH NELSON-STOKE
 St Francis of Assisi Church, Songer Street, Stoke
 St Mary's Church, Manuka Street, Nelson



*A Catholic Parish of
 The Archdiocese of Wellington*
Te Titoua Whakua o Ngā Whangā Parahi Kaitiaki
OUR LADY OF THE BAYS
 MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

19 APRIL 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

This week's readings: [click here](#)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH and OUR LADY OF THE BAYS PARISH

Tuesday: Richmond 9.30, Nelson 12.05pm

Wednesday: Motueka 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am

Thursday: Nelson 12.05pm

Friday: Richmond 9.30am, Stoke 9.30am

Saturday Vigil: Takaka 4pm, (1st & 3rd Saturday), Wakefield 5pm (2nd Saturday), Waimea West 5.00pm (4th Saturday) and Nelson 6pm

Sunday: Stoke 8.30am, Richmond 9am, Nelson 10.30am, Motueka 11am

Reconciliation: Offered after Mass, Holy Hour or by appointment

Adoration & Benediction: Nelson Friday's 5pm, Richmond 1st Thursday, 1pm - Benediction 5.45pm

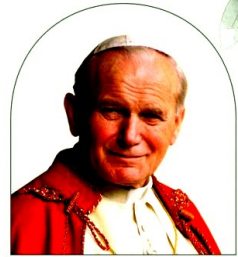
Holy Family &
 Our Lady of the Bays Parishes

Invite you to the

**Amalgamation
 Mass**

Celebrating the union of the two parishes into

St John Paul II Parish



19 April 2026 @ 11:00 AM

GARIN COLLEGE GYM

B.Y.O Picnic & Entertainment to follow!

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office.admin@parish.org.nz (OLOB). News Deadline **Wednesday noon:** ourlady.newsletter@gmail.com or
office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz. Websites <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org/> and www.ourladyofthebays.org

Anniversaries: Maria Denia (3/4); Joyce Johnson (9/4); Gilda Gleeson (17/4); Bede King-Turner (19/4); Emma Romano (19/4); Carmela Lauria (19/4).



Please pray for the sick in our community.

“Father, we lift up all those who are suffering. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to them. May they experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus’ name we pray.”

DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

Mass Time Change: Sacred Heart Takaka first and third Saturday Masses will now be at 4pm for the winter season.

Saturday 18 April

† No Masses across the region

Sunday 19 April

- † 11.00am, Amalgamation Mass, Garin College Gym, Archbishop Paul presiding
- † 6.00pm, Mass, SFA, Stoke - For those who can't attend the Amalgamation Mass

Saturday 25 April - Anzac Day

National Day of Remembrance

- † 9.00am, Richmond, Anzac Day Mass
- † 9.30am, Nelson, Anzac Day Mass
- † 5.00pm, Extra Vigil Mass, Takaka, TBC
- † 6.00pm, Vigil Mass, Nelson



Sunday 26 April

- † Day of Prayer for Vocations - Seminary Collection

Sunday 26 April-2 May

- † National Vocations Awareness Week

Friday 8 May

- † Anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo XIV

Area Anointing Masses - 2pm

- † 23 April, OLPH Hall, Richmond
- † 20 June, St Mary's, Nelson
- † 27 August, St Francis of Assisi, Stoke
- † 22 October, OLPH Hall, Richmond
- † 26 November, St Mary's, Nelson

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during Adoration, Holy Hour at St Mary's Church on Fridays at 5pm.



Gospel Reflection: Third Sunday of Easter:

Luke 24: 13-35. Click here for the [Gospel Reflection](#).

Reconciliation Rite I

- † After each weekday Mass at each church.
- † During Adoration, 6pm, St Mary's, Nelson.
- † By appointment with a priest.

Amalgamation Mass



Livestream of the Mass

For our Parishioners in Takaka and those who are house bound there will be a livestream of the Mass available. The livestream will start from 10.45am - 15 minutes before the Mass begins. The livestream link below will also be available on both Our Lady of the Bays and Holy Family Parish websites:

<https://youtube.com/live/DHfJWpUEe0c>

Communion to the sick

There will be no communion to the sick and house bound on Sunday 19 April except for emergencies.

Please read the information below to ensure the day goes as smoothly as possible!

Seating

Mass will begin at 11.00am. Please allow enough time to park and make your way to the gym where you will be ushered to a seat. We ask that you be seated by 10.50am. As we are expecting up to 800 people we encourage you to be early. There is a health and safety limit on the number of people that can be seated in the gym. Once that limit is reached people will be redirected to the school library where there will be a live stream of the mass available. Holy Communion will be brought to the library at the appropriate time. Ushers will be available to direct you to the library.

Parking will take time

There is no parking available along Champion Rd or Salisbury Road. Parking is available in the following places.

1. Waimea Richmond Funeral Services, 24 Champion Rd. directly opposite Garin College.
2. On the field in front of the Gym - please follow the direction of the Parking Marshalls to the coned area. Entrance is through the school staff carpark.
3. Saxton Playing Field access road parking alongside the boundary of the College and behind the college.
4. The Waimea Funeral Directors car park will be available from 10.10am.

Please Note: Parking in the school staff carpark is restricted to those people showing a Disability Parking Permit (Blue) or a Mobility Parking Permit (Green) and our parishioners travelling from Takaka. We encourage car-pooling and other alternative methods of transport where possible.

Picnic Lunch

Please bring a picnic lunch and something to sit on. A sausage sizzle (including Gluten free) will be

available. Tea and Coffee will be available from the school staff room. Entertainment will be happening during the picnic. The weather forecast for the weekend is for rain. **If it is raining on Sunday the picnic will be cancelled however the entertainment will still go ahead immediately after the Mass. Please look out for an email confirming the cancellation on Friday.**

First Aid

We would very much appreciate the services of two volunteer first aiders to support us on the day. If you are able to help us with this please contact Judith - judenz13@gmail.com. Thank you! We look forward to welcoming you!

Garin Map (link)

Please click the link above to access a Garin College map with location of parking areas and key buildings.

Heartfelt Thanks

Many thanks to **Marsden House** for publishing our new St John Paul II prayer cards.

INTRODUCING OUR INAUGURAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As we move toward the formation of our new Saint John Paul II Parish, I am delighted to share the names of those who have generously agreed to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. Their willingness to offer leadership at this important moment is a great blessing for our community.

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Gerard McDonnell (Chair)

Chris Bascand

Margaret Jones (Secretary)

Judy Kenter

John Maguire

Lloyd Moyle

Stephen Powick

Sam Schryvers

Sieni Seloti-Ese

Judith Ashley

During the Amalgamation Mass on Sunday, 19 April, the council will be formally commissioned and entrusted to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please keep our parish community - and especially our new council - in your prayers as we take these hopeful steps forward.

There will also be an opportunity to meet the Parish Pastoral Council in person, as we are planning to visit each of our communities sometime later this year.

Fr. Andrew Kim

Please keep praying the [Amalgamation Prayer](#).

POPE LEO XIV

During the Divine Mercy Mass in St Peters Square, Pope Leo stressed - In a world that is in such great need of peace, this calls on us more than ever to be steadfast and faithful in our Eucharist encounter with the Lord. It is in the Eucharist that faith grows and is strengthened, and where believers are united as members of one body. "It is there that our efforts, though limited, are united by God's grace...for the accomplishment of a single great plan of salvation that embraces all humanity".



Newsletter: Issue 3 of [The Sower](#), newsletter of **MissionNZ** and **Mission Aotearoa**, which support the Pope in his missionary work is now available <https://mission.nz/newsletters/>.

Pro-life: Click the link below for this week's Pro-life Facts bulletin:

<https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/media/failed-abortion-baby-born-alive-gasping-for-hours-a-midwifes-account-of-late-term-abortion-in-new-zealand>

Sacramental Programme:

Parishes Sacramental Programme

2026 Nelson/Richmond/Motueka:

Click here to register:

<https://forms.glecFU5vKv9X5c5medB7>



The Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist are for children in year 4 and above.

A small charge of \$15 per family per sacrament would be greatly appreciated. All please use this bank account number - Our Lady of the Bays: 020747 0066112 00. Use your name and 'SAC' as a reference.

Please note: There will be one combined Sacrament of Confirmation Mass for the whole St John Paul II Parish. This will be at 6pm on Saturday 6 June, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Church, William Street, Richmond.

Practice Session: Thursday 4 June, 5pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond - children to bring parent and sponsor.

School Baptism Programmes: Each school will prepare children for Baptism prior to the commencement of the Sacramental Programme. Please contact the Parish office or your local Catholic School Director of Religious Studies.

Baptism registration for school-aged children not attending Catholic Schools. If your child does not attend a Catholic School and wishes to be baptised and attend the sacramental programme you can contact the parish office to register them.

Sacramental programme session dates across the region, visit <https://www.holyfamilynelson.org>.



Monumental: Music for Choir and Organ

On Saturday 2 May at 6:30pm, Chroma Chamber Choir is returning to Nelson Cathedral with an evening of soaring choral colour and majestic organ sound. Under the direction of Pete Rainey, and in collaboration with the Cathedral Organist Paul Chan, this concert brings to the listeners the grandeur of choral and organ music from the baroque to the contemporary. Tickets \$30 plus booking fee. Free for under 18s. Book: ncma.nz.

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

St Peter Chanel: A reminder that we meet for prayer every Wednesday 6-7pm. April has a contemplative theme and you are most welcome to join us.

St Peter Chanel Women: Come and gather for a social evening upstairs at the Motueka Sprig & Fern on Thursday 23 April from 6pm. RSVP to ellecampion@gmail.com by 19 April.

Christian Meditation: Monday's 7.30 to 8.15pm in OLPH Hall. You are warmly invited to join in this quiet contemplative form of prayer. Karen 027 245 7800 or Marie 027 865 8032.

Contemplative Prayer Morning: In our March gathering, Ilene Allen gave us the opportunity through her presentation of "Remembering the Lamb of God" to experience and gain a deeper understanding of the Jewish Passover with a context in Christian thinking. I hope that the blessings continued into your Easter. On Friday 24 April our Contemplative Prayer Morning will be led by David Moynan on the theme: The Resurrection - Who? What? Why? How? John 20: 1-18. St Barnabas at 9.30am-12.30pm. More blessings will unfold! Please RSVP by 5pm on Wednesday 22 April to eileengordon.eg@gmail.com Regards Eileen.



Found: A pair of coloured reading glasses were left at St Peter Chanel Church, Motueka, last week. Please contact the Parish office if they belong to you.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Found: A large green file containing church guitar music has been found at St Francis of Assisi Church. If this is yours, please contact Frances on 027 646 4529.

MORE IMAGES FROM HOLY WEEK 2026

The last Stations of the Cross in Nelson on Good Friday was led by the Syro-Malabar Community who encircled St Mary's Church as they remembered Jesus' journey to Calvary.



Fr Andrew blessed baskets of food at St Mary's, Nelson, during the Easter Vigil Mass as part of an annual Easter tradition enjoyed by members of our Polish and European communities.



NEWSLETTERS & CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

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