



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

19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Pentecost Day

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Acts 2:1-11; First Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

### MASS TIME Sunday Mass

#### MOTUEKA

Sunday 9.30am

#### RICHMOND

Sunday 9.30am

#### WAKEFIELD

Vigil Mass 5pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat each month

#### WAIMEA WEST

Vigil Mass 5pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Sat each month

#### TAKAKA

Sunday 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> each month

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month at 9.30am

Service 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**

### Pentecost Sunday

When I decided to join the seminary, I always asked my spiritual father to help me pray about my decision. One day, during a meeting with him, he gave me this mantra: "Come Holy Spirit." Whenever I go and whatever I do, especially when I am uncertain about something, I will utter this mantra. Eventually, it became a habit for me to utter these words in my daily prayers.

One summer over the past years in my country (Philippines), my friends and I attended a Christian fellowship about the holy spirit seminar. [The atmosphere was excited and excited as people worshipped and sought God together.](#)

During one of the evening sessions, the speaker began to talk about the Holy Spirit and the transformative power He brings to believers' lives.

As the speaker prayed for the Holy Spirit to move into the room, I felt a stirring in my heart, unlike anything I had ever experienced before. I saw young ones who began praying earnestly, pouring out their heart to God and began to speak in other languages. At that moment, I knew the holy Spirit was working in each of us. I knew the Holy Spirit was with us, we felt a surge of love and joy filled with purpose and clarity. We experienced God's presence in ways we never thought possible, leading on a journey of faith and discovery that would last a lifetime.

This story illustrates my encounter with the Holy Spirit, who can bring about profound transformation in an individual's life and lead to a deeper and more vibrant relationship with God.

Today, the church celebrates Pentecost Sunday, which is often regarded as the birthday of the Christian church because it marks the moment when the apostles were empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the message of Jesus Christ throughout the world. It is celebrated by Christians worldwide with various traditions, including prayers, readings from the Bible, hymns, and the sacrament of Confirmation in some Christian denominations.

Additionally, Pentecost is seen as a reminder of the ongoing presence and work of the Holy Spirit within the church and the lives of believers. We should remember that the Holy Spirit is not just a distant, abstract concept but a living, active presence in the lives of believers. When we open ourselves up to His leading and empowerment, He can take us on an incredible journey of faith and transformation, equipping us to fulfil God's purposes and impact the world for His glory.

Happy Pentecost Sunday, and join me in prayer as we say:

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."

With every blessing

Emilio Capin Jr.

Archdiocese of Wellington Seminarian

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**Safeguarding Officer Vacancy**

Greetings, my name is Kevin Plant and I recently commenced as the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Archdiocese based in Wellington. For over three years Adrienne Hill has been providing stalwart service as the Safeguarding Officer in your Parish. Circumstances are changing and Adrienne and her husband are planning to move closer to family in Christchurch. This provides an opportunity for someone to take up the Safeguarding Officer role to continue Adrienne’s work in developing a culture of Safeguarding. We want to ensure that everyone who comes into our Church community feels respected, is treated with dignity and feels safe. This voluntary role requires a servant leader who enjoys assisting others and wants to make a difference. To find out more about the role, please contact Father Michael Bellizzi in the first instance.

**“Liturgy Workshops”**

Fr Patrick Bridgeman, who is the Liturgy Advisor for the Archdiocese, is presenting 4 workshops in our area during 2024. They will be held in the Richmond Church Hall in William Street.

The first is "What do we Believe" and will be held on Friday 12 July at 7pm; and the second, "Liturgy of the Word", is on Saturday 13 July at 10.30am.

These workshops are for everyone so please put these dates into your diary now. There will be more information closer to the events.

The last 2 workshops "Liturgy of the Eucharist" and "Its impact on our lives" will be presented on the 18/19 October. For more information please contact Maria Archer at [mhca53@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mhca53@xtra.co.nz) or 027 642 1953.

**We welcome Fr Ravi Kumar Voliganti** to OLOB Parish. Fr Ravi is our Supply Priest while Fr Jaya is on leave visiting his family in India until late June.

Fr Ravi is from Andhra Pradesh in India and has been in NZ since August last year. Since then he has been in the Wellington South Parish. Please make yourself know to Fr Ravi when you see him.”

**On the hunt for warm clothing**

Looking for warm second-hand clothes for a group of men from the Pacific Islands. Warm socks, hats, jerseys, fleeces or polyprop gratefully received. Good chance to clean out your wardrobe from anything you might not fit anymore. All donations gratefully received. Will leave a box under the table in the foyer, or call Anna Seifried for collection – 021 533 890

**Murchison Church Closure**

Following Mass at 4pm on Sunday 19 May, the doors of St Peter Chanel church Murchison will be closed, and the church relegated to secular use. These doors have been opened since 1922. Afterwards there will be a ‘get-together’ in the hall. (A plate of finger food for this would be appreciated). A warm invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend. Please contact Elaine O’Connor 03 523 9184 to register your interest.



**Pentecost Sunday 19 May**

Pentecost Sunday is the celebration of God’s hand guiding the Christian community from its early beginnings to today.



**Laudato Si’ Week 19-26 May 2024**

To hope and act with Creation is the theme for 2024.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

A big thank you to the students from St Paul's for the lovely Mother's Day cards they made for us. These were handed out at Mass on Sunday. Thank you also to teachers and helpers for 'getting it all together.

Kia Ora Tatou,

The AGM for the OLPH St Vincent de Paul Society is fast approaching (7pm June 17<sup>th</sup> to be precise). This seems as good a time as any for the Society to make an effort to recruit new members. As the saying goes, there is no time like the present. Ideally our conference (committee) ought to reflect the make up of our congregation, which is diverse in age and ethnicity. Currently this is not the case.

The conference is the decision making body of the Society and has responsibility for running our shop, and for our charitable outreach which is extended to anybody in need, regardless of creed, or ethnicity. Our mission statement says "No work of charity is foreign to the Society". We are also charged with seeking and finding those in need. This, we believe, would be aided by a more diverse membership.

A recent happiness expert identified the four things which contribute most to a happiness index, as being, faith, family, friends and work that serves. Membership of the Society doesn't guarantee all of these, but it can definitely supply the latter two.

Contact details for our office holders are on the notice board in the foyer and cards outlining some of the services we supply are also to be found there. A list of our activities listed in this newsletter.

Nga Manaakitanga,  
Margaret O'Connor,  
President OLPH Conference

### SVdP Activities

- Delivery of bereavement baskets
- Supplying meals
- Home visiting
- Collecting and delivering rubbish to tip for client
- Sourcing fresh vegetables for food parcels
- Subsidising transport for whanau to visit terminally ill parent.
- Assistance with power, internet and phone bills.
- Helping with rent and rent arrears
- Donating and transporting excess summer clothing stock to Greymouth
- St Vincent de Paul.
- Organising pot luck dinner for volunteers
- Supplying kitchenware and bedding
- Sending sympathy, birthday, anniversary, and get well cards.
- Food parcels
- Collecting and distributing kai rescue food.
- Three Saturday sales of summer clothing in March
- Collaborating with local V de P shops and conferences.
- Curating facebook page
- Transport
- Assisting client with grant application to another agency
- Sponsoring and assisting with an application for citizenship

### "Masses at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond 18/19 May

To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> jubilee of the opening of St Paul's school, there will be a mass at 5pm on Saturday 18 May in the church. This will be a mass for all the children and their families, with parishioners also warmly invited to attend. This means that mass at 9.30am on Sunday 19 May, where we will celebrate Pentecost, will be a normal mass and not a Family Mass. Fr Michael reminded us last Sunday to wear our bright orange, red and yellow clothes for this celebration."

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

### ST PETER CHANEL MURCHISON CHURCH CLOSURE

Following Mass at 4pm on Sunday 19 May, the doors of St Peter Chanel Church Murchison will be closed, and the church relegated to secular use. These doors have been opened since 1922. This Church is part of the Buller-Inangahua Parish which also includes Westport, Reefton, Karamea and Ikamatua. It is sad that a faith community should lose its place of worship, particularly so in this case as they share our Church's patron saint. There will be a group photo after mass and refreshments. More details from Elaine O'Connor 03 523 9184 . There will continue to be a monthly Mass although the venue is still to be confirmed. This may be the way of the future.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep in your prayers the ill, lonely, housebound and those in Hospital, of our Community, and families. If you hear of someone who is cold, please check that they're getting the heating supplement if they are eligible ,and that they know how to use it.

### PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets at the new time of 6.15pm each Wednesday, in the Church Foyer. You can get more information from Elizabeth Stolten . mestolten@gmail.com



## COMBINED MOTUEKA CHURCHES PENTECOST CELEBRATION

As parish community we are warmly invited to attend a on Saturday May 18th at 5:30pm at Memorial Hall in Motueka. Afterwards please bring a plate to share. ALL are welcome!

For further information, kindly contact Grant Norsworthy 021 417 439

## FREE MONEY

Don't forget to claim the refund from your Church and other Charitable donations. It is a fairly simple process if you have MYIR and are computer able! If you are having issues ask a friend or relation to help.

## MORE FREE MONEY

By now you should have had the opportunity to apply for a Rates Rebate. This is Income tested, not Asset or Age tested, so if your household income is less than \$54000, and you are paying rates, you may be eligible for a rebate. You can get the form from the TDC office, or on line by entering; ' Rates Rebate Application Form PDF 359KB'. This has a chart showing the rebate according to your income and rates payment. Pick up a few dollars here, and a few there, and pretty soon you are talking about real money! Once again, if this seems a bit daunting ,then ask someone to give you a hand.

## ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

### Community Prayer

Loving Creator God, thank you for our mothers and those who act in a mothering role towards us and to others. Thank you for their support and nurturing that they give. We pray that we give to our mothers the love, respect and the affection that they give to us. God bless all mothers. Amen.

### Harvesting our School Garden Produce

A huge thank you to Samantha Gentry who is running our School Garden to Table Program. On Friday morning Samantha and a group of Rangimarie students harvested pumpkins and "popping" cobs . We plan to use the pumpkins later on in the term during our Matariki celebrations. Samantha will dehydrate the cobs and bring the corn kernals back for the students to cook.

### Welcome Mrs Irvine from ERO

On Tuesday we welcome Mrs Irvine from Christchurch. Mrs Irvine is our school evaluation partner from ERO (the Education Review Office). On Tuesday she will be meeting with Board members, teaching and support staff and students.

### Firewise – Room Aroha

Nick from Motueka Fire brigade will lead fire safety learning with our younger students. This is a good time to remind all our children about possible hazards around our homes as people begin using heating as we get into winter.

### Kapahaka - Wednesdays

Each Wednesday we have Kapahaka with Matua Sean, Matua Kyung and Whaea Punky. Our dedicated kapahaka group had their first session last week and this proved very rewarding for all involved.

### Sport Coaching with Daniel - Wednesdays

Last week our students met Daniel from Sport Tasman and enjoyed practicing and improving their ball skills with him. Students are also practicing their long distance running in preparation for our cross country run that will be held on May 23rd.



### Peter Harold GOODMAN

Peter's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm at St Peter Chanel Church, Motueka. There will be a Rosary and tributes to celebrate his life at the same church on Sunday at 5pm. As parish community, we are invited to join to extend our love and condolences.

## Goodman Peter Harold

GOODMAN Peter Harold aged 91 passed away peacefully at home on Friday 10 May 2024. Beloved husband of the late Irene, much loved Father and Father-in-Law of Cheryl & Nick Dalgety (Nelson), Jillian & Jim McArley (Wellington) and Benny & Felicia Goodman (Singapore). Loved Brother of the late Patrick Goodman. Adored Grandad of Daniel, Rebekah, Luke (Dalgety), Alyssa, Christie (McArley), Ethan, Elliot and Olivia (Goodman).

Special thanks to The Good Companion and all who were involved in Peter's care.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Nelson Regional Hospice would be appreciated. A Requiem Mass to celebrate Peter's life will be held on Monday 20 May at 1pm, at St Peter Chanel Church, 423 High Street Motueka, followed by an interment at Motueka Cemetery. A Rosary will be recited at St Peter Chanel Church on Sunday 19 May at 5pm.



Minister	19/5/24	26/05/2024
Greeter	T Hall & A Frances	T. Donaldson & V. Dugdale
Morning Tea	N Orchiston	S & V Cameron
Music	Scott Cameron	Josie Moriarty
Prayers Faithful	Fran Peacey	Jim Maguire
Readers	S Collins & V Dugdale	S & V Cameron
Eucharistic	T Donaldson & M Lucas	J Kenter & K Courtney
Cleaning		P and M Macquet
Lawns	Mike Carr	Paul Hay



Aurora Australis, Phenomenal event captured on Saturday at Sts Peter & Paul by one of our parishioners



### KARAKIA - A combined churches celebration of Pentecost

#### Details

Event by Grant Norsworthy

**Motueka Memorial Hall**  
12 Pah St, Motueka 7120, New Zealand

The combined churches of Mapua, Motueka, Tasman and Moutere will come together to sing worshipfully, read scripture and pray together. ALL are welcome.

FREE admission. A koha would be appreciated.

Shared light supper afterwards. Please bring a plate to share.

