



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

1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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Jeremiah 33: 14-16; First Thessalonians 3: 12; Luke 21: 25-28

### MASS TIME Sunday Mass

**RICHMOND**  
Sunday 9.00am

**MOTUEKA**  
Sunday 11.00am

**WAKEFIELD**

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

**WAIMEA WEST**

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

**TAKAKA**

Saturday 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> each month  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Advent is a special time the Church sets aside for us to prepare for Jesus coming again, and also to prepare for Christmas!



The Advent wreath is a good way of seeing the weeks passing – a circle of evergreen branches, with three purple and one pink candle. One candle is lit each week of Advent, with the pink candle lit on the third Sunday. We know that Jesus came to share love, forgiveness and peace with the world. If we share these gifts of His love each day

by small acts of kindness then we will be ready to enjoy the celebrations of Christmas.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the end of time in metaphorical language. He reminds us that our time on earth will not last forever. Despite the harshness of the description, the message is positive, because all the readings point to the reality of peace and fulfilment. The promises are ones filled with hope, made by a loving God who offers many chances. Jesus said to his disciples: "Strange things will happen to the sun, moon and stars. The nations on earth will be afraid of the roaring sea and tides, and they won't know what to do..... Then the Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud with great power and glory".

Some of the signs of turmoil and suffering described in the Gospel of Luke are the same as the signs surrounding the death of Jesus: disturbances in the heavens, darkness and menace. These types of distress are ones that accompany any major upheaval – times that shake us completely out of our complacency. We are invited to stand before the Son of Man to receive the blessings promised by God. This is our invitation to take a watchful attitude in our lives, to spend time on the important things, prayer and the work that we are called to do, so that we can stand confidently before him.

What a promise!

Markelle Ward

DRS - Garin College

[Adapted from [www.liturgycentre.auckland/](http://www.liturgycentre.auckland/)]

### 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](mailto:Richmond.treasurer@svdpnelson.org.nz)  
A receipt will be posted out. Your giving has been of considerable assistance to us. Thank you

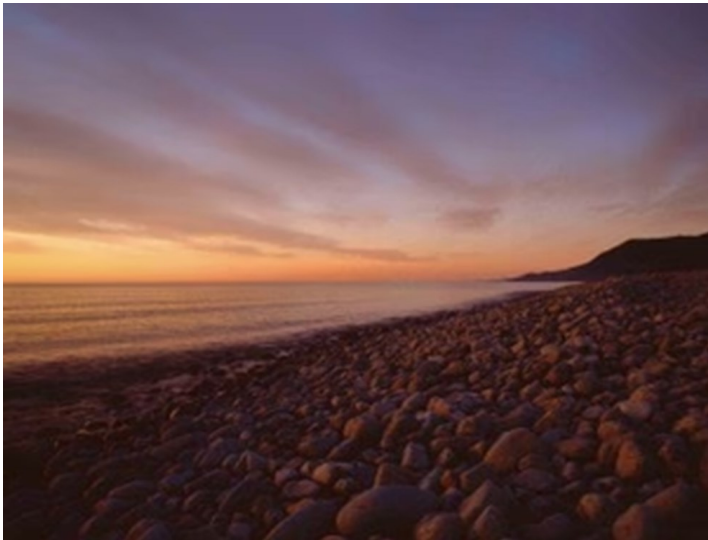
Nga mihi nui and God bless from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference

**We** need to be vigilant so that our daily life does not become routine, and, as Jesus says, so we are not burdened by life's anxieties. Today is a good moment to ask ourselves: what weighs on my heart, what weights on my spirit, am I aware or indifferent to the burdens that weigh on the shoulders of [others]? These are good questions as they guard our hearts against apathy, the enemy of the spiritual life.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, First Sunday of Advent 28/11/2021

'...we know that authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and to creation as a whole'. Laudate Deum 61

**Action:** What does guarding against apathy and indifference look like for you as you begin your 2024 Advent journey



Fr Michael's farewell gift from the Parish of Our Lady of the Bays. A limited edition 'Boulder Bank 1 Nelson'

### FOOD FOR FAITH for Advent.

Sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) to prepare for Christmas receiving daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor's Food For Faith website.

### Parish to Parish for Bed and Breakfast

Catholics throughout New Zealand, and a few in Australia, host Catholics in their homes. It's a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics.

There is a contribution made of \$50 for one person, and \$30 for each additional guest, per night, that is, two people would pay \$80 per night. If you wish to purchase a book with the details of the hosts, the cost is \$15. This includes postage. To order please contact or order from Marie Anderson, 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, phone 027 2800 611, email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

### Archbishop's Appeal 2024

This December we ask you to support our Seminarian Formation Programme.

Donations can be made to 02-0536-0003306-13; Code: Your Name; Reference AB Appeal

or by Credit Card at [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/charitable-giving](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/charitable-giving)

Donations over \$5 may be tax deductible.

Contact [info@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:info@wn.catholic.org.nz) or 04 496 1777 for more information





### Church Spring Clean

The inside of the Church needs a spring clean to match the amazing outside garden work recently done.

When: Saturday 14 Dec at 9am

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

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



Looking for a 3 bedroom house for family of 4 + 2 cats, around the Richmond, Hope, Stoke areas. Please contact leanne on 022 188 4707.

Looking for 2 bdrm house. Working professional catholic family with 2 children searching for 2 bdrms house near Richmond area, prefer close to St Pauls or Garin College but open to close neighbourhood. Pls contact Fernando 027 437 0188

## SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

### MASS / SERVICE of the WORD WITH COMMUNION:

Contrary to last week's announcement at Mass, there will not be Mass this weekend Nov 30/Dec 1

Instead, there will be a :

**Service of the Word this Sunday, Dec 1 and next Sunday, Dec 8, 9.30am.**

We look forward to seeing you to celebrate the beginning of Advent - followed by a cuppa at each of these Services

PHONE and EMAIL LIST: is being updated. Please check that your details are correct on the copy at the back of the church - and amend if needed.

FOOD BANK: a box is in the church foyer (as well as in our local supermarket) for donation of food and grocery items. Please support our local Golden Bay food bank in this week of the Poor and in the lead up to Christmas. Our food bank is administered by Mohua Social Services - donations are always appreciated.

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

### FATHER MICHAEL'S FAREWELL

Presentations by St Peter Chanel School Principal Margaret Campbell - McCauley , and Leadership Group Chairman Jim Maguire to Fr Michael at the end of Mass, proceeded a shared lunch which around 50 people enjoyed . You have heard of a warm welcome, well this was a warm farewell, as Fr Maichael talked to and was photographed with most of the people there. As Father said, sadness at leaving is balanced by joy at arriving somewhere else. Bon Voyage Fr Michael, we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

### FR PAT'S VISIT

A special visitor at Sunday's Mass was Fr Pat Maloney. Although it is only 6 years since he left as Parish Priest, he is now 90, and the Parish faces have changed a lot in that time too. He was welcomed by all who knew him, and has made a good recovery from the stroke he suffered earlier in the year. Fr Pat is living in Suite 28 at Green Gables in Nelson and is able to have visitors.

### FR RON BENNETT

This weekend we welcome Fr Ron to the Parish, and his first visit to the Top of the South. Hopefully he won't want to go back to Auckland after his couple of months with us. Welcome Fr Ron!

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Peter Chanel Christmas Eve Carols 6.30pm Mass 7pm with Fr Andrew Kim (No Mass Christmas Day)

Christmas Eve Richmond and Nelson combined, Garin College 6.30pm

Takaka Carols 4pm, Mass 4.30pm

Christmas Day Richmond 9.30am Nelson TBA

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL.

The December meeting on Tuesday will not be at the Church. If you need to contact SVDP ,please ring John Collins on 021 293 4879. SVDP wish to thank everybody for their kind donations during the last year. There is the food bin in the foyer, and Christmas themed items would be appreciated, as well as staples. There is a money slot next to the servery for cash donations. Thanks to everybody for supporting this necessary and important Mission.

### PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Please remember our sick and those facing new issues, especially at this time of the year when everyone seems to be under pressure anyway.

### ADVENT EVENING

Join us at St Peter Chanel for a reflective hour this Wednesday evening and the next two Wednesdays at 6.30pm to welcome the birth of Jesus into our world once more. This week: The Annunciation. All welcome. For more info email [ellectampion@gmail.com](mailto:ellectampion@gmail.com)

**LEADERSHIP GROUP—Headlines from the recent meeting.**

- New signs coming for the Driveway advertising Church and School, new traffic signs coming to emphasise the One Way system. An interpretation is to be obtained of the report done to establish the level of historic pollution of the Church Grounds.
- Many attended the Blessing of the Graves at Motueka Cemetery. The Nov Memorial Wall on the Altar has been very successful.
- The Advent Prayer Group would like to include other Church Members for their Wednesday evening contemplations during the leadup to Christmas.
- We will have an End of Life discussion early next year with the help of a convenor from Richmond or Nelson.
- Motueka will initiate the other Leadership Groups in the Parish getting together in the New Year with a view to forming a Parish Pastoral Group
- Chairman Jim Maguire thanked Fr Michael for his wisdom and contribution to our group and community. Jim wished him every blessing for his future in Malta.

**ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL**

Congratulations to Our SPC Athletics Stars—Congratulations to our Interschool Athletics participants last week, especially to Hawaiki who won the most points scored for the 8-Year-Old Boys and to Franny who for the second year in a row was highest point scorer for her year group. That Frannie won the 12 year old girls.

Te Tangata Te Moana Y5-8 at Kaiteriteri - Our Year 5 - Year 8 students get the opportunity to learn more about our precious sea life and the marine ecology that we enjoy here.

Whakapono Camp – Overnight Stay on the School Field - This year our Y3, 4 and 5 students will be enjoying setting up camp on the school field to stay overnight on Thursday and will have some fun and challenging camp activities to experience on Friday.

‘Thank You’ Liturgy and Afternoon Tea December 3<sup>rd</sup> - This Thank You Liturgy is for all those people in our school community who have helped us this year with our learning. It is our chance as school staff and student body to thank you for everything you have done to support us. If your invitation has got lost in the post, please come along anyway. The Liturgy begins at 2pm in the Church and will be followed by an afternoon tea in the School Library.

Kapa Haka Festival December 6<sup>th</sup> - You may have already heard about the Kapa Haka Festival happening on December 6th at Rugby Park. We are so excited for our amazing SPC Kapa Haka group to perform.

School Office Closed from December 4th onwards.

Senior Nativity Performance Friday 13th December 6pm in the Hall  
Everyone is welcome to join us for the senior Nativity written, directed and produced by our very own Jill Price.

Christmas Eve Mass 6.30pm Tuesday 24th December—Father Andrew Kim will be celebrating Christmas Eve Mass here in Motueka at 6.30pm on 24th December. Come early to get a good seat with Christmas carols beginning at 6pm.

Parish Priest	Chose a Priest option	03 528 8899
Parish Leadership Group	Jim Maguire – Chairman	027 223 9766
St Peter Chanel School	Margaret C McCauley	03 528 7366
St Vincent De Paul	John Collins	021 293 4879
Home Communion/Greeters/ cleaning	Elaine Taggart	021 256 294
Home Visit	Cherie McKinstry	021 466 554
Ride to Church	Susan Collins	021 293 4912
Prayers for the Faithful	Jim Maguire	
Morning Tea	Robyn O’Gorman	021 660 282
Music	Hemon Dey	021 170 2682
Readers	Vickie Cameron	027 437 3885
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Devine	027 466 1060
Lawns	John Farrelly	03 528 9063
Children’s Liturgy	Eric Buenz	022 513 5791
Newsletter	John Leydon- spcmot@gmail.com	03 540 2543
Intercessory Prayer grp	Elizabeth Stolten- mestolten@gmail.com	021 161 7607
Liturgy	Margaret Jones	021 072 3035



Fr Michael on his last day at St Peter Chanel

Dates	Greeter	Morning Tea	Music	Prayers of the Faithful	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Cleaning	Lawns	Children's Liturgy	Flowers
Sunday, 1 December 2024	S & J Collins	S & J Collins	Scott Cameron	V Dugdale	A Lane M Carr	T Donaldson J Maguire		John Farrelly		Marg Jones
Sunday, 8 December 2024	T Hall A Francis	M Pascua & M Jones	Josie & Scott	Margaret Campbell McCauley	M Kilmartin & E stollen	H Duncan Kenter	P & M Macquet	Mike Carr		