



A Catholic Parish of
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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

9th Feb 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8; First Corinthians 15: 3-8, 11; Luke 5: 1-11

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

Live justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8). This is how we do the will of our Father in heaven. Jesus said that even the Son of God could do nothing of His own accord, only what the Father was doing (John 5: 19). It is the only way to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt 7: 21).

Jesus did not mean our time on earth to be a waiting room for heaven, or even a training ground. Heaven came to Earth at Christmas 2025 years ago. It became visible through His miracles and explained in radical teachings on how to love. Then, after supper through the Cross, He entrusted the work to us, leaving His Spirit to enable and help us.

The kingdom of heaven is with us (Matt 10: 7). Yes, it's imperfect still, as we are, but we can look around to see what He is doing and join in, bringing love, mercy and forgiveness. We're all so different, but together we make a church, a whole. We are His body when we do this, following his lead.

In this jubilee year of hope, let's take time out to sit quietly with God over a cup of tea and ask Him to show us where He is at work. Where could He use our minds, hands, feet and the love in our hearts?

Who's my neighbour and how do I love them? Can I see and feel their humanity? Can I sense their connectedness to me, the way we're alike, even though we're different? Their blood is red, no matter what colour their skin is. Their heart beats no matter who or how they love?

What would love have you do? Don't try and figure it out. Ask God and wait for an answer. What is a starting place to look at the world through someone else's eyes and have empathy for them? Who's the one person or group that you want to understand better, want to learn from and perhaps also teach? Pick a person to start with.

A clue. In the kingdom of heaven, they come first if they're hungry or sick, if they're lonely, new to town, bereaved, powerless, aged, a child. Love is radical: beyond borders, beyond religion, beyond gender, beyond sexuality, beyond have and have-not, beyond politics and education.*

Maybe you will get that warm buzz from helping someone else. Maybe it won't go so well the first time and you just have the knowledge of pleasing our beloved Jesus, but you cannot lose. You're already living in the kingdom of heaven.

This was inspired by St Vincent de Paul's Fr Alan Roberts's spiritual blog for February. Written for us by Eleanor Campion.

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CELEBRATING THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

February 14th is the Feast Day of St Valentine – a Champion of the Sacrament of Marriage.

This year in St Francis of Assisi, we will be celebrating this vocation with a Mass at 6.30pm on Friday the 14th. All are welcome – especially married couples!

Following this Mass there will be cake and bubbles.

Please note: **This will be the only Mass of the Day in HFP**

PASSIONIST FAMIY GROUP - PFG

Fr Andrew has invited Paul Traynor, the National Coordinator for PFG to visit. There will be a meeting at St Francis in Stoke to discuss what is happening in the groups in Holy Family and OLOB and to see what is needed as we go forward in 2025.

PFG members and anyone interested in knowing more or in joining a group is invited to come along. TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 5.30PM -7PM There is probably pamphlets in your foyers to read, google passionistfamily.org.nz or ask someone if they belong.

LIFE TEEN TASMAN Catholic Youth Group

Term 1 starts with a Social Night on **Friday 14th February** and runs **every Friday** during term 1. The last night of Term 1 will be **Friday April 11th**

All Youth Group nights are held at the
Garin College Gym

7.00-8.30pm
Ages School Year 7 and up

Contact number 0272318580
Email to Register:
lifeteentasman@gmail.com



‘With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear, without giving in to disappointment when one catches nothing, and without giving up and saying “there is nothing more that can be done”. Always, in personal life as well as in the life of the Church and society, there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over — the Lord always invites us to get back on our feet because he opens up new possibilities’.

Pope Francis, Angelus, 6 Feb 2022

Welcome to Fr Dyson Tharakan. We are delighted you are with us. Fr Andrew will say masses in OLOB this weekend and introduce Fr Dyson. Fr Cirilo will say masses in Holy Family.

To Rent: Large house, central Nelson. Four bedrooms and two bathrooms. Furnished. Available early March - 18 April. Rent \$600 per week. Pls contact Mary Ellen O'Connor 027481 0770

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

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, RICHMOND

RIP : HUGH PEARLESS was farewelled in his funeral Service at Waimea West on Wednesday. May he rest in glorious peace. We pray that his family be comforted in their grief. His sister Penny Richards and his cousins Mary Silcock and Hugh Challies are parishioners here.

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

Our weekly meditation group begins for 2025 on **MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY** at 7.30 am in the hall. All are welcome. No experience needed. We are all always beginning again.

WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30 MASS.

Wed 12th is our regular, every Wednesday casual help yourself cuppa and chat. On **Wednesday 19th Feb** you are invited to a hosted morning tea. This is on the 3rd . Wednesday of each month. Please take this opportunity to get to know other parishioners and there will be an interesting guest speaker.

NAME TAGS

Thanks to all who are happy to wear a name badge. It is a good way to identify those in the mass ministries, where we can know faces, we see regularly but not their names. If you already have your own name badge please wear it. If you want a name card prepared please write your name on the clip board on the foyer table. If you have lanyards you don't need we would be grateful for those We have a lot of new parishioners and Fr Dyson and Fr Cirilo will find name tags helpful to know us.



The old Catholic church on Oxford Street.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Barry and Kaye Bartlett were married at the old Catholic Church in Oxford Street, Richmond on 13th February 1965. They still live in the same house in William Street since returning from their honeymoon.

SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

Elizabeth Stolten, who is part of the Parish Safeguarding team, will be attending the Service of the Word with Communion in Takaka this Sunday, 9 Feb. She will present a short notice to the community about safeguarding and our responsibilities in this important area of Parish life.