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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

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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Daniel 7: 13-14; Revelation 1: 5-8; John 18: 33b-37

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

Christ the King

As well as bringing Fr Michael's time with us to an end, this Sunday also marks the end of the liturgical year. It is fitting that we celebrate our King, Jesus Christ - the Alpha/beginning and Omega/end. Christ is King in the past, the present and the future. Instead of reigning from a throne, our King reigns from the cross – he is our servant-King and He lives on in us, in a spiritual kingdom, in our hearts, wills and lives. It is our role to continue what Jesus started, serving and reaching out to others, loving and forgiving them.

In the Lord's prayer, we say 'thy Kingdom come', but do we really think about those words and what that 'Kingdom' actually is? Many of us watched King Charles III's coronation in May 2023 - this was a spectacular occasion which also contained many sombre and serious elements. But Our Lord's Kingdom isn't a Kingdom of gold, jewels and 'bling'. We know it is a Kingdom where there is peace, forgiveness, connection, love and joy. We believe that there is an absence of violence, judgement, evil and pain. By allowing Christ the King to reign in us, we can live that Kingdom, each day, in the choices we make, the things that we do and the love that we share.

'Thy will be done' – again, we say these words frequently, they are integral to our Christian faith, but do we actually mean them and all that they entail or demand? As Fr Michael mentioned in his farewell letter, following Christ requires a lot of trust as we could have to walk, with acceptance, on paths that we may not have chosen for ourselves. We really need to be open to God's will in our lives, to let Him have the last word and to take charge of the direction He wants to lead us in. It can feel scary, uncertain and risky as it requires us to let go of all that empowering control that we like to think we have – but it's the only way that we can fully allow God to direct us as He wishes.

Christ is the King, and His Kingdom is within us. Let's make sure that He reigns in our mind, heart, will and soul at all times.

We are soon to begin Advent, our time of preparation for Jesus' birth – it is important to take the time to reflect, to acknowledge this time of waiting and to ensure that, in our preparedness, as well as looking for the stable and the crib, we also recognise that Our King reigns from the cross.

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

'Today's Gospel is a contrast between two types of logic. Worldly logic is based on ambition, competition, it fights using the weapons of fear, extortion, and the manipulation of consciences. On the other hand, the logic of the Gospel, that is, the logic of Jesus, is expressed in humility and gratuitousness. It is silently but effectively affirmed with the strength of truth. The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace".'



Farewell for Fr Michael

Friday, 22nd November (this Friday)

Richmond Church Hall

4.00pm - 6.00pm

BYO finger food to share and drinks



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END OF LIFE - As we are currently in the season of remembering, it is timely that we remember that death comes to us all in our own time. We have a team who minister in this area as a support for community, We walk with individuals and families at the end of life, assisting with vigil and funerals. Thinking about your wishes, discussing them with friends and family can help in easing the stress after you die for those we love if they are aware of the rituals and symbols that are important to you. We have a document for **END OF LIFE WISHES** which you might find helpful in planning some of these things. A member of our team would be happy to meet with you and assist in any way. We also have a few small groups who have gathered together to share thoughts and ideas which has proven to be very valuable. Preparation in all aspects of life and death is useful. For further information please contact Karen Moynagh on 027 2457 800 or email karen@moynagh.co.nz if you would like to receive a copy.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER MORNING : Theme - Spiritual Jewels . NSGG invites you to this event on Friday, 29th November at St Barnabas Church, Stoke, at 9.30am -12.30pm. Led by Rev Fergus Capie. Please RSVP to Ilene: athlene16@gmail.com OR 021-102-6778 by 5pm Wed 27th Nov. Cost of \$10 with morning tea provided. See full leaflet at last pg.

ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

CANDLE MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - 5 pm, Saturday 23rd November 2023, at Saints Peter & Pauls' Church Waimea West. Since last year's Mass of Remembrance, Jim Lee, Terry Westbury, Lee Rankin and Thelma Dunn have been laid to rest in this Churchyard. Before Mass begins the above names will be called out, and a family member will be asked to come forward and light the candle by the photo on display of their loved one. After Mass there will be the ceremony of the blessing of the graves – starting at the lych-gate with a prayer. Please bring a small container of water, which Fr Michael will bless, then parishioners can visit their own family graves and bless them themselves. Contact – Colleen Phone 544-8663 or colleenynz@gmail.com for further information

We will miss you friend,
Thank you for everything

Farewell

May your journey ahead be filled with joy, love,
and fulfillment.

Sadly Fr Michael Bellizzi has been recalled to Malta. He will be leaving the OLTB parish. Saturday, 23 November will be his last Mass at Waimea West. Marg and Bill have offered to host a farewell potluck/BBQ at their house after the 5pm Mass. Please bring a plate or something for the BBQ and something to drink...

SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

THE BOOK of our deceased family and friends sits in front of the altar during the month of November. It is not too late to add names of those who have passed away - they will be prayed for in Masses and services over this month.

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.

CRIB SET UP: If you can, please join us to set up our cribs in the hall church as well as the old marble church this Saturday around 3pm.

SPECIAL THANKS to FR MICHAEL for your visits over the hill to us. We wish you well for your journey with many blessings on your return to Malta. Come back any time...

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA



FR MICHAEL AND MIKE CARR,
SKIPPER OF THE 'HAPPY HOOKER',
WITH THEIR CATCH OF SNAPPERS

FR MICHAEL FAREWELL

On Sunday after Mass we will have shared lunch with Fr Michael, before he flies out at 5-30. Please bring a plate of food to share, as we spend some time with this man who has led our faith community since early last year. Please also bring some money to contribute to his going away gift. This week, finally Fr Michael got to go fishing in Tasman Bay. The snapper will be relieved when he goes back to being a fisher of men!

At the recent Leadership Group Meeting Chairman, Jim Maguire thanked Father Michael for his wisdom and contribution to our group and community. Jim wished Fr Michael every blessing for his future in Malta.

Father Michael shared a closing prayer.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Mass will be on Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th. Carols will begin at 6pm and Mass at 6-30. There will not be a Mass in Motueka on Christmas Day.

ANOINTING MASS

This Tuesday is scheduled for our Anointing Mass but as there will be no Priest this is likely to be a Liturgy Service

GOMFADS

This Sunday, November 24th should have been a meeting of the Men's social group. However, due to the major after Mass function on Sunday, and the number of people away, Gomfads this week has been cancelled. Watch this space!

THANKS -Thanks to our Indian Community who hosted Morning Tea last week. The taste of India they provided included popular cakes from their homeland.

PRAYER GROUP—Welcoming Jesus -Celebrating Advent

Everyone is invited to gather over the three Advent Wednesday evenings in December at St Peter Chanel. Pray about bringing your neighbours! Each evening we shall be welcoming Jesus into our world and our lives, choosing to be present to Him as He becomes one of us. We will do this in music, scripture, art and especially, in contemplative silence and prayerful response. The focus of each evening will differ as we witness His coming, situating ourselves in the story of Advent through the eyes of different men and women, young and old, near and far. But the invitation will remain the same: to observe all that is happening, finding meaning for then and for now. Each evening will be an hour, following a similar rhythm designed to take us deeper into the narrative and into prayer, so the commitment is not large. We can promise it will be a truly special way to enter the Christmas season this year. 6.30pm start (doors open 6.15pm) at St Peter Chanel. First night is December 4th.

Just come along, or for more information, email ellecampion@gmail.com

PARISH ORCHARD

The Parish Orchard has many varieties of fruit from Cherries to Lemons. But for the last few years our Orchardists have been unable to keep up with the maintenance required. The two options are to find some new people to take over the trees, or to remove the orchard and concentrate just on the new raised garden beds. If you have any skill or enthusiasm you wish to apply to this project, please contact Jim Maguire on 027 223 9766.

If you are interested in taking over one of the raised Vegetable beds, please also contact Jim, or Katie, the School Secretary.

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

St John's First Aid Course – Thank You

Thank you to Bridget who led Room Whakapono and Rangimārie through the most essential first responder actions should they find themselves facing an emergency. The First Aid course were very practical and “hands on”. The students had some Homework, for some of the younger ones, learning their parents’ phone numbers off by heart !

Aroha Visit Motueka South Kindergarten

Being connected to our community was the agenda for Room Aroha students on Friday morning when Jo and Ms Strong walked them to Motueka South Kindergarten. What a great time they had there! Thank you to Ms Strong for organising this trip.

Room Whakapono Visit Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital

Students from Room Whakapono surprised the residents of Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital with an early Christmas themed visit this week. They took along Christmas gifts (pot plants in decorated pots), Christmas cards and sang Christmas carols. Thank you to Mrs Price for her generosity in donating the pot plants and preparing the students for this community outreach visit.

Interschool Athletics Days at Lower Moutere School

We wished our Athletic Star students the very best as they attended the Junior Athletics Day held at Lower Moutere School on Tuesday and the Senior Athletics Day on Wednesday .

Minister	24/11/24
Greeter	T. Donaldson & V. Dugdale
Morning Tea	M Pascua & J Moriarty
Music	Hemon & Katie
Prayers Faithful	Jim Maguire
Readers	S & V Cameron
Eucharistic	S & V Cameron
Cleaning	
Lawns	Paul Hay

Nelson Spiritual Growth Group invite you to:

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2024

9.30am – 12.30pm

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER MORNING @

ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH, STOKE

Led By

Rev Fergus Capie

ON THE THEME:

SPIRITUAL JEWELS

Pearl of Great Price – Matt.13: 44-48

Morning Tea Provided. PLEASE BRING: Bible, Journal, \$10

P-L-E-A-S-E RSVP to Ilene: athlene16@gmail.com OR 021-102-6778 by 5pm Wednesday 27th November. Thank You.

