



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 Whakaea O Ngā Whangā Parahi Kaitiaki
OUR LADY OF THE BAYS
 MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

5 APRIL 2026

EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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



**HAPPY EASTER
 HE IS RISEN!**

Resurrection of the Lord's Passion: Gospel Reading - John 20:1-9: Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb and concludes by revealing that they did not yet actually understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. This scene is not necessarily meant to offer proof of the miracle that has taken place, but rather invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift - faith in Jesus and His Resurrection. [Gospel Reflection](#)

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Recently Deceased: Kathleen Moore

Anniversaries: Jeramae Andrade



DATES TO REMEMBER ACROSS THE REGION

Easter Mass and Liturgy Schedule is located on back page or click the link below.

Note: No Holy Hour at St Mary's Church on Good Friday 3 April.

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

Holy Thursday 2 April

† 7pm, OLPH and St Peter Chanel

† 7.30pm, St Mary's Church

Good Friday 3 April

† 11am, Way of the Cross, Tahuna Beach to Cathedral Steps

† 12noon-3pm, Stations of the Cross outside St Mary's Church, hosted by Syro Malabar

† 3pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Sacred Heart, Takaka

Holy Saturday 4 April

† Start your Divine Mercy Novena today to finish 9 days on Divine Mercy Sunday 12 April

Easter Sunday 5 April

† Daylight Saving Ends - clocks back one hour



Thursday 9 April

† No Mass at the Wood

Friday 10 April

† No Mass at SFA - Liturgy

Sunday 12 April

† Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 19 April

† 11am, Amalgamation Mass, Garin College Gym, Archbishop Paul presiding

† 6pm, Mass, SFA, Stoke



Parish Office closed Good Friday 3 April and Easter Monday 6 April.

Reconciliation Rite I

† After each weekday Mass at each church.

† During Adoration, 6pm, St Mary's, Nelson.

† By appointment with a priest.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule Nelson & Tasman
Sacred Heart Takaka Mass Schedule

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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!

A **MALGAMATION MASS**– 11am, 19 April: Garin College Gym - Archbishop Paul presiding. A BYO food & drink BBQ and picnic will follow to celebrate our formation as St John Paul II Parish. Please bring something to share. [Amalgamation Newsletter #4 \(Click this Link\)](#). Please keep praying the [Amalgamation Prayer](#).

Holy Week: We approach the Easter Triduum – our most sacred time in the Church calendar. This series of Masses, The



Lord's Supper (Thursday), Friday Passion and Easter Sunday (Easter Vigil Mass), are in reality one Mass – beginning on Thursday and coming to completion on Easter Sunday. You are encouraged to attend each one.

Way of the Cross: 11am, Good Friday, 3 April - bring your faith closer to Christ by joining parishioners for the annual Way of the Cross journey from Tahuna Beach carpark to Nelson's Cathedral Steps. Ph: Willie Schryvers 027 462 5983.

Planned Giving: Special collection envelopes for Good Friday (Holy Places) & Easter Sunday are available in the foyer of the churches in Nelson, Stoke, Richmond & Motueka. As many parishioners have new planned giving numbers from 1 April, please write your planned giving number and surname on these envelopes if you use them (for this collection only). This will ensure that your donations are properly recorded in your name. Queries to finance@parish.org.nz.



Caritas: "Hear the Voice Answer the Call": Donations welcome to Caritas via direct debit or credit card through <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand bank account number: 03-0518-0211216-000. Use "Lent" as the Code, your first and last name as



particulars. Freepost envelopes are available at Mass throughout Lent. For more information Email caritas@caritas.org.nz, call 0800 22 10 22 or visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz>

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 Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony for the region on Saturday 6pm, 6 June, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond.

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>.

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS



Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

After mass there will be an opportunity to stay and pray. The church will be open until midnight. A roster is available at the back of the church. You are invited to sign up for a time to be in the church during that time. Fr. Raymond will be available for reconciliation after Mass until midnight.

Good Friday Liturgy - The Passion of our Lord 3.00pm

The church will be open from 10.30am until 2.30pm for personal Stations of the Cross. After the liturgy the church will be open until 8.00pm for adoration of the cross and personal prayer in the Chapel of Repose.

Easter Vigil Saturday 7.00pm

Prior to the start of Mass we will go outside in preparation for the lighting of the Easter fire (weather permitting). Due to the fire ban the Easter fire will be situated just inside the church doors. Please collect a candle from the foyer.

Easter Sunday - Mass at 9.00am

With Gratitude: Motueka St Vincent de Paul says a warm "thank you!" to its kind supporters. Please email us at motueka.president@svdpnelson.org.nz if you need an annual tax certificate. Please note our new BNZ account SVDP Motueka 02-0506-0383707-003.

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.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Food basket blessing: St Mary's Church: After the Saturday Vigil Mass, before everyone leaves we will have the blessing of the food baskets, an annual European Easter-time tradition. Please prepare your baskets of food and bring along to the Mass for Fr Andrew to bless.



A plea: For those attending the Good Friday Mass. Could those able-bodied leave the **parking** alongside the Church for the less able. The Mad Butcher has strongly suggested those parking in his carpark would be removed. **Please do not park there.** Some parking is available **behind the church** – please park wisely and **do not** park over the **access way**. There will be a **retiring collection** at the conclusion of the **Good Friday Liturgy for Holy Places**.

Palm Sunday – Thankyou! To all those who came and celebrated this Mass at SFA, a huge thank you. From all those who volunteered their time and talents to participate as readers, musicians and too many roles for space allowed, to the congregation whose participation made this Mass wonderful – heartfelt thanks.

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

Palm Sunday & Chrism Mass St Mary's Church

Cardinal John Dew and Fr Andrew celebrated the Annual St Vincent de Paul Conference Mass on Palm Sunday. On Tuesday Archbishop Paul Martin celebrated the region's Chrism Mass where our own priests were joined by visiting priests, Fr David Gruschow and Fr Jacob Kuman, as they renewed their vows with Deacon Joseph Nguwen supporting. Students from St Joseph's School and Garin College Young Vinnies led the congregation carrying palms blessed with Holy Water into the church on Sunday and were our welcome for the Chrism Mass.



NEWSLETTERS & CHURCH ROSTERS - LINKS

[St Peter Chanel, Motueka](#)

[Holy Family Parish](#)

[Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#)

[St Peter Chanel School Newsletter](#)

CATHOLIC HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2026 Nelson & Tasman

Palm Sunday: 29 March

Nelson	6.00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St
Stoke	8.30am	Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Songer St
Richmond	9.00am	Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St
Nelson	10.30am	Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St
Motueka	11.00am	Mass, St Peter Chanel, High St

Tuesday of Holy Week: 31 March | Chrism Mass

(only Holy Mass of the Day in the region)

Nelson	12.00pm	Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St
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Holy Thursday: 2 April | Commemoration of the Lord's Supper & Adoration

Richmond	7.00pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St
Motueka	7.00pm	St Peter Chanel, High St
Nelson	7.30pm	St Mary's, Manuka St

Good Friday: 3 April | Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Motueka	2.30pm	St Peter Chanel, High St
Richmond	3.00pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St
Stoke	3.00pm	St Francis of Assisi, Songer St
Takaka	3.00pm	Sacred Heart, Commercial St

Holy Saturday: 4 April | Easter Vigil

Motueka	6.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass, St Peter Chanel, High St
Richmond	7.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St
Nelson	7.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St

Easter Sunday: 5 April

Stoke	8.30am	Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Songer St
Richmond	9.00am	Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William St
Nelson	10.30am	Mass, St Mary's, Manuka St
Motueka	11.00am	Mass, St Peter Chanel, High St
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