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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

8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2024

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

### MASS TIME Sunday Mass

**MOTUEKA**  
Sunday 9.30am

**RICHMOND**  
Sunday 9.30am

**WAKEFIELD**

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

**WAIMEA WEST**

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

**TAKAKA**

Sunday 4pm, 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 Mass or by  
Appointment

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**Deadline Wednesday Noon**

### 'Everything He does is good!'

In today's readings Jesus is showing by his words and actions, including miracles, that his mission was to be of service to all. In the Gospel he heals a deaf man, and in the first reading from Isaiah it states "the blind will see, the disabled will leap about like deer, and tongues once silent will shout". No one is rejected because of their difference and there is no place for prejudice.

In *Psalm 146* there is also a focus on social justice:

*Praise the Lord my soul! God always keeps his word.*

*He gives justice to the poor and food to the hungry.*

*The Lord sets prisoners free and heals blind eyes.*

*He gives a helping hand to everyone who falls.*

*The Lord loves good people and looks after strangers.*

*He defends the rights of orphans and widows, but destroys the wicked.*

*The Lord God of Zion will rule forever! Shout praises to the Lord!*

In the readings we see that God has given a lot of faith to people who are poor, promising them a share in His kingdom that he will give to everyone who loves him. He promises restoration, encouragement and the fulfilment of God's promise of freedom for the oppressed. There is also evidence that the deaf man was a Gentile, which indicates that God's mercy and compassion extends to all with no conditions or strings attached.

This week signals the start of Social Justice Week which is from the 8th-14th September. Caritas's unique focus for 2024 is:

**"Choose forgiveness, know peace - *Kōwhiria te murunga hara, kia mōhio ki te rangimārie.*"**

For a current connection with all of today's themes we need look no further than the legacy left to us with the passing of the Māori monarch Kiingi Tūheitia. Here was a leader who served tirelessly with humility, gentleness and a commitment to unity and peace. He exemplified the principles of *manaakitanga* and *whanaungatanga* - relating to others and connecting with generations past and present - encouraging Māori and non-Māori to work on building a way of life together.

As stated in the New Zealand Herald this past weekend "He kura kua ngaro ki tua o Rangi-whakamoe-ariki. Moe mai raa - A chief who has passed to the great beyond. Rest in love."

Markelle Ward - DRS Garin College

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



**Season of Creation Day Social Justice Week 8-14 Sep**

"The reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones." (# 9 *Laudate Deum*)

**Action**—There is more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than ever previously recorded, new data from a New Zealand monitoring station shows. Consider our Pacific neighbours facing sea level rise. How might we advocate for them? Read about the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and act by signing the Faith Letter as an Individual. See <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>

About Fr Frankie Mulgrew

Ordained in 2013, Fr Frankie is a priest of the Diocese of Salford and currently serves as chaplain to the Mission House at Craig Lodge, Argyll, Scotland, where he is helping to train young adults to be missionary disciples. Fr Frankie Mulgrew hails from an entertainment background and initially followed in his family's footsteps by becoming a stand-up comedian and professional entertainer, but eventually responded to a higher calling to become a Catholic priest. He was part of the team which set up and operated 'Mercy Bus' in the UK during Pope Francis' Year of Mercy in 2015. He has addressed major Christian events all over the UK and has ministered alongside inspirational Catholic figures such as Matt Maher, John Pridmore, Chris Stefanick, and Paul J. Kim.

As part of his NZ Tour, Fr Frankie will be running a Parish Mission in the Kahurangi Pastoral area with the theme "Your Kingdom Come!". There will be a particular focus on the joy of the Gospel and how we can live this out in the present. The outline will be as follows:

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Fr Frankie will celebrate the Vigil Mass in St Mary's Church Nelson on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm and also Mass in Motueka on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am. This will be an open invitation to parishioners to attend the mission evenings from Monday to Wednesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 35 William Street, Richmond. Each mission evening will go for one hour and will include uplifting music and hymns, prayer and adoration and Fr Frankie's signature preaching.

**Evening One: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 – 8.30pm - Theme: The Joy of the Gospel**

The Kingdom of God is made up of joy. We are made for joy and are invited to be overflowing with joy. The first day will focus on God's gift of joy and we will also pray for an outpouring of this gift upon us. Additionally, there will be a time of Adoration, including a prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**Evening Two: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 – 8.30pm – Theme: Divine Mercy**

Pope Francis said that Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy. The gift of mercy is a freedom you deserve and are invited to. Unforgiveness can limit our healing and freedom in this life, but God has a plan. This day will focus on the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Adoration. Reconciliation will also be available.

**Evening Three: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 – 8.30pm - Theme: Eucharistic Healing Service**

This night will focus on spiritual and physical healing and recognising the greatest miracle of all, a conversion of the heart. There will be a talk on God's healing power to heal physically and spiritually. After the talk, Fr Frankie will lead prayers for healing which will include a special Adoration Blessing. It will be appreciated if this message can be spread around and also that you commit to being there to support this Parish Mission and to make the most of what Fr Frankie will bring

**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 on 17 September at 7pm at the Parish Meeting Room Manuka St Nelson. Contact Katie Rose 021 296 4155



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[St Columbans Mission Society - St Columbans Mission Society](http://StColumbansMissionSociety.org)

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

*Rest  
in Peace*

A Requiem Mass was held on Thursday, 5/9 for Lee Rankin. Lee was a long time parishioner in our parish. May she rest in glorious peace. We offer our prayers and support to Bob and the family in their grief.

Blessings to Michael & Diane Staite as they celebrate their 50th Golden anniversary on September 14



## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

FR MICHAEL CONSECRATES SUNDAY MASS WITH THE HELP OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

### CONFIRMATION CEREMONY THIS WEEK

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, ( tomorrow), 13of our Motueka children will be joining with those from Richmond to be Confirmed by Archbishop Paul Martin. The ceremony will begin at 5 pm in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in William St. Richmond.

The Confirmation Candidates are:

Tāwhiri Duncan, Cora Buenz, Jane Buenz, Sophie Summerfield, Caitlin Summerfield, Mia Price, Yui Lim, Elysa Orchiston, Dasha De Guzman, Charlie Cumming, Cohan Turnbull and Layton Turnbull, Matiri Paaka

Many thanks to Colleen Buenz who has prepared the Children for this important Sacrament, and to Jeremy Cumming who prepared them for their recent first Reconciliation.

### FRAN PEACEY R.I.P.

A large crowd of family, St Peter Chanel parishioners, and Parishioners from St Andrew's Uniting Church, supporting her husband Malcolm, attended a warm and friendly Memorial Service and Mass for Fran. From her son Simon; "Mum loved people. She had a heart for the underdog, She had a heart for the least, the lost and the last. Why? For her the answer was simple: she just followed the example of Jesus."

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for the sick, housebound and lonely, in our Parish and in our families. Especially those fighting Cancer and those who are supporting them. Some have to avoid crowds while they are at a vulnerable stage of their treatment and we hope that they will be successful, and will be able to join us again soon. Please keep them all in your prayers, especially Joan Curtain, Liz McNabb and Fr Pat Maloney.

### ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

CONFIRMATION, Saturday 7th September 5pm, Richmond.

Several of our students will be Confirmed into the Catholic faith by Archbishop Paul Martin on Saturday evening. Confirmation brings blessings and gifts from the Holy Spirit and in Father Michael's words, "Gives us our full-license to be Catholics". Confirmation is the sacrament we make to complete the grace conferred at Baptism, when we are especially blessed with the Holy Spirit.

### Selling Daffodils for Daffodil Day

Thank you to Linda Hay and Emma Coppins for transporting our Year 7 students into town to assist with selling daffodils for the Cancer Society on Wednesday last week. We helped raise \$672.70 through selling daffodils via our fundraising cart and our "Dress with a Splash of Yellow Day". Our best result ever!

### Thank you for Repairing our Soccer Nets

Thank you, Darrin Price, especially from our football enthusiasts, for sharing your materials, time and expertise in re-knotting our soccer goals last week. They are being put to good use daily!

### SPC Book Week

We are excited about our Book Week beginning today Monday 2nd September. We have lots of cool things planned.... Book treasure hunts, quizzes, times during the day when we must drop everything we are doing and read, and loads more.

Guest Readers – We invite members of our school community to come along and share their favourite book.

Book Liturgy and Parade – On Thursday we were having a Book Character Parade. A huge thank you to Megan Strong who has organised the Book Fair and helped us all appreciate the joy and knowledge books bring to our daily lives.

### Congratulations to our Sporting Stars

Congratulations to Cohan and Charlie. Charlie won Ripper of the Year for Under 7's Riwaka Rugby Club and Cohan won Most Dedicated player and Most Outstanding Player for Under 11's Riwaka Rugby Club.

Minister	8/09/24	15/9/24
Greeter	S & V Cameron	A Frances & S Fry
Morning Tea	S&V Cameron	E Taggart & Z Ogilvie
Music	Hemon & Katie	Josie Moriarty
Prayers Faithful	Margaret McCauley	Judy Kenter
Readers	M Kilmartin & E stolten	D Ogilvie & C Ellis
Eucharistic	S & V Cameron	M Macquet & H Duncan
Cleaning	Margaret McCauley	
Lawns	Mike Carr	Paul Hay

# IMAGINE PEACE FOR ALL

## POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA



### What are forgiveness and reconciliation? He aha te murunga hara me te hohounga rongo?

#### Opening prayer: The Lord's Prayer

What does forgiveness mean to you?

The Lord's Prayer is one of the oldest Christian prayers, taught by Jesus in the Gospels. A key theme of the prayer is forgiveness – both asking for forgiveness from God and pledging to forgive others. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice on the cross to forgive us our sins. Pope Francis discussed this in his *Angelus* address of 17 September 2023: “Forgiving is not, therefore, a good deed that we can [choose to] do or not do; forgiving is a fundamental condition for those who are Christians.”

Pope Francis then explained the link from forgiveness to Peace: “God gave his life for us, and in no way can we recompense him for his mercy, which he never withdraws from his heart. However, by forgiving one another, we can bear witness to him, sowing new life around us. For outside of forgiveness there is no hope; outside of forgiveness there is no peace. Forgiveness is the oxygen that purifies the air of hatred. Forgiveness is the antidote to the poisons of resentment; it is the way to defuse anger and heal so many maladies of the heart that contaminate society.”



What does Jesus teach us about forgiving others?