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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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5th Sunday of Lent

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Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

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 5pm, 1st & 3rd each month

2nd Sunday of month at 9.30am

Service 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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PASSION SUNDAY

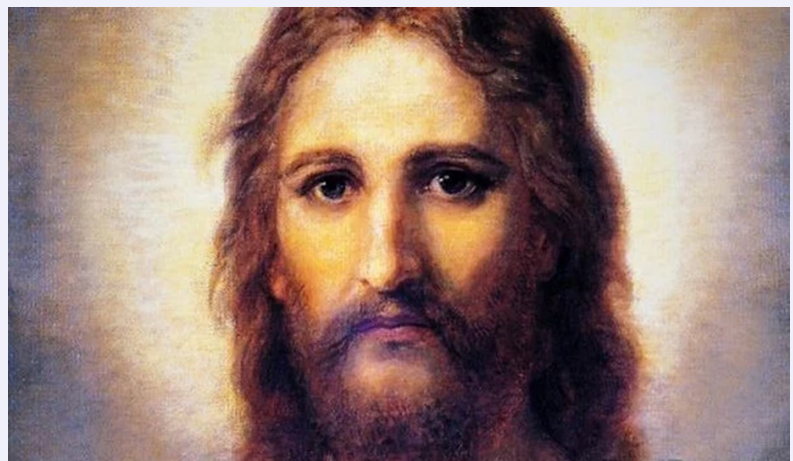
Today we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent which was once known as Passion Sunday. This is the beginning of the final 2 weeks of Lent and the build up to our Easter celebrations.

An excerpt from today's gospel is *Wherever I am, my servant will be there too (Jn 12:27)*. Pope Francis reminds us that when we choose to follow Christ we choose to walk with him through 'thick and thin', in good times and bad. It is to travel with him all the way to the Cross.

Today's Gospel invites us to turn our gaze to the Crucifix which can be seen as an ornamental object or a clothing accessory. More importantly, it is a religious symbol to contemplate and to understand. Within the image of Jesus crucified is revealed the mystery of the death of the Son as a supreme act of love, the source of life and salvation for humanity of all ages. We have been healed in his wounds.

May the Virgin Mary who, from the manger in Bethlehem to the Cross on Calvary, has always kept her heart's gaze fixed on her Son, help us to meet and know him just as he desires so that we may live enlightened by Him and bring to the world fruits of justice and peace.

Adrienne Hill



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS


Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024

The Time is Now to empower vulnerable families to thrive. Lenten Giving Envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 are available in the Foyer. This year, they are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes in the offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.

Direct deposit is also available on the website www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online

Donations received by Caritas by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/2025 tax year.

Thank you for your generous support.



Presider
Archbishop Paul Martin SM

Priests
Fr Seph Pijfers and Fr Alliston Fernandes, *Star of the Sea*
Fr Marlon Tebelin, *Holy Family*
Fr Michael Bellizzi and Fr Jaya Yenubari, *Our Lady of the Bays*
Fr David Gruschow, *Buller-Inangahua*



Garin College
Champion Road
Richmond 7020

11:00am, 26 March 2024



Communities

Blenheim, Kaikoura, Picton, Seddon
Westport, Reefton, Karamea, Murchison, Ikamatua
Nelson, Stoke
Richmond, Wakefield, Waimea West, Motueka, Takaka

Income & Expenditure Summary YTD to 29 February 2024

	YTD Feb 2024	YTD Feb 2023
Income		
Collection Income	\$176,313	\$167,949
Distributions from EA O'Connor Trust	\$52,145	\$49,481
Other Income	\$85,608	\$68,728
Total Income	\$314,066	\$286,158
Expenses		
Support of Clergy	\$71,736	\$66,667
ADW Levies	\$27,336	\$26,096
Repairs & Maintenance	\$84,932	\$34,631
Travel & Vehicle Expenses	\$35,035	\$17,193
Parish Expenses	\$135,945	\$125,496
Total Expenses	\$354,984	\$270,083
Net Operating (Deficit) / Surplus	(\$40,918)	\$16,075

YTD Total Income is \$24,058 higher than the corresponding period last year, due to:


- collection income is \$8,363 higher this year,
- distributions received from the EA O'Connor Trust are \$2,664 higher this year, (mainly used to fund the painting of the Wakefield church earlier this year)
- other income is \$16,880 higher this year and includes:
 - increased investment income as a result of higher term deposit interest rates.
 - recovery of costs to reseal the Motueka carpark

YTD Total Expenses are \$85,401 higher than the corresponding period last year, mainly because of:

- repairs & maintenance which has had a high expenditure mainly due to the painting of the Wakefield church and resealing of the Motueka carpark.
- with two priests, we have higher travel & vehicle expenses,
- with higher collection income, we have a corresponding increase in ADW levies,
- we have higher inflationary costs such as insurance and electricity.

Planned Giving

For those parishioners who generously put cash on the plate each Sunday, you are welcome to join the planned giving at any time. The benefit is that the parish can then record your donations and give you a tax receipt for them. This entitles you to claim 33% of your donations back. It's quick and easy to join. Please contact Gerard Cronin (finance@parish.org.nz) for more information.



The Light is ON for You
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation Lent 2024
Our Lady of the Bays Parish

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond

- > After Mass on Wednesday and Friday
- > During / after the Stations of the Cross (on Fridays at 7pm)
- > On GOOD FRIDAY - 29th March - RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 9:30AM

St Peter Chanel, Motueka

- > After Mass on Tuesday and Sunday
- > During / after the Stations of the Cross (Fridays at 7pm)
- > On TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK - 26th March - RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7:00pm

Angela's presentation for Child Sex Trafficking

It will be held this Sunday at St Mary, Nelson straight after 10.30am Mass finishes.

Advanced Care Planning

What is it and why is it important? What are the benefits of planning for our end-of-life care and treatment? How can we create a personal advance care plan?

If you would like more information on answers to these questions please do come to a short introductory presentation by Maryann Hardcastle from Nelson Marlborough Primary Health Care.

The presentations will be held in the OLPH Hall on Thursday, 4 April at 10.30am and repeated again at 7pm. To register your attendance or for more information please contact Adrienne Hill on either 021 526 404 or howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz



A Taste of Theology

Take a glimpse into the profound and multifaceted realm of theology in 2024.

These mini-courses [A taste of Theology - Lecture series](#) cover a range of topics including Scripture, dogmatic, moral and spiritual theology, Church history, Philosophy, pastoral and liturgical studies and Canon Law. Presenters are lecturers of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College.

Courses will be online via Zoom on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM. Click the link(s) to register.

Fee for all courses is \$60 (one-off). You can register to all or as many as you want.

Sessions will be recorded and made available to all registered participants

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

MOTHERS PRAYERS - We are a small group who pray for families especially our own. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 10.30am.

Our next meeting is this Thursday 21st March.

For more information please ph Kath 970 6754 / 027 4523 948 or Elizabeth 544 5188 / 027 545 1818

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church at 7.00pm every Friday evening during Lent.

All are most welcome

The Seventh Heaven Passionate Group is having a luncheon on Sunday 24th March at Squires Cafe in Stoke at 12.30. Squires require the number attending to be confirmed by Wednesday the 20th.

Anyone who would like to attend is welcome to join us. Please contact Helen and Cliff Jones either on 544-2391 or cliffhelenjones@gmail.com

Paschal Candle Workshop

To decorate your own paschal Candle
Wed, 20 March 7pm at St Francis Hall
Cost incl. candle \$14, \$4 if bring your own.

Contact Karen Moynach 027 245 7800



MORNING TEA

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH at 10.15am

ALL WELCOME

10.15 am In the hall and please invite a parishioner to come with you. Guest Speaker Emilio Capin will tell the story of his faith journey. Morning Mass is at 9.30 am



ST JOSEPH, WAKEFIELD

Come and See. An invitation to come to a quiet morning to be led by Sister Maria Park. It will be at St Paul's Anglican Church

St Paul's Meeting Rooms, by Snowdon's Bush on Friday, 22 March from 9.30-12.30

Cost \$10, am tea provided.

To register contact: Ilene 021 102 6778

athlene16@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to Barry Bartlett of William St who celebrates his 90th Birthday on March 20th. Barry has lived in Richmond since 1945.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

Fr Pat Maloney turn 90, St Francis Assisi



Fr Pat, surrounded by most of the Motueka Parishioners who travelled to St Francis's Church in Stoke last Thursday, where Fr Pat celebrated his Birthday by saying mass. Fr Pat with his wry grin, in his reflective homily, said that Life is good, and that he had had a good life. And still a bit more to come! A morning tea followed with the feature being a Birthday Cake half the size of the table! Congratulations Fr Pat.

EASTER RECONCILIATION - LENT - MOTUEKA

After Mass, Tuesdays and Sundays

During / after Stations of the Cross - Fridays 7pm

Tuesday of Holy week - 26th March - Reconciliation Service 7pm

PRAYER GROUP

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets in the Church at 6pm on Wednesdays.

Our focus this month is for those who have left the Church, including our loved ones, family members and parishioners, that they will feel the call to return. We will also continue to

pray for Angela Francis's ministry to raise awareness of child sex trafficking, and any other needs that you wish to bring to the group. All welcome.

For more information contact Elizabeth Stolten email mestolten@gmail.com

ANGELA FRANCIS'S PRESENTATION.

Angela gave a presentation to the Congregation reporting on her recent fact finding trip to the Philippines investigating Child sex trafficking. Angela would like to say "A heartfelt thankyou " to the many people who attended her presentation ,and who also offered to contribute financially to help her work. The feedback has encouraged and inspired Angela, and she is currently setting up a charity that will be able to accept financial support for her ministry. In the meantime, your prayers of support will be greatly appreciated.

DRIVEWAY COST

Some Parishioners have been questioning the cost of re-sealing the carpark which is sending the Parish Maintenance costs soaring. Martin Lucas, our representative on Our Lady of the Bays Finance Committee explained that it was actually part of the driveway shared with the School that was resurfaced. St Peter Chanel School paid half which left the Parish with less than \$6500 to pay for.

MEDJUGORJE ROSARY BEADS

John Kersten has generously left a supply of Rosary beads from Medjugorje on the table in the Foyer. If you don't have a Rosary, or need a new one, please help yourself.

PIANO FUNDRAISING

The Raffle for the Quilt is selling well ,with only 2 weeks left to buy your tickets before the lucky winner is drawn after Palm Sunday. Please bring some small change with you to mass to purchase your tickets. \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. Marie Marquet will be selling tickets in the foyer after Mass on 17th and 24th of March.

St PATRICKS DAY

Today is St Patrick's Day! Wear some green and celebrate the fact there are no snakes in Ireland ! Bring your own green tea for after mass.

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Community Prayer – Lent Week 5

E te Atua o tēnei Wā Tonu, God of the Present moment, Help us to see You through Your word and time with others today.

Draw us closer to You so that we will hear Your voice and recommit ourselves to serve and follow You. Āmene.

Teachers Doing the Learning

On Wednesday and Thursday last week our Hall was a venue for teachers from our Motueka Kāhui Ako (the Motueka Schools Community of Learning). Four Maths experts guided the Teachers through some of the changes the Curriculum Refresh in Mathematics has brought. After school on Thursday, all of our teachers attended workshops where experts led us in learning more about practical strategies we can use for those students who present with dyslexic tendencies. We also furthered our skills and understanding of the benefits of Kapahaka for our students.

SPC Strategic Aims, Strategic Plan and Annual Plan

The School Board has prepared the St Peter Chanel School Strategic Aims 2024-2026, Strategic Plan 2024-2026 and the Annual Plan for 2024. These will be published on our website which full school bulletin and details of life at SPC

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A huge thank you to our Camp parents and to Mrs Alborn for an amazing camp experience at Totaranui for our Year 6 - 8 students

Cabrini Movie in Motueka cinema now it is a true story about Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini (nun) set off a daring mission to build an empire of hope in America with her broken English and poor health.

Minister	17/3/2024	24/03/2024
Greeter	S & V Cameron	M Kilmartin D Ogilvie
Morning Tea	S & V Cameron	M Pascua J Moriarty
Music	Mary Wilson	Hemon & Katie
Prayers Faithful	Veonica Dugdale	SPC
Readers	D Ogilvie & V Dugdale	SPC Students
Eucharistic	S & V Cameron	M Macquet V Dugdale
Cleaning	S & C Collins	
Lawns	Paul Hay	Maurice Roche