



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

15th Dec 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

Issue 350

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18

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

The school year is fast coming to a close, but our school is open right until the 19th December, this means we get a good amount of time to explore Advent with the children.

In class we have been exploring the Jesse Tree (Jesus' whakapapa), drawing us into reading and learning of many stories from the Old Testament. Alongside this many of our students have been involved in rehearsing a modern Nativity (written by our very own brilliant Jill Price, our Year 3, 4 and 5 teacher). This Nativity is set in 2024, and has many lighter, laugh-out-loud moments, as well as the deeper spiritual message. Complete with a choir singing along some of our favourite Christmas songs, it is sure to be one of the most memorable times for our students and proving a great way to get some of the facts of the story cemented into people's heads.

What I really enjoy about Jill's version is she had placed Mary very much within her family unit, complete with Mum, Dad and a charming (albeit know-ti-all little sister, Miriam). This extended whanau isn't what we know from the Bible re-telling, but does a very effective job of emphasizing how young Mary was, a child herself, giving birth to the son of God. I think of my own daughters, (17 and 18 years old respectively), significantly older in some ways than Mary was when she became a mother.

Parenthood is a challenge for anyone, let alone a very young mother and a step-father charged with raising the messiah. Yet they managed to help forge the greatest leader the world has ever known. God made human so God could experience every signal aspect of life that humanity deals with. This willingness to create, then sacrifice a part of himself is what makes God so worthy of our belief and worship.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

Marg Campbell-McCauley

Principal

St Peter Chanel School

Motueka

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The SVdP Society's Christmas outreach to families in need will operate in the same way as it did last year. Should you wish to make a donation to this cause: Our bank account number is: **03 0703 0394763 02**

Please use Christmas and your name as your reference. If you require a receipt for tax purposes, please supply your physical address, by email to our treasurer, Dale Springer: Richmond.treasurer@svdpnelson.org.nz
A receipt will be posted out. Your giving has been of considerable assistance to us. Thank you

Nga mihi nui and God bless from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference

Reconciliation During Advent

During Advent there are opportunities for reconciliation. Due to the small number of priests in our Region there will not be an additional evening event, so please avail yourselves of one of the following:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - William St, Richmond
After 9.30am weekday Mass on Wednesday and Friday, or by appointment

St Peter Chanel - High St, Motueka
After Tuesday 9.30am and Sunday 11.00am Masses, or by appointment

Sacred Heart - Commercial St, Takaka
By appointment before the 5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass



Holy Family Parish (St Mary and St Francis of Assisi)

13 December: 5-6pm Reconciliation during Holy Hour, St Mary's
10-13 December after each weekday Mass

- 9.30am Mass, Wed & Fri, @ St Francis of Assisi
- 12.05pm Mass, Tue & Thu, @ St Mary's

15-20 December: 30 minutes prior to, and after, the Simbang Gabi (Novena) Masses.

23 December: 30 minutes prior to, and after, the final Simbang Gabi (Novena) Mass.

Christmas Mass Times at Our Lady of The Bays and Holy Family

24th December – Christmas Vigils	
Sacred Heart, Takaka	Carols 4pm, Mass 4.30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Carols 4.45pm, Mass 5pm
St Peter Chanel, Motueka	Carols 6.30pm, Mass 7pm
St Mary, Nelson	Carols 6.45pm, Mass 7pm

25th Dec- Christmas Day	
St Francis of Assisi, Stoke	8.30am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond	9.30am
St Mary's, Nelson	10.30am



Merry Christmas

Claretian Bible Diaries 2025 - these have sold very quickly, thank you very much to everyone who has invested in these prayerful resources.

If anyone has missed out on purchasing a diary and would like one, please email: safeguardingolob@gmail.com as soon as possible so that we can investigate whether it is possible to access more copies.

If you haven't already done so, please pay the \$20 with cash (put money in the container near the diaries in Richmond, or in the money slot named 'other' in Motueka) or pay via internet banking to: **JP SOMU 01-0475-0185774-01**

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, is excited to be launching a new initiative called Dovecotes. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us by forming a Dovecote in your parish. All it needs is for two or more women, to support each other to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through regular shared prayer. Our leaflet called 'Welcome to Dovecotes' available from your parish, contains all the relevant information. It's also on our website: www.dove.org.nz or email Gloria Stafford: dovenational.leader@gmail.com

Income & Expenditure Summary
YTD to 30 November 2024

	YTD Nov 2024	YTD Nov 2023
Income		
Collection Income	\$126,762	\$125,032
Distributions from EA O'Connor Trust	\$20,000	\$52,145
Other Income	\$65,134	\$55,988
Total Income	\$211,896	\$233,165
Expenses		
Support of Clergy	\$53,928	\$51,137
ADW Levies	\$19,451	\$19,425
Repairs & Maintenance	\$14,781	\$65,829
Travel & Vehicle Expenses	\$27,223	\$22,871
Parish Expenses	\$112,157	\$100,055
Total Expenses	\$227,540	\$259,316
Net Operating (Deficit) / Surplus	(\$15,644)	(\$26,151)

The parish incurred a net operating deficit for the 8 month period ended 30 November 2024 of \$15,644 (better than the deficit for the same period last year of \$26,151).

Total Income and Total Expenses are both higher last year as this included the cost of painting of the church in Wakefield of \$22,160 and recovery of that cost from the EA O'Connor Trust.

Simbang Gabi (Novena Mass at Night): This is Filipino tradition which involves 9 consecutive Masses being celebrated from 15-23 December at 7 pm each night at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke. Everyone is welcome. The Mass is in English. On 21 Dec at 6pm will be at St Mary's Nelson

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

The 9am mass at OLPH Richmond this Sunday will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. During the mass + Paul will introduce our Seminarian Emilio Capin and conduct his Admission to Candidacy for eventual Diaconcy and Priesthood. There will be morning tea following the mass and all are welcome. If you are able to provide a plate of food to share it will be gratefully received

MEDITATION GROUP MONDAY 16TH

This is our last for the year. Begin again February 2025 Coupa and Christmas cake from 7pm before meditation this week.

RIP

Elisabetta Mora was farewelled at a Requiem Mass here on Friday. We gathered to remember and celebrate a beautiful life well-lived. Our prayers for her eternal rest and consolation for her husband Gianluca Gatto.

Mary Gunn was a long time parishioner here and also had worked in the office at St Mary's. Mary moved north to Fielding earlier this year and on Dec 4th died peacefully after illness. Many parishioners will remember Mary as a gentle, loving and compassionate person. We pray for her eternal rest and offer consolation for her husband and family.

Food Containers and a Dish

Some items that were used to deliver a meal to Fr Michael are in a green container in foyer. Please collect if they are yours. If unclaimed by Christmas they will go to the hall kitchen

BIRTHDAY KATH GALE

Congratulations and best wishes to Kath Gale who celebrated her 80th birthday this week. Kath lives at Richmond Summerset Ranges and with her health has communion at home at the moment. Blessings to you Kath and our prayers for you.



Church Spring Clean

The inside of the Church needs a spring clean to match the amazing outside garden work recently done on Saturday 14 Dec at 9am.

What to bring: Cleaning supplies, clothes, bucket, etc

Everyone is welcome - the more volunteers the less time needed.

ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

There will be the usual Mass at Waimea West on the Saturday 28th December at 5pm. Let friends and family know.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

MOTUEKA December 24th Christmas Eve ; Carols at 6-30 pm Mass at 7pm. ****NO MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY****

Dec 24th Takaka Carols at 4pm Mass at 4.30pm

Dec 24th Richmond Carols at 4-45 pm Mass at 5pm

Dec 24th Nelson Carols at 6-45pm Mass at 7.00pm

Dec 25th Christmas Day Stoke 8-30am Richmond 9.30am Nelson 10-30am

Plenty of choice if you are staying in Nelson this Christmas!

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Please remember our sick, those managing long term health problems, and those facing new issues in their lives, health or others. Especially at this time of the year when everyone seems to be under pressure anyway. Remember their Carers, often Husbands and Wives learning new skills in their retirement, and the Doctors and Nurses whom we get to know and trust. Please pray especially for Joan Curtain and Sandra Rayen (nee McIver)

ADVENT EVENING - WEDNESDAY

Please join us at St Peter Chanel for a reflective hour this Wednesday at 6.30pm, for the third and final evening of our series, to welcome the birth of Jesus into our world once more. This week: The Consecration, Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi, Bethlehem. All welcome. For more info email ellocampion@gmail.com.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

There is a basket in the foyer for food donations, and a slot next to the kitchen for cash donations. SVDP thanks everybody for your support, especially in the lead up to Christmas when there are extra expenses.

There is also a SVDP food bin next to the checkouts at Pak'n'save in Richmond.

LEADERSHIP GROUP

Next Wednesday, Dec 18th, the Leadership Group meet for the last time this year. In the Church Foyer at 5.15pm. Come and add your time and talents to the running of your Church!

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND

You will have noticed last week that the Archdiocese Attendance Dues were increasing by \$30 per student.

What you may not be aware of, is that it will cost each Primary School pupil \$572, and Secondary Pupil \$1147, to have a Catholic Education next year. This is not including uniforms and any other costs that usually occur. There is a discount available for those who qualify. The SPC Education Fund has been running for some years now and enables Parishioners to contribute to a fund which is used to subsidise those children who cannot afford the extras, such as School Camps, or even uniforms. This is an extremely worthy cause as it allows more children to attend St Peter Chanel School and grow up being educated in our Faith. If you would like sponsor a Pupil, or contribute to the Fund, please talk to the Principal, Margaret Campbell -McCauley at the School.

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

TODAY, Friday 13th Whakapono/Rangimārie Nativity Play – 6pm in the Church. All welcome.

Monday 16th Aroha Nativity Play – 2.30pm, Tuesday 17th Leavers' Liturgy - 6pm at the School

Financial Hardship? Please Get in Touch.

Unfortunately, the Attendance Dues have increased for next year, by another \$30. Times are very hard as it is, and there is a rebate available for anyone facing financial difficulty. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, as I can assist you with the application process for a rebate. I can also put you in touch with support agencies who can help with practical things like groceries. Margaret Campbell -McCauley, Principal SPC School Ph 03 5287366

Minister	15/12/2024	22/12/2024
Greeter	R & K O'Gorman	V & S Cameron
Morning Tea	R & K O'Gorman	V & S Cameron
Music	Hemon & Katie	Helena Han
Prayers Faithful	Judy Kenter	Marg Jones
Readers	D Ogilvie & C Ellis	S & V Cameron
Eucharistic	S & V Cameron	K O'Gorman & V Dugdale
Cleaning		W. & M Frondariine
Lawns	Paul Hay	Maurice Roche
Flowers		