



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

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Malachi 3: 1-4; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

### 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

#### CONTACT

Fr Andrew Kim (Administrator)

Fr Cirilo Barlis, Fr Dyson Tharakan

(Assistant Priests)

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Era Creevey, Admin 9.00-14.00

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**Deadline Wednesday Noon**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I feel grateful to write this article after four years since I left the Our Lady of the Bays parish. I never imagined I would return to this parish in such a short time.

I am well aware that our parish is a great and beautiful parish that I always appreciated and being grateful to be part of. However, I also understand that in the last four years, there have been changes, challenges, new parishioners, and a new atmosphere guided by the Holy Spirit.

As every day is a new day – a new start and a new beginning. And we, at the Our Lady of the Bays parish, also need a fresh start.

When Jesus began his public ministry, he stood up in the synagogues and announced his goal, his mission, and his resolution: “The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.” (Luke 4:18)

As disciples of Jesus, this mission of Jesus is our mission too. And this is the mission that all of us need to participate in.

Welcome aboard all parishioners of Our Lady of the Bays to the journey of faith and the mission of Jesus on earth. We also welcome Fr. Cirilo, Fr. Dyson, and Gerson, our seminarian on pastoral year.

Please welcome Fr Andrew as our Parish Administrator as well.

Thank you again to all the parishioners and ministers for your understanding, devotion, sacrifice, and prayers for the parish over the last few months while we did not have a permanent priest.

May God bless and guide us all in our faith and missionary journey.

Sincerely

Fr. Andrew Kim



## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

Greetings From Saint Vincent de Paul to our Wonderful Donors.

Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you all, for your generous donations to our Christmas Giving Appeal and also thanks to those of you who give throughout the year - food and financial donations.

Special thanks to St Paul's School and Garin College for making St V de P the focus of their Advent Outreach program and making such generous donations of food and money and mostly for inspiring our future Vincentians.

We gave out 39 Christmas Bags. These covered 133 individuals [48 adults and 85 children] .

We also wish to thank our many volunteers for the generous giving of their time in all aspects of the Society, the Conference, the Shop, Donors etc. Without you we would be unable to help as many people as we do.

“[The] gift of the earth with its fruits belongs to everyone. Those who tilled and kept the land were obliged to share its fruits, especially with the poor, with widows, orphans and foreigners in their midst: “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very border, neither shall you gather the gleanings after the harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner” (Lev 19:9-10).

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

**Action:** How can we become the offering and sign of hope for those rejected this year

**The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course – Love is a Decision -** online registration is open for the first course for the year, consecutive **Sundays 2 & 9 March 2025**, Wellington. Couples are encouraged to attend the course well before their wedding date and register early to ensure there is space on the course. For queries, please email [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

Fr Ron was farewelled with sadness and gratitude last weekend. Iain Hall, Chair of Richmond Leadership Team, Jim Macquire, Chair of Motueka Leadership team and Terry Silcock of Waimea West Leadership team spoke at Masses.

Prayers please for his safe return to the seminary in Auckland and his work there. He has a new group of seminarians to welcome. Emilio will be back from the Philippines for his year of study. Please include all them in your prayers.

We welcome Fr Cirillo back in NZ and in our parish. No time for jet lag recovery. He will hit the ground running and we remember he was often out on a run. Takaka, Richmond and Motueka look forward to having him celebrate Mass in our Mass Centres this weekend. Prayers please for Fr Cirillo and his family. Goodbyes are poignant and transitions take energy.

We expect Fr Dyson to return to NZ this week after visiting his family in India. He will be gathering his possessions from Blenheim presbytery and settling into his new home here. Please pray for his safe travel and his goodbyes and then hello here. He will be celebrating Mass next weekend.

St Paul's, St Peter Chanel School and Garin College Learners will be back in the classroom this week. The teachers will have already started. Chris Bascand a parishioner starts as new Principal of St Mary's School in Nelson .

Archbishop Paul will be here on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb for the mass for Teachers in the Top of the South.

Please pray for a safe and successful year of teaching and learning.

### NEW CHURCH EXPLORATORY GROUP

This group was formed, at the request of Archbishop Paul Martin, in 2024 with members from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of the Bays Parish to consider potential sites for the development of a single church in the Stoke/Richmond area.

This initial work was completed in November with 11 sites in the area being considered and the pros and cons for each site identified and considered.

The full report was sent to the Archbishop in mid November and the group is currently waiting on a response from him. Once this has been received and dependent upon the decisions made by +Paul the group will reconvene and consider the next steps.

There will be further communication to all parishioners once this advice has been received.

Dear parishioners, just a reminder of our invitation for you to join us on our silent 10 minute march for the launch of the Saint Nicholas Children's Trust. This will be held at 10am on Saturday, 8 February on the church steps of Trafalgar Street. Please email [contact@snctrust.org](mailto:contact@snctrust.org) for any enquiries or to RSVP. Blessings, Angela, Hemon and Adrienne

### Situation Vacant: Coordinator, Young Church Ministry (Archdiocese of Wellington)

We're looking for a new team member to support our college youth ministry programme, young church ministry around the Archdiocese and our leadership camp held each year in December. If you have some experience in youth ministry and managing young people and are seeking a 20-26 hour position, explore this option [online at SEEK](#) or be in touch with the Director of Church Mission, Chris Duthie-Jung – [c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz) / 021 02305149

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC:** We would like to extend an invitation to all the OLOB parishioners to our Holy Family Parish Picnic. It is being held on 16 February, St Joseph's School lawn from 12pm. We would love to see you there. If you have a special talent, e.g., singing, dancing, special cultural performance, we would love to see you in our line up, just contact our office, [office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz](mailto:office@holyfamilynelson.org.nz)

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

### Waitangi Day Mass

At 9.30am on Thursday 6 February there will be a Mass commemorating Waitangi Day held at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help church in William Street.

Adoration this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, midday until 5pm. Morning tea Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb after 9.30am mass for all those who attend Adoration; who would come if at a different time or who would need transport. We will discuss a new roster.

**Name Tags** You may have noticed last Sunday that a few people were wearing name tags. Recognising and learning the names of people is one way we can continue being a welcoming and inclusive community. Those parishioners who are greeting in the foyer, the Mass Manager of the day and the person welcoming at the beginning of mass will have nametags each week. However this option is open to everyone whether you are serving in a ministry or not. 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 list on the foyer table.

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN COLLINS

Susan and family invite Parishioners and friends to join them on Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Moutere Hills Community Centre from 2.00 to 4.00 for a celebration of John's life (and to repeat a few of his stories). They would also like to thank everybody for the baking, hugs and sympathy that they have been given

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our first meeting for 2025 will take place on **Tuesday 4 Feb at 3pm** in the Church foyer. Further to the recent, and sudden, death of our wonderful president, John Collins, we would be grateful for as many members as possible to attend this meeting. New faces are always very welcome too, particularly at this time as we look to regroup. John had initiated a lot of valuable outreach, within our local community, and we will honour him in continuing with these efforts. Thank you for your support, and for ongoing donations of food and money - it is always much appreciated and put to good use.

### MORNING TEA ROSTER

The new Roster will be made up soon and there is a shortage of people to run the Morning Teas. If you are able to join the team, please contact Robyn O'Gorman on 021660282. If you would like to join any of the other Ministries, please contact the person listed in the Parish Directory this week.

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK.

We pray for those who grieve or are experiencing health issues that they may find comfort and hope in their faith. Particularly, we remember and give thanks for John Collins, reflecting on his generous, kind nature and his many contributions to our community. May we, and especially John's loving family, find peace and comfort in our prayers and in our precious memories.

### ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

The School re-opens this Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### St Peter Chanel Directory

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	TBA	
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

Dates	Greeter	Morning Tea	Music	Prayers of the Faithful	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Cleaning	Lawns	Children's Liturgy	Flowers
2/02/2025	V. Dugdale & C. Carson	N Orchiston	Hemon & Katie	Margaret McCauley	S & V Cameron	V Dugdale M Lucas	T. Donaldson & E Hay	William Frondarina		Laural Assaf