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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

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1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-2; First Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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

‘Be merciful as your Father is merciful’

In today’s reading Jesus tells us to love our enemies and do good to those who are cruel to us.

This is a tough call! What it really boils down to is The Golden Rule: “Treat others just as you want to be treated”.

Today’s Gospel, as with last week’s, provides practical details of how we are to behave. It contains the most challenging and difficult concept of Christian living for us to live out – love for those who are against us, and forgiveness of those who hurt us. The Beatitudes call us to a radical reversal of response to situations in our life – a response that turns our human nature upside down.

At times the ways of God seem to be completely opposed to the way we see humans behaving. So, we must choose to act as God teaches us. It is the same measure that we give that will be given back to us, no matter how hard this might seem. However, what Jesus is suggesting is no mere passive inaction – it is a demanding and radical action. Jesus is the self-revelation of God, and God’s actions in and for the world. Followers of Jesus must act in these ways precisely because they are the ways of God. When we are misjudged or wronged, can we still act in a way that promotes harmony, tolerance and understanding in our community? When we are hurt, can we see the other side, and still act with kindness and compassion, forgiving others and showing mercy?

— Micah Ch 6 v 8: Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk humbly with you God —

Markelle Ward, DRS, Garin College



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

TEACHERS' COMMISSIONING MASS, FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY: 5pm at OLPH Richmond: Archbishop Paul will celebrate Mass with teachers from all Catholic Schools in the Top of the South. You are welcome to attend.

LIFE TEEN TASMAN CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP: Every Friday during Term 1, 7.00–8.30pm at Garin College Gym. Youth aged School Year 7 and up are very welcome. Queries 027 231 8580

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: We will have a new priest in the Archdiocese. Please pray for Deacon Matthew White. Following his ordination on Saturday, he will be Father Matthew White.



GARIN COLLEGE OPENING SCHOOL MASS 2025: Wednesday 26th February, 11:40am, in the College gym. All welcome.

GARIN COLLEGE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRE:

Invitation to Opening



Te Mauri Tapu
Religious Education Learning Centre

**to our Kawanga Whare and opening of
Te Mauri Tapu**

Friday 28 February 2025 - Garin College

7am: Kawanga Whare - Karakia and Blessing

7.30am: Kai - Breakfast

10-11.50am: Liturgy and Blessing, Archbishop Paul Martin

11.50am: Kai - Light Luncheon

ALTAR: ST. PETER CHANEL CHURCH, OLOB: In November 1986, Pope John Paul II visited New Zealand. On the 23rd of November, the Pope celebrated Mass at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, at an Altar specially constructed for the Pontiff. The Altar, after the Mass, was put in storage in the basement of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

In 1988, the Parish Priest, Fr. Jim Davis of St. Peter Chanel Motueka purchased the Altar. The Altar is now in the Sanctuary of the Church.

On 21st April 2014, Pope John Paul II was canonised as a Saint. The Altar became a Relic – 3rd degree. The provenance of the Altar has been researched, and the document was presented to Archbishop Paul Martin, S.M. by Fr. Michael Bellizzi on 28th August 2024, along with a letter requesting Archbishop Paul to consider acquiring a relic of the Saint – 1st degree. Archbishop Paul wrote to the Vicariate of Rome. And on 23rd January 2025 received "The Relic."

On the 2nd of March 2025, Archbishop Paul will bring the Relic to St. Peter Chanel Church, Motueka, and he will celebrate Sunday mass at St. Peter Chanel at 11:00am.

A cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners of the Our Lady of the Bays to come and celebrate this unique and momentous occasion with the Motueka community.

SYRO-MALABAR MASS: Sunday 2nd March, at St Francis of Assisi, Stoke, 5:30pm. This will be an Indian-language Mass, celebrated by Father Joseph Kunnackattu of the Archdiocese of Wellington.

ASH WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH 2025

TIMETABLE FOR OLOB AND HOLY FAMILY PARISHES

MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

9.30am St Francis, Stoke

7.00pm OLPH Richmond

SERVICE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES

11.00am St Pauls School at School Hall

11.00am St Joseph's School at St Marys Church

9.30am St Peter Channel School, SPC Church

2.20pm Garin College at Garin Gym

5:30pm Anglican & Catholic Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson.

You are welcome at any of these.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

FROM THE LITURGY GROUP In recent weeks, you may have noticed that we have changed, at the request of Archbishop Paul, from processing in the Lectionary (small maroon book) to processing in the Book of the Gospels. The Proclamation of the Gospel is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. If a parish has a Book of the Gospels, this is brought in during the opening procession and is placed on the Altar. The lectionary has never traditionally been processed in liturgy. However, in New Zealand, initially when the Scripture began to be proclaimed in the vernacular, parishes were not able to afford both a Lectionary and a Book of the Gospel. There developed the processing of the Lectionary. If a parish can have a Book of the Gospels, then that is to be processed rather than the Lectionary. We remember that as in the Sacrament celebrated at the Altar, Christ is present in the Gospel proclaimed. This is why Books of the Gospel have often been encased in gilded icons or had painted/embossed symbols or images of Jesus upon them. At the end of the mass the Book of the Gospels is not carried out again as we are asked to carry the word of God out with us in our hearts.

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION MONDAYS in the hall 7:30-8:15pm. Welcome to anyone who wants to experience this prayer.

MASSES ON WEDNESDAY 26th 9.30am Mass as usual. Garin Mass is at 11am.

MY ADVANCED CARE PLAN WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH 10am to 10.40 Maryanne Hardcastle will visit to give an introduction. This is an important initiative from the health ministry www.hqsc.govt.nz.

FRIDAY 7th MARCH: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is held annually around the world, in many churches. This year Nelson, Stoke and Richmond are invited to the service at St Barnabas' Church, Main Road Stoke at 10am. (Please note the venue is St Barnabas, correcting the error last week).

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER MORNING, 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 Wednesday. 26th February. WHAT TO BRING: Bible, Journal, \$10. Morning Tea provided.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT at 7pm on the Fridays of Lent starting the 7th of March. Most will be led by a parishioner and booklets will be available.

NAME TAGS You may have noticed that some people were wearing name tags at Sunday Mass. Recognising and using the names of people is one way we can continue being a welcoming and inclusive community. Those parishioners who have a ministry role at Mass will have nametags each week. We invite everyone to show their name. If you have a name tag at home, please feel free to wear it or if you would like one made for you, please write your name on the clip board on the table in foyer.

SOME CHANGES TO TIMES: The Mass with anointing of the sick will now be most first Fridays of the month, at 9:30am. The time of Adoration will be on the first Thursday of most months, from 1pm to about 5:45pm. Benediction will follow with an evening Mass at 6pm.

SAINT PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

PARISH LEADERSHIP GROUP: The PLG met last Monday. The meetings will go back to 5:15pm on the third Wednesday of the month, so next meeting will be March 19th. Sunday Mass will remain at 11am. Attendance has remained high and many stay for morning tea.

ST VINCENT de PAUL MOTUEKA - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Please consider whether you might be able to support our outreach at Community House - we need more volunteers who feel comfortable using computers and are available, to cover rostered shifts, on Tuesday or Thursday from 1-3pm. The computer system is easy to use but some familiarity with computers and keyboard use is needed. Training is given and only very basic computer/typing skills are required. If you are able to help, please let a SVdP member know, or email: motueka.president@svdpnelson.org.nz , or our interim contact person is Vickie Cameron: 027 437 3885.

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL GARDEN TO TABLE PROGRAMME: We need You! We are looking for someone to facilitate our Garden to Table Programme. This is utilising our school vegetable garden to grow, harvest, prepare, and share great food. Please let the office know if you would like to know more about this.

BAPTISM PREPARATION LESSONS FOR YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD: I am beginning Baptism Preparation Lessons for some students soon. These series of lessons are designed for students aged 8-13 years old (for younger students, it is generally, not thought that they require as much preparation) to introduce the process and concept of Baptism, and how this is the first Sacrament of the Catholic Church. Should you wish your child or children to join in with these lessons, please get in touch with me.

-Margaret Campbell -McCauley 035287366