



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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Acts 4:8-12; First John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

### 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 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> each month  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**Deadline Wednesday Noon**

### Good Shepherd's Sunday

While living in Wellington a couple of years ago, I was visiting a local cafe and had a cup of coffee with a piece of pie for my lunch. As I was in a hurry, I decided to eat when I got home. When exiting, I saw this older man looking at me, he appeared homeless and hungry. Because I was in a hurry, I ignored him and didn't get his attention. Suddenly, I was moved by my conscience and thought I might need to talk to this person, but I was internally deliberating whether to let it go and move on. I felt guilty, not even acknowledging him. Since I bought a coffee and a piece of pie, I offered him the food. His reaction astonished me, he looked at me fiercely and asked, "Do you believe in God?" At that time, I wanted to ignore his question because I was in a hurry, but deep within my heart, something compelled me to answer the question. So, I decided to answer the question quickly because I knew he would ask me again, "Why?".

I replied, "Yes, I believe in God, and what about you?" He said, "I don't believe in God." After hearing those words, I realised that this man needed my help. I asked him if he would mind sitting for a while and talking, which he agreed to. As our conversation continued, George shared that he didn't believe in God because his parents never introduced him to religion. He added, "Brother, I waited 3 hours, and nobody would talk. I have lots of fear and uncertainty in my life, but here you are a stranger, offering your food and time to me, "Now I believe in God." This encounter left an indelible mark on me, underscoring kindness's profound impact on a weary soul.

This realization has brought a sense of humility and accountability. I have come to see myself as a steward of what God has entrusted to me, mindful that each person in my care is precious in His eyes. I am constantly aware that I must answer to my community and God for how I shepherd His flock. In my journey as a shepherd to my community, I understand this role as one of profound responsibility and sacrificial love. Being a good shepherd requires a **deep sense of empathy and compassion**. It's about more than just leading; it's about walking alongside those struggling who feel lost or alone. This has involved listening to their stories, sharing their pain, and offering comfort and support. It has been a reminder that each flock member has unique struggles and needs.

This encounter with George is a testament to the hunger for love and understanding that many of our brothers and sisters carry, a hunger often left unaddressed. Through this encounter, George's fear transformed into peace, and doubt blossomed into a belief in something more significant. This story serves as a poignant reminder to seek personal encounters with Jesus, acknowledging our doubts while living out our faith in a way that testifies to the transformative power of the risen Lord. May the Lord's peace radiate through you, reaching those whose faith and trust may be waning.

Blessings  
Emilio Capin  
ADW Seminarian

## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

“**Advance Care Planning Sessions** were held at the beginning of April in Richmond. The sessions were led by Maryann Hardcastle who is employed by Nelson Bays Primary Health specifically to educate and assist people with both thinking about and completed an Advance Care Plan for themselves.

Those who attended the sessions were enthusiastic in their response to how and what Maryann presented and have spoken positively about the Plan.

More sessions are being planned for later in the year but in the meantime there are Care Plan guides and brochures in the foyer at OLPH. The information can also be accessed on line at [www.myacp.org.nz](http://www.myacp.org.nz)

If you would like further information or hard copy plans for other venues please contact Adrienne Hill on either [howard\\_adrienne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz) or 021 526404.”

The Day of Prayer for Vocations, and the Seminary Collection, is this coming Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday

### CONTEMPLATIVE MORNING

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am to 12.30pm

Facilitator : Karen Moynagh

Theme : Let your Soul Unfurl

See flyer at the notification board at church

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**Alistair Sharland** died recently.

A Mass of Remembrance was prayed here on Wednesday.

We offer our prayers and support to his mother Maureen Sharland and family.

**Pauline Wilson** was farewelled at a Requiem Mass on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pauline was a parishioner many years ago and returned to our area 3 years ago, living at Ernest Rutherford. We offer sympathy to her family.



We will try to offer morning tea monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month and we will have another interesting speaker and offer time to get to know other parishioners, and enjoy morning tea.  
If you would like to help either setting up, serving or cleaning up at end your help would be welcomed. Please contact Karen 027 245 7800.

### LOST PROPERTY

Reminder of a chance to check and claim your property.

Look in the box by main door into foyer.



### ANZAC Day 2024

Anzac Day will be commemorated with a Mass at 9.30am on Thursday, 25 April in both the Richmond and Motueka Churches

## ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

There will be a working bee at Waimeha (west) cemetery and grounds on Saturday, 20 April at 9am -12.30pm, the week before the Waimeha Mass. Please bring all gardening tools, we'll be doing a variety of things...

Morning tea the highlight as ever....Can those wonderful people who bring the table, the crockery, the urn, do so as per usual. I will bring tea, coffee, milk and sugar.

If wet, we might have to postpone but I will send out a notice to that effect.

## ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

### Motueka RSE WORKERS

A local coordinator has asked if any parishioners have spare pillows, large towels n large mink blankets we can give to the workers.

If you have spare, can you please leave in church foyer and I'll drop them to coordinator

## Fr JAYA, 10 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

Congratulations to Fr Jaya, who celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination by saying Mass with us last Sunday.

## AFRICAN MISSIONS

You will have noticed the picture of the Resurrection on the front of the pulpit, which has a distinctly African flavour. About 10 years ago, two of our parishioners, Michael and Terri Carney left to volunteer at a Mission in Tanzania. Our Parish supported them with donations for a few years. An artist in their community sent us half a dozen of his works. This one was bought for the Church, and the others were sold to members of our Congregation to raise funds for the mission. They all had the vibrant colours and clean execution of this picture.

## ANZAC DAY MASS at ST PETER CHANEL

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9.30AM

## THE SICK, HOUSEBOUND AND LONELY

Please remember in your prayers those in our Parish, families, and neighbourhoods, who are having to cope with illness or other worries at this time. Especially, Joan Curtain and Peter Goodman.

## PARISH PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets at the new time of 6.15pm each Wednesday, in the Church Foyer. All welcome.

You can get more information from Elizabeth Stolten [mestolten@gmail.com](mailto:mestolten@gmail.com)



Minister	21/04/2024	28/4/2024
Greeter	E Taggart T Hall	Z. Ogilvie & M. Wilson
Morning Tea	C & E Buenz	A Lane & R Cahill
Music	Scott Cameron	Josie Moriarty
Prayers Faithful	Jim Maguire	Fran Peacey
Readers	S&V Cameron	A Lane & C Renwick
Eucharistic	K O'Gorman/J Maguire	V Dugdale & H Duncan
Cleaning		W & R McGregor
Lawns	Paul Hay	Maurice Roche



## Sacramental Programme Term 2 & 3, 2024: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Richmond

Dates have now been confirmed for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation as part of the *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church* Sacramental Programme for 2024. This begins a two-year cycle, for which First Holy Communion will follow in early 2025. Dates and times are as follows:

### First Reconciliation:

Preparation Sessions:

Dates: Sunday 5th May, 12th May, 26th May, 9th June.

Time: 9.30 - 11 am each Sunday with morning tea to follow.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will take place on **Sunday 9th June at 2pm** followed by afternoon tea.

### Confirmation:

Preparation Sessions:

Dates: 4th August, 11th August, 18th August, 25th August. *A practice may be required at 5 pm on Thurs 5th Sept.*

Time: 9.30 - 11 am each Sunday with morning tea to follow.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on **Saturday 7th September at 5 pm**, with Archbishop Paul presiding. A light supper will follow.



Please note that Baptism is a prerequisite for the above sacraments and children must be 7-8 years or older. Parent sessions are held in conjunction with the childrens' programme and parents are required to attend. They do not need to be regular church attendees.

If you would like to register your child, or would like more information about the above programme, please contact Markelle Ward [markelleward@garincollege.ac.nz](mailto:markelleward@garincollege.ac.nz)