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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

16th Feb 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jeremiah 17: 5-8; First Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26

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

During this week, I had a conversation with a lady and asked “What can we do in this Jubilee of Hope?” That keeps me wondering and reflecting that really, “what shall we do?”

Let me start by reminding us of the inspiring encyclical of Pope Francis last October, the Dilexit Nos “He Loved Us” on the importance to comeback into our hearts and reflect once more the inner core of our hearts in relation to loving Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Holy Father reflected that in our hearts that we become fully aware of all our longings and desires, of our frailties and sinfulness, the need for mercy and conversion, and the grace to hope and trust.

The first reading gives an image of the difference of living and not living in hope. The mystery of hope is like a tree near the streams of water, fearing no heat, leaves are always green, and even in distress it bears fruit. Outside of hope is a like a barren bush in a desert, a salty and empty earth — meaning no life, grumpy, everyday frustration, like a pack of mouldy tomatoes.

In the second reading, we have a person - Paul. Here we can see a person whose soul is purely inspired by the light of the Gospel, a soul in love with Christ, a soul full of hope in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul hoped and trusted in the person of Jesus he encountered on the way to Damascus. His conversion rooted in Christ who has been raised from the dead. His heart is totally fixed to the eternity and the life after death. From this conviction, he proclaimed, through his life, the Gospel to the pagans, the Jews and the Gentiles.

The gospel of Luke reminds that there is a reward in heaven. I always wonder what that rewards looks like. The mystery of our faith tells us that this reward is the highest joy one can attain - being in love in the Trinity. And Luke chapter 6 gives us a map to navigate our way towards this joyful life. With sacrifice and good works, following the Gospel, one can hope in the joy of the heavenly kingdom, a reward we can always hope.

Padre Pedro Arrupe, the superior general of the society of Jesus in the mid-60s, once asked by a brother Jesuit, “padre why do you work so hard and find no rest?” He replies, with a loving and simple aura, “Tiene usted la eternidad para descansar, You have eternity in which to rest.”

God Bless
Fr Cirilo Barlis



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

LIFE TEEN TASMAN Catholic Youth Group

Term 1 starts with a Social Night on **Friday 14th February** and runs **every Friday** during term 1. The last night of Term 1 will be **Friday April 11th**

All Youth Group nights are held at the
Garin College Gym

7.00-8.30pm
Ages School Year 7 and up

Contact number 0272318580

Email to Register:
lifeteentasman@gmail.com



SVdP wishes to thank those parishioners that donated to our appeal for help to rehouse a young family. They are settled in a house in Nelson. Thank you for your generosity.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope: Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and Communities, Pentecost Sunday, 8 June. Work has begun to celebrate this aspect of the Jubilee Year. If you or your organisation would like to be part of this day and help with logistics (Liturgy, Various artistic expressions, Hospitality, Program Format and Content), there will be a zoom meeting on 18 February at 7.30pm. For details, please contact Bern McCabe, from the Focolare Movement on 021 1655463.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC: We would like to extend an invitation to all the OLOB parishioners to our Holy Family Parish Picnic. It is being held on 16 February, St Joseph's School lawn from 12pm. We would love to see you there. If you have a special talent, e.g., singing, dancing, special cultural performance, we would love to see you in our line up, just contact our office, office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz

ARCHBISHOP PAUL will visit for the teachers' commissioning mass for the top of the South, Friday the 28th February, 5:30pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond. All are welcome.

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND: The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL: The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the Inter-Church Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, February 17. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION: Our weekly meditation group began for 2025 on **MONDAYS** at 7.30 am in the hall. All are welcome. No experience needed. We are all always beginning again.

MORNING TEA on WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY: in the hall 10am. You are invited to come, meet others, enjoy a hosted morning tea and listen to a speaker. Jerzy Adamuszek will share something of his life, with slides. He visits Richmond to stay with his family.

ASH WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH: You may bring last year's palms to the basket on the foyer table to burn for ashes, for Ash Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH: in the hall at 10- 10.45 am, Maryanne Hardcastle will visit to give an introduction on MY **ADVANCED CARE PLAN** This is an important initiative from the health ministry. www.hqsc.govt.nz. Maryanne will return for a workshop on March 25th – 10.30 to 12.30

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 7th March, for Nelson. Stoke and Richmond. A service will be held at Whakatu Presbyterian Church, Champion Road, 10am.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the third Thursday of the month (Feb - Nov) at 10.30am in the parish hall. Our first meeting for the year will be this Thursday, 20 February. For more information please phone Elizabeth 544 5188 / 027 545 1818 or Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523 948

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You are invited to an ecumenical, monthly **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER MORNING**, Friday 28th February, 9.30am-12.30pm at **ST BARNABAS CHURCH, STOKE**, led by Ilene Allan **THEME: FEAR NOT....DO NOT BE AFRAID**
 Matt. 6: 25-34 "Do not worry....." Please RSVP to Ilene @ 021-102-6778 OR athlene16@gmail.com by 5pm Wed. 26th February.
WHAT TO BRING: Bible, Journal, \$10. Morning Tea provided.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

RETURN OF FR ANDREW AS PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Last weekend Fr Andrew returned to St Peter Chanel to introduce the remaining two members of his team. Fr Dyson said the Mass. And Seminarian Gerson highlighted his journey so far by reminding us that he had been in Motueka before, staying with Fr Andrew at the start of his training. After Mass our Indian families surrounded Fr Dyson, and Gerson had a large number of happy Filipino parishioners welcoming him. Along with the return of Fr Cirilo we are now well provided with talented Priests, and we wish them well during their time with us.

COMMUNICATION

The prime means of communication within Our Lady of the Bays is by email. It is hard to keep the whole system current, but I think the main Parish Mailing list is pretty close. However, the Motueka only list has gaps in it! Last week there were two mail outs. The OLOB newsletter went out as usual and had no Motueka content. A test mail -out several hours later to just Motueka Parishioners did not reach everybody. It had several notices plus a notice for a funeral. If you did not get either, or just one of these please contact either the Parish Office on office.admin@parish.org.nz, or the Motueka newsletter at spcmot@gmail.com
 If you are currently taking a hard copy of the Newsletter on Sundays and would like to be on her mailing list, then please contact one of the email addresses above

PARISH LEADERSHIP GROUP

The first meeting of the year is next **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**. In the Church foyer at 5.15. The day has changed to avoid the clash with the Prayer Group as they meet weekly. Fr Andrew will be attending, and we expect to hear more details of his fresh start for Our Lady of the Bays! All are welcome to attend, so bring along your time and talents and help St Peter Chanel make the most of the opportunities that we have.**MY ADVANCED CARE PLAN**

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers those of our Parish who have died recently, and those left behind who mourn them. Remember

Dates	Greeter	Morning Tea	Music	Prayers of the Faithful	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Cleaning	Lawns
16/02/2025	M. Kilmartin & E Taggart	V & S Cameron	Josie Moriarty	Marg Jones	Mhairi & Grace	K O'Gorman E Taggart	M. Campbell McCauley	Mike Carr