



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

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6: 60-69

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

“Master, to whom shall we go?”

As Jesus makes clear in today's Gospel, our faith is a gift, 'granted' 'by' the 'Father'. It is a generous and positive gift, offering us the great joy that is to be experienced in being open to God's will in our lives.

In our secular world, including the online world, it is easy to be misled, to read or hear what we want to read or hear rather than what is actually true. In the Gospel, we hear about many disciples returning to 'their former way of life', as their misunderstandings led them away from Jesus. This is a lesson to us – when we are confused, uncertain or doubtful, we have to remember to turn to Jesus, allowing our faith to support us. We need to trust in our Church (scriptures, sacraments, teachings) and our Parish community – and this trust needs to be present even in times of change or uncertainty...

New ways, new protocols, new projects can feel unsettling, or even provoke fear, but the gift of faith supports us and can protect us from discomfort.

As we know, the Catholic Church is actively involved in the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care in New Zealand – this has taken time and has been a very involved process. The Commission has been about fact-finding and seeking to prevent future recurrences, which involves implementing positive change. Kevin Plant, our Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, was recently touring this region, providing informative workshops to advise us about implementing protective safeguarding practices.

The principles of safeguarding are positive: they are about love, dignity, justice and valuing all people, as we are all created in the image and likeness of God. We have a duty to protect ourselves and one another from harm, as our Church needs to be a place of welcome and of safety – this should be evident in all areas of life and ministry within the Church.

In our Parish, we have a safeguarding team, who support and monitor our safeguarding practices for the safety and protection of us all. These practices may involve Police vetting, for some, and, for all, it will involve ensuring that safeguarding guidance is known and is followed. As a faith community, we are all in this together. In the coming months, the safeguarding team are planning to visit all churches in our Parish but, in the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please email the team at: safeguardingolob@gmail.com
To finish, let us pray:

Gracious God,

You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others.

Inspire us as we seek to commit to our collective responsibility, creating a new safeguarding culture, within all our Church communities, and within all families and households.

Help us to recognise the hurt experienced by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that, with the help of your grace, we will be moved to listen with

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open hearts, to see with open eyes, and to speak out, to ensure that those entrusted to our care are shown understanding and support, so that now and in the future, wounds can be healed, harm will stop, and people may flourish and be safe.

Amen

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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/

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

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

'Jesus affirms that the true bread of salvation, which transmits eternal life, is his very flesh; him, in his incarnation. This means that... God... must be recognized in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.' Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 22 August 2021

How shall we be together?

At St Paul's School in Richmond last Friday night, around 70 people from all the Catholic communities in the Nelson/Tasman Pastoral Area attended the Pastoral Visit by Archbishop Paul Martin and members of the APC team.

Six brief presentations on the activities of the Nelson and Richmond Parishes were shared which focussed on:

- ◆ Elder Care and Bereavement Ministry, where the attention is on our elderly and making them feel at ease with anything to do with leaving this world gracefully and with peace. Both parishes are involved with helping parishioners and their families connect with the Church while preparing the funeral of a loved one;
- ◆ Sacramental Programmes. Our Primary Schools and Garin College are involved in running pre-baptism courses for students and prospective students and their families, as a step to help connect people to a parish community;
- ◆ Dove Fellowship. This is a regional women's group, the only one active in the South Island, which meets for Prayer and Worship. Dove Nelson organised the Assumption Mass last week in Stoke and have members of our parish attend too;
- ◆ St Vincent De Paul. Needing no introduction, their ongoing efforts to support and reach out to people and families in need are deeply appreciated. We also learnt of the necessity to be involved so that this good work can continue;
- ◆ Knights of the Southern Cross. Initially established in the United States to assist immigrants in their new life, the organisation rapidly expanded to other nations, with the Nelson branch being among the first in New Zealand. Our local branch has taken up a supporting role for the parish, while also providing volunteer assistance and resources to organisations like Loaves and Fishes, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Hospice.
- ◆ Faith Development Courses. These are study groups using visual and printed material to provide ongoing formation to those seeking to deepen their faith experience.

Archbishop Paul and members of his Pastoral Team then led our parishioners and members of our other parish of Holy Family, in a small but intense prayer and sharing exercise. This is a summary of some of the group reflections:

- * So much good being done. Gratitude to those who have sowed the seeds before us. Faith in action. So many skilled people at work in our parish communities.
- * End of life as an opportunity to reach out in support of a grieving family which is a form of evangelisation and renewed contact with community.



- * The reality of isolation and separation, even geographical, felt intensely in parts of our parish. Even a faith community can be grieving having lost the permanent presence of a priest.
- * We need to be connected and are called to be connected through involvement. We are the Church: we have to be brave and to respond to the calling we feel within and which we have received.
- * Getting involved requires things to be communicated – we cannot be part of something if we do not know it exists! What can we do to be part of the action? Feeling moved to be part.
- * We are a family and we need a reason to come together and communication will happen. Getting to know one another and sharing joy by our presence in small groups and formation groups. This builds a sense of belonging and participation.
- * Communication and pooling of resources, and structures being streamlined across parishes. Sharing structures between parishes so that there is linkage and then hope. Merging as parishes needs to be seen as something positive as the foundation of a growing community. Being more inclusive as neighbouring parishes.
- * Children and Youth – getting the Good News across to them and helping them and their families stay with the faith. Where is the youth voice? Urgency to initiate youth ministry. A sense of hope and rejuvenation witnessing children being interested in Baptism; their simplicity of faith can grow and even revitalise the parents' faith. Opportunity to a greater connection needed between school/ College and parish.
- * Conscious effort to get to know each other especially those from different ethnicities; hard to break into cultural-based groupings; migrants are part of our future but also need to step up and become involved.

Hopefully, as we ponder these themes, we can again be encouraged by Pope Francis:

“Encounter and listening are not ends in themselves, leaving everything just as it was before. On the contrary, whenever we enter into dialogue, we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on a journey. And in the end, we are no longer the same; we are changed” (Homily for the Opening of the Synod Path).

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

Anointing Mass of the Sick on Friday,
30 Aug.



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

ST JOSEPH, WAKEFIELD

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.

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

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN SM

Last Friday's meeting had a great vibe and there were lots of **new** friends to be made. It is Obvious that Nelson/ Tasman is going to be one Parish sooner rather than later, and if this was the first step it was an excellent start. It is strange and sad that it has taken until now for a function of this type to happen. All of the presenters were local and

are available to come to Motueka to talk to us. The discussion groups afterwards were honest and enlightening.

NEW PARISH PRIEST FOR NELSON

Fr Marlon Tebelin will finish his posting to Nelson next week. His replacement is Fr Andrew Kim. Welcome back to the Top of the South Fr Andrew!

ANOINTING MASS

The Motueka anointing Mass will be this Tuesday at 9-30am

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember the sick, elderly, and housebound of our Parish and families, including Joan Curtain and Liz McNabb. And those in hospital, especially Fr Pat.

FRAN PEACEY

The Memorial Mass for Fran is going to be on Saturday August 31st at 5 o'clock.

THANK YOU MARY WILSON

After being asked to help out with the piano playing for 6 months, Mary has just retired after over 6 years. Playing more traditional hymns with no other instruments, Mary provided an alternative style of music with skill and ability. Thanks Mary!

G.O.M.F.A.D.S.

There seems to be enough demand to re-start the Men's social group which stopped with Covid. Current consensus is that the letters stand for Grumpy Old Men's Fellowship and Discussion Society, where anything but Politics and Religion could be on the agenda. A quiet beer and a light hearted contemplation of the issues of the day running from 5 – 6-30 once a month on a Sunday, rotating amongst the homes of the members. The Parish Priest used to be a frequent and welcome guest. If you are interested there will be a sign on sheet in the foyer the next couple of weeks. Definitely in line with the Archbishop's request last week for more social interaction in the Parishes.

LEAVING HOME ?

Recently we re-established contact with a former Motueka Parishioner after she moved to a Richmond Care Facility, two and a half years ago. When your Children tell you which care facility they have chosen for you, please ask them to tell the Parish Priest as well.

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Rangimarie Visit Woodlands Retirement Village

Father Michael, Mrs Alborn and Room Rangimarie were to visit Woodlands on Thursday. The students are really getting to know the residents and are looking forward to updating them on everything that has happened for them since the last visit.

Sacramental Programme—First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our students who last Sunday experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation (a healing sacrament) for the first time with Father Michael.

Classrooms Being Painted

Painting has begun on the Classroom Block, and we expect the painters to be here for around 4 weeks before it is completed.

Thank You for Produce Donations

A huge "Thank You!" to those families who have donated produce to the school to be sold on our maroon fundraising cart. We have recently had plants, lemons, oranges and mandarins donated and they have sold steadily.

Thank You Whenua Iti Outdoors for Maanti Tāpoi Students Culture Sessions

Our senior class students enjoyed great benefits from these sessions last Tuesday.

Thank You Broadgreen Intermediate

Another huge "Thank You!" to Broadgreen Intermediate who have donated several laptops to us that were aging and had been replaced by new ones.

Congratulations Winter Tournament Teams

Year 5 and 6 played Netball where they won all games except one, and the Hockey team won their games and drew two. Friday our Year 7 and 8 students played Football and Netball. The Netball team come away with four wins. The Football team also played well, with five wins.

Minister	25/08/24	1/09/24
Greeter	T Donaldson&V.Dugdale	M Carr & A Lane
Morning Tea	M Pascua & J Moriarty	L Kim
Music	Hemon & Katie	Scott Cameron
Prayers Faithful	Judy Kenter	Jim Maguire
Readers	S & V Cameron	A Lane & M Carr
Eucharistic	J Kenter & KCourtney	T Donaldson & J Maguire
Cleaning		
Lawns	Paul Hay	John Farrely

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
021 102 6778, or athlene16@gmail.com