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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30

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

"For all things are possible with God"

It's tempting to feel sad and disappointed when the man, who approaches Jesus in the Gospel reading today, leaves. His story starts out so well – he is enthusiastic and is actively seeking to 'inherit eternal life'. But it seems that that final hurdle, to give away or sell his things, is a step too far...

That said, we don't know the ending of this man's story – did he go away and reflect on Jesus's words, did he eventually decide to sell/give away his things? Maybe it took days, years or even decades, but perhaps Jesus' words did encourage him and lead him to eternal life. Whatever happened, that's his outcome – what we do know is that, thousands of years later, we are still reading about him and considering his impact on our lives too. He has not been forgotten and his contact with Jesus has had far-reaching consequences throughout the millennia.

We know ourselves how easy it is to become attached to our belongings – they provide us with comfort, safety or maybe just make us feel good. But they are just things and we need to remember that they, like this life, are temporary.

In the Gospel, Jesus refers to his disciples as 'children' – a loving and nurturing way to express his devotion to them. It reminds us that we need to look to children as there is such a lot to learn from them:

- ◇ they know that there is joy and wonder in the world around them, that specks of dew on a spider's web are a sight to behold, that even a bouquet of weeds can look beautiful when given with love.
- ◇ they know that a biscuit is something to be nibbled on, to be savoured, rather than munched away, without even noticing, as too many other distractions are in the way.
- ◇ they know that human contact and connection, in real life, is what lets us thrive, develop and mature. And they know that it's better to shout and/or cry rather than hold on to challenging emotions.
- ◇ they know that designer labels or brands don't mean anything as items are there for their purpose, not their appearance.

We have a lot to learn, and a lot to keep reminding ourselves of. But it's always reassuring to know that we are loved – Jesus looked at this man with love, he knew that he was trying his best and he knew where there was room for improvement. He knows everything about us too and He will keep knowing, and loving, and trying to guide us towards eternal life. There is so much to be gained and, really, not a lot to lose.

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

LITURGY WORKSHOPS with Fr Patrick Bridgeman

Fr Patrick Bridgeman is returning to our Region to present his final 2 workshops - "Liturgy of the Eucharist" on Friday 18 October and "Its impact in our lives" on Saturday 19 October.

The times are:

"Liturgy of the Eucharist" - 7-9pm on Friday, 18 October

"Its impact in our lives" - 10:30am-12:30pm on Saturday, 19 October

The sessions will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 35 Williams Street, Richmond.

Please put these dates and times into your diaries and we look forward to seeing you then.



Prayer for Life

Lord, you call us, your pilgrim people,
to be people of life and for life;
to journey in confidence
towards "a new heaven and a new earth"
that is characterised by a commitment
to the infinite dignity of every person.

Lord, look down upon the vast numbers of those
whose human dignity is daily being violated by
war, poverty, exploitation, physical and emotional
violence,
premature death, abuse, prejudice and neglect.

Grant that we who believe in you
may proclaim the Gospel of life
in what we think, say and do.

Obtain for us the grace
to accept the Gospel as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude,
and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely
so as to build, together with all people of good will,
a world of justice, mercy, truth, compassion and love.

To the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of all life.

Just a reminder that our Mass times have changed and they are now:

⇒ **9am Sunday at Richmond**

⇒ **11am Sunday at Motueka**

Takaka has changed to the 1st and 3rd Saturday. There is more information on the website and the Newsletter.

Fully furnished 3 bdrms house in Tahuna available for one month in mid Feb-March next year.
contact Era to express your interest 027 255 2823

Requests for funds to send overseas

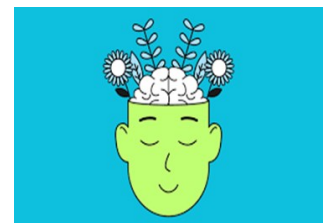
We have become aware that there may be people who are soliciting privately for money to be sent overseas to personal bank accounts, allegedly to assist with charitable works. If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas. If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer, Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143 or email at e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

MOTHERS PRAYERS

We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the third Thursday of the month in the Parish hall at 10.30am. Our next meeting is this Thursday 17th October.

For more information please phone Kath 027 4523 948 / 970 6754 or Elizabeth 027 545 1818 / 544 5188



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Monday evening 7.30 - 8.15pm in the hall.

We open in a song and closing prayer.
You are most welcome to join us as a beginner or experienced. It is a valuable prayer time so please think about trying it. Queries 027 245 7800

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 10.15am in the hall.
NB is 4th Wednesday this month. Heather Lackner will share and speak of her work in Brain Health and Dementia. You are very welcome. Bring a friend too

ST JOSEPH, WAKEFIELD

Ecclesiastical Tour of Historic Wakefield Churches, plus a Pioneer's residence. Thursday, October 31st. 10am-12.30pm. Meet at St Johns Anglican Church carpark. To register text Margaret Clark 027 541 9693, Or email m.r.clark@xtra.co.nz by 29th October. Walk is part of Step Out Nelson Tasman program

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

13TH OCTOBER - DAY OF PRAYER TO SUPPORT LIFE.

The theme for 2024 is "Infinite dignity= Infinite love. Every life matters.....Always"

MASS TIME

Sunday Mass at St Peter Chanel will be at 11am until further notice. Check the Parish Bulletin for alternative Mass times in Richmond and also the St Mary's Nelson web site. Plenty to choose from! There will be Morning Tea after Mass this week.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During October, the ROSARY will be prayed in our St Peter Chanel Church BEFORE Sunday Mass, starting at 10-30 am. (Takes about 20 minutes). Ends Sunday 27TH. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. Let us place our Families, our Parishioners, our Church, and our World, into the loving hands of Mary, Mother of Jesus .

DOVE FELLOWSHIP

Dove Catholic fellowship meeting for women is coming to St Peter Chanel Church this Saturday 12th October from 1pm to 3pm. A time of praise, prayer, reflection and fellowship for the ladies. If you are able to bring a small plate for afternoon tea that would be much appreciated. All Women of the Parish are invited. For more information contact Elizabeth Stolten 021 161 7607

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your Prayers the sick of our Parish and Families. Those in hospital, those receiving long term treatment, those in Care, and their families who are supporting them.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST LEADERSHIP GROUP MEETING

- The Liturgy Group will meet on the second Tuesday of the Month at 4pm in the Church.
- Asbestos testing at the School will include the Parish Hall and the Church Heater filters are to be replaced after 37 years. The 2nd row Pews have been repaired and reinstalled. Damage to the driveway is to be discussed with the Contractors. The Alarm communicator needs upgrading, along with the rest of the system. Cost will be \$15000 including the Presbytery. Driveway Signage needs to be renewed and the One Way system enforced to stop traffic entering from Old Wharf Rd. Signage needs to be reinstated to make people aware our driveway is not a thoroughfare.
- Regan Summerfield and John Farrelly have worked on a plan for 10 Community garden beds. Families will be encouraged to 'adopt' a bed to manage and share the bedding plants/seeds in the community beds. St Peter Chanel School would be keen to collaborate, so that both School and Church gardens can support our community. A Gardener has been employed to oversee the Church and Presbytery grounds. Members of the flower Group have met with her to discuss the plantings.
- The Motueka Parish Data Base is kept by the Our Lady of the Bays Secretary in the Richmond Office.
- Groups having meetings in the Church that are not notified in the Newsletter should book with Jim Maguire to avoid clashes with established groups and make sure someone is aware of who may be using the facilities.
- The Foyer Carpet will be cleaned professionally as soon as possible.
- For more details on any of these subjects ,contact Leadership Group Chairman Jim Maguire on 027 223 9766
- THE FULL MINUTES ARE PUBLISHED ON THE CHURCH FOYER NOTICE BOARD

LEADERSHIP GROUP NEXT MEETING

Wednesday October 16th in the Church Foyer at 5-15pm is the next meeting. All welcome. Come and add your time and talents to a group that is getting busier each month.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Thanks to John Collins, newly elected Chairman of the Motueka Conference, for his presentation on the work of the Society at Mass recently. For the first time the Motueka Members were introduced to us, and we were able to put names and faces to this group who quietly do so much good in our wider community. New members are always welcome, as are donations of food and money. Contact John Collins for more information. 021 293 4879.

GOMFADS

The Men of the Parish will meet again, in Motueka this time. Date is October 20th, next week, to avoid clashing with Labour Weekend. The Venue will be finalised and advised next week.

Minister	13/10/24	20/10/24
Greeter	M&N Orchiston	E Taggart T Hall
Morning Tea	N Orchiston	I Gomez & C Ellis
Music	Josie Moriarty	Scott Cameron
Prayers Faithful	Judy Kenter	Marg Jones
Readers	M Kilmartin&E Stolten	C Ellis & S Collins
Eucharistic	M Macquet&E Taggart	K O'Gorman & J Maguire
Cleaning		J Reid & E Taggart
Lawns	Mike Carr	Paul Hay