



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

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6: 51-58

MASS TIME Sunday Mass

MOTUEKA

Sunday 9.30am

RICHMOND

Sunday 9.30am

WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2nd Sat each month

WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4th Sat each month

TAKAKA

Sunday 4pm, 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 Mass or by Appointment

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Deadline Wednesday Noon

We are now in the twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, this Sunday's Gospel, John 6:51-58, is a profound passage where Jesus declares, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the world's life."

When Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them," He invites us into an intimate relationship with Him. This relationship is not just about belief but about participation taking part in His life and allowing Him to dwell within us. The Eucharist is a sacred act that unites us with Christ, where we receive His life into ours, and feel His love and presence in a profound way.

Jesus speaks: "My flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink." The Church Fathers, such as St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Justin Martyr, understood this as a reference to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. When we receive the Eucharist, we are not merely partaking in a symbolic ritual but are actually receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. This communion is a profoundly transformative encounter with the divine, where we are united with Christ in a way that can change our lives.

Jesus assures us that those who partake in the Eucharist will be raised up on the last day. This speaks to the Christian hope in the resurrection and the life to come, a hope that brings comfort and reassurance. The Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, a pledge of the future glory that awaits those who are faithful. It is a reminder that our ultimate destiny is to be in eternal communion with God, where there is no more death, suffering, or separation.

Just a month ago, in the United States, the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, held in July 2024 in Indianapolis, was a significant event within the ongoing Eucharistic Revival. The Congress brought together more than 60,000 Catholics for a transformative experience centered on the Eucharist. It focused on renewal, unity, and public witness to the faith, including a powerful Eucharistic procession through the streets of Indianapolis. This event was described as a new Pentecost for the Church in the U.S., encouraging Catholics to deepen their faith and commitment to living out the Gospel in everyday life.

As we reflect on this mystery, we are called to approach the Eucharist with reverence, gratitude, and a desire to be transformed by Christ's love. We are also encouraged to live out this love in our daily lives, knowing that through the Eucharist, we are united with Christ and participate in the life of the Trinity.

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Lastly, this passage encourages us to ask ourselves: How do we honour the gift of the Eucharist in our lives? Are we allowing Christ to nourish us spiritually, and how do we, in turn, share that life and love with others?

With every blessing
Emilio

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others? Would you like to know more about Church teaching, and what it means for us today?

Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you lack the format

JOIN US on an exciting, new formation journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service.

CALLED & EQUIPPED is a new archdiocesan Adult Formation Programme starting in February 2025

If you think this could be you, talk to Fr Michael or contact Lucienne Hensel: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Further details also available here: https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/applications-are-open-for-our-new-archdiocesan-formation-programme-starting-in-2025/

'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us. *Nourishing ourselves* of Him and *abiding* in Him through Eucharistic Communion, if we do so with faith, *transforms our life*, transforms it into a gift to God and to our brothers and sisters. Nourishing ourselves of that "Bread of Life" means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour. It means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity. The very things that Jesus did.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 16 August 2015

Contemplative Prayer Morning

You are warmly invited to a contemplative prayer morning on 30th August at St Barnabas Church, Stoke. It will be led by Marie Shepherd from 9.30am to 12.30pm. More details on flyer at end of newsletter

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST in the hall 10.15am. You are welcome. Lorraine McArthur will be guest speaker. Do invite a parishioner to come with you, especially if they are new or may need a ride. Morning mass is at 9.30am if you are able to come and pray first.

Income & Expenditure Summary
YTD to 31 July 2024

	YTD May 2024	YTD May 2023
Income		
Collection Income	\$62,489	\$62,219
Distributions from EA O'Connor Trust	\$10,000	\$49,177
Other Income	\$30,704	\$25,564
Total Income	\$103,193	\$136,959
Expenses		
Support of Clergy	\$27,253	\$25,232
ADW Levies	\$9,779	\$9,748
Repairs & Maintenance	\$8,254	\$58,080
Travel & Vehicle Expenses	\$14,490	\$12,718
Parish Expenses	\$53,483	\$48,842
Total Expenses	\$111,259	\$154,598
Net Operating (Deficit) / Surplus	(\$8,066)	(\$17,638)

The parish incurred a net operating deficit for the four month period ended 31 July 2024 of \$8,066 (compared to the deficit for the same period last year of \$17,638).

Total Income and Total Expenses are both higher last year as this included the cost of painting of the church in Wakefield of \$46,000 and part recovery of that cost from the EA O'Connor Trust.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA): Are you interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is interested? An enquiry and teaching course will start in September. You are welcome to contact Katie Rose. 021 296 4155

ST JOSEPH, WAKEFIELD

NEW PARISHIONER FORMS

There is a form available on table in the foyer. If you haven't filled one it please do. Put in envelope and attach to the clip board or put in the wooden box. You are very welcome in our community in the Our Lady of the Bays parish.

Lost & Found: Ring founded at Wed morning mass on 14 Aug, please ring Teresa to claim 544 1202

The Waimea South Historical Society would like to include St Joseph's Church and property, in their Historical Walk programme for 2024.

The plan so far is to publicize the walk with the Tasman District Council's programme for their "step up" event in October. The walk date planned will be Thursday 31st October, probably 10am-12 midday. They plan to visit some other historic churches as well that day, and 1 house, all in close proximity to each other.

Envisaged is a short visit, with a short talk on the churches origins, and time for people to have a look around. Times will be known closer to the October 31st date, and further information will be advertised in our newsletter, as well as on the TDCs programme

To clear up some confusion regarding the September Mass at Wakefield.
There will be Mass on the 14th September at St Joseph's which is the 2nd Saturday of the month.
The Sacrament of Confirmation is taking place in Richmond on the 1st Saturday of the month.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

TONIGHT, FRIDAY 16th - MEET ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN AT ST PAULS SCHOOL IN RICHMOND at 6.30pm
The Archbishop and his team are coming to us to meet and greet. Come along and learn and contribute.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Thanks to Fr Michael for arranging the new Sanctuary Lamp in the Weekday Chapel. The lamp is now clearly visible alerting us to the adjacent Tabernacle and the presence of Jesus.

While we are focused on improvements to our Church, lets also remember and thank those invisible people that keep it ticking over each week, the Flower Ladies, the Cleaners, the Altar linen washers, the Roster makers and those others who see what needs to be done and who do it. It takes a team and we have a great one !

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL MOTUEKA ANNUAL REPORT

On Tuesday 6 August we had our Annual General Meeting where new Committee Members were elected or re-elected. We welcome and endorse John Collins as our new President. It is an opportune time to also recognise and thank Cherie McKinstry who has been our past President for the last 5 years. We thank her for her leadership and commitment to the Society and to the Community House. The St Vincent De Paul society provides practical assistance every day to people in desperate situations, regardless of origin cultural background or religious belief. We provide emergency food parcels or vouchers and firewood, along with visits to elderly or sick.

We are very grateful to all our committee Members for their tireless work helping those in need. We would like to acknowledge and thank those who help the Society without being official members. Your support is valued and appreciated

Fran Peacey

Fran Peacey was a member of the Motueka St Vincent de Paul Conference for 25 years, Throughout this period she was a full contributing member and even when her eyes became an issue she still did not slow down. She always had a spirituality about her, that was showered gently on all around her. She worked with our clients with a gentleness and grace that gave our them confidence and the ability to maintain their dignity in often tough situations. She was enthusiastic, always embraced change and encouraged people around her. She was dearly loved, and we will miss her greatly.

Our grateful thanks to all those who donate to the Society which makes helping those in need possible. If you would like to make a donation there is a box "St Vincent De Paul" box at the back of the Church or donate items of food in the box provided. If you prefer to make an online donation our Bank Account No. is: **03 0703 0394763 04** Thank you in advance. We are always looking for new members to join our wonderful team. If you would like to talk to someone please contact: John Collins: 0212934879

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We pray for those who are grieving or are experiencing health issues that they may find comfort and hope in their faith. In our Parish we remember especially Joan Curtain, Elizabeth McNabb and Fr Pat Maloney

ST PETER CHANEL NEWSLETTERS

To read the full St Peter Chanel School newsletters, without the heavy editing, go here:

<https://www.spcmotueka.school.nz/>

Community Prayer

Loving Spirit of St Mary, we honour you as the Mother of God, on Thursday as we celebrate the Feast of your Assumption into Heaven, you reside there with Jesus and all the saints. We pray that we are instilled with courage and faith as you were, and that we are quick to stand up for those who are being persecuted. Amen

Feasting for Feast's Day Sake

Thank you to our teachers for their organisation and efforts for St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day in planning and preparing some "M" themed food. Our Dramatised Lifeline, Liturgy and themed Shared Prayer and Singing Practise on Thursday all helped reinforce our joy and interest in the life and work of our School Patron Saint St Mary of the Cross.

Feast of the Assumption 15 August

We acknowledged the Feast of the Assumption on Thursday with Shared Prayers and Singing.

Interscholar Winter Tournament

Our students I participated in the annual Winter Sports Tournament held at the Rec Centre this week. Year 5 and 6 students played Hockey and Netball, and our Year 7 and 8's played Football and Netball

Whenui Iti Manaaki Tāpoi Students Visit
 Tuesday morning we welcomed Level 3 Manaaki Tāpoi students from Whenui Iti who led Room Rangimarie in waiata (songs), local pūrākau and pakiwaitara (stories), mau rākau and kēmu (games). Thank you Whenua Iti

Welcome Guest Teacher Josie Bisle
 We welcome Josie to SPC now as a classroom teacher. She will teach regularly throughout the term releasing teachers from the classroom to carry out assessments, plan and other educational requirements

Minister	18/8/24	25/08/24
Greeter	T Hall & A Frances	T. Donaldson & V. Dugdale
Morning Tea	M Kilmartin & L Assaf	M Pascua & J Moriarty
Music	Mary Wilson	Hemon & Katie
Prayers Faithful	Jim Maguire	Judy Kenter
Readers	S Collins & V Dugdale	S & V Cameron
Eucharistic	M Macquet & J Moriarty	J Kenter & K Courtney
Cleaning	P and M Macquet	
Lawns	Mike Carr	Paul Hay

Theology Programme, Open Lecture, University of Otago

You are warmly invited to a Theology Open Lecture
 Tuesday 20 August, 5.15-6.30pm
 Archway 4 Lecture Theatre, University of Otago

“Generosity in the Letters of Paul: What's the Difference between Grace and Humanism?”

by Professor John Barclay,
 Lightfoot Professor of Divinity,
 Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University

ALL WELCOME!

Professor Barclay's many books include *Paul and the Power of Grace*; *Paul and the Gift*; *Pauline Churches and Diaspora Jews*; *Against Apion: Translation and Commentary*; *Jews in the Mediterranean Diaspora from Alexander to Trajan (323 BCE – 117 CE)*; *Colossians and Philemon*; *Obedying the Truth: A Study of Paul's Ethics in Galatians*.

This lecture will also be live-streamed at: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/its/services/teaching-and-research-services/streaming/video-streaming-channel-4>

Nelson Spiritual Growth Group
 invite you to a

Contemplative Prayer Morning

Seeing Through the Eyes of Love



Encountering the Holy in the Ordinary

Led by Marie Shepherd
 Friday 30th August, 2024
 St Barnabas Church
 Main Rd. Stoke
 9.30 – 12.30pm

BYO Bible, pen, journal. Morning tea provided
 Cost \$10

Please RSVP to Ilene by Wednesday 28th Aug on
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