



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

14th March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Solemnity Passion

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Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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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Deadline Wednesday Noon

"Truly this man was God's son"

We come together this Sunday to experience again the journey through Holy Week, beginning with the joy of the parade into Jerusalem. It can be challenging to move from this sense of joy to the reading of the Passion.

When listening to the Passion, I'm always moved by the moment when the Roman centurion, the man who crucified Jesus, 'recognises Him', "Truly this man was God's son". I wonder to myself, if I had walked this journey by Christ, who would I be in the story?

Around 20 years ago John Phillips wrote a beautiful piece of Liturgical music that we would always sing during our Holy Week Liturgies in my time at Saint Joseph's. The verses focus on one being a bystander at the crucifixion. The chorus asked, "If you were there what would you do?" You may like to listen to a couple of the verses via this link.

https://youtu.be/Fje_TWqaXy0

One of the dominant themes that runs through the Gospel of Mark, from its very beginning, is that Jesus' disciples, those who are closest to him, are uncertain of who he is, unclear on what he is about, and they misunderstand Jesus' message. As the Gospel progresses, we see a group of disciples who are fearful, forgetful, and who abandon Jesus. He dies alone, on the cross.

As we once again enter into this ancient story, and become characters in it ourselves, we ask the question where do I stand, what will I do? May our experience of Holy Week see us experience a transformation that will see us courageous in the midst of a broken, suffering, unjust world. May we always recognise the face of Christ within our brothers and sisters. With every blessing for Holy Week.


Ngā mihi nui

Maureen Phillips

Principal - Saint Paul's School



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS



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**




Archdiocese of Wellington

Garin College
Champion Road
Richmond 7020

11:00am, 26 March 2024



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



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

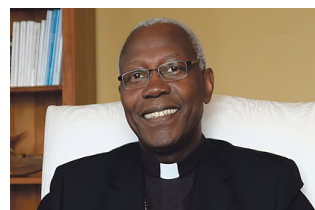
- > After Mass on Wednesday and Friday
- > During / after the Stations of the Cross (on Fridays at 7pm)
- > On GOOD FRIDAY – 29th March – RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 9:30AM

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

Papal Nuncio Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa returning to Rome

Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, the Apostolic Nuncio to Aotearoa New Zealand, is began his journey back to Rome on Saturday as he continues his recovery from a stroke. Archbishop Rugambwa has been our Apostolic Nuncio since March 2019. He suffered a stroke last 27 October and has been recovering and undergoing rehabilitation in Wellington since.



Bishop Steve Lowe, Bishop of Auckland and President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, asks Catholics to keep Archbishop Rugambwa in their prayers: “It is with much sadness that we farewell Archbishop Novatus. The bishops acknowledge our deep gratitude for his services to the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific. We pray for his safe travels to Rome and we invoke the prayers of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, our New Zealand patroness, for his healing and continued wellbeing.”

A statement is attached, as well as a photo of Archbishop Novatus at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palmerston North at the Installation Mass for Bishop John Adams. The statement is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nuncio/>

We have an opportunity for a parishioner to consider which will assist with the running of our parish: Safeguarding Officer – this person works with the ADW Safeguarding Advisor to ensure that all the policies and procedures relating to Safeguarding are adhered to. The Parish Administrator is also the Safeguarding Administrator and deals with all admin aspects leaving the Safeguarding Officer to focus on the training of new volunteers who will be working with children and vulnerable adults. They would liaise with the Parish Priest and the Safeguarding Advisor in the event of any concerns raised. If you have interest in finding out more about this role please contact Fr Michael Bellizzi in the first instance.

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

There a true story of Cabrini is played in cinema, it has an outstanding rating and it will uplift and nourish your heart, mind and soul of her passion for humanity and her mission to love and serve people. She is known as the Patron Saint of Immigrants.

Advanced Care Planning Most of us prefer not to focus on what might happen as we age. We think our bodies and minds will continue to function as they always have.

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 1030am 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



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

We have an opportunity for an organised parishioner/parishioners to assist in the production of rosters every 3 months. The rosters are:

- *Eucharistic Ministers *Foyer Greeters *Children's Liturgy

Production of the rosters is not time consuming with a maximum to 3 to 4 hours every 3 months required if one person was to produce all 3. The rosters are already in place until the end of May.

If you would like more information please contact Adrienne Hill on either 021 526404 or howard_adrienne@xtra.co.nz

SACRED HEART, TAKAKA

DATE	MASS / SERVICE
Sunday, 24 th March , 9.30am	Presentation by Angela Francis oAwarenesson Child Trafficking, followed by Communion
GOOD FRIDAY 29 th , March 3pm	Stations of the Cross Service & Communion
EASTER SUN 31 st March , 5pm	Mass

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

Minister	24/03/2024	31/03/2024
Greeter	M Kilmartin D Ogilive	C. McKinstry&Jim Maguire
Morning Tea	M Pascua & J Moriarty	M Kilmartin &L Assaf
Music	Hemon & Katie	Josie Moriarty
Prayers Faithful	SPC	Judy Kenter
Readers	SPC Students	M Kilmartin & E stolten
Eucharistic	M Macquet&V Dugdale	J Kenter &E Taggart
Cleaning		W & M Frondarine
Lawns	Maurice Roche	William Frondarina

PALM SUNDAY

This Sunday is the Palm Sunday School Mass. If your children or grandchildren attend another school, why not bring them along and join in this joyous day in our Church Calendar. Assemble outside the Church by 9-30am to process in to Mass.

EASTER/LENTEN RECONCILIATION

After Mass, Tuesdays and Sundays

During / after Stations of the Cross – Fridays, 7pm

On Tuesday of Holy week – 26th March. Reconciliation Service at 7pm

PRAYER GROUP

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

For more information contact Elizabeth Stolten: mestolten@gmail.

CHRISM MASS

This will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin SM, and the six Priests of the Top of the South on Tuesday 26th March at 11am at Garin College. This is when the Holy Oil used in the various Church ceremonies are blessed for use over the next year.

EASTER VIGIL MASS.

Note that there is an Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday March 30th at 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass is as usual at 9.30am

PIANO FUNDRAISING

You will be relieved to hear that our target of \$4000 to pay the balance of the new Electronic Piano has been reached! Vickie Cameron announced this on Sunday, and said that if there should be a surplus, it will go towards wiring the Piano into the sound system, and getting another microphone. Congratulations to our Faith Community. It is a very generous and supportive fund-raising effort. Thank You All.

Last chance to buy a ticket in the Quilt Raffle! It will be drawn 30 minutes after Palm Sunday Mass.

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, prior to the draw.

FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE

Help please, for those arranging the flowers for Church. While we enjoy doing the arrangements, sometimes we struggle to find enough material to use. If you have suitable flowers or foliage in your garden that you would be happy to contribute, we would be very grateful to have it. Particularly in the sparser months. If you would please let me know, I will pass your name on to whoever is doing the arrangements at that time. Thank you. If you would like to help by joining the Flower Group, male or female, young or old, we would love to have you. Susan Collins 021 293 4912

The Sharp family is having an anniversary gathering for the passing of Ron Sharp. This will be at 2pm on Monday 11 April. If you were a friend of Ron's and wish to join them - please do so. They are meeting at the picnic table dedicated to Ron, outside of St Peter Chanel Church. Please bring some afternoon tea with you
They would like to invite anyone who cares to join with them.

Did you see that our Archdiocesan Rugby team, the Hurricanes, have had yet another win. This time over our Southern neighbours!

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Community Prayer St Patrick's Day

Loving Jesus, Sunday 17th was the feast of St Patrick's, the patron Saint of Ireland. This is a feast day celebrated around the world by those of Irish descent, as well as being celebrated in Ireland. Often people will wear green as an outward sign that they are proudly Irish and celebrating their faith by acknowledging the Saint that brought Christianity to Ireland. Jesus, we pray that we will proudly share our faith through living our Catholic values daily, as the Saints have before us. Amen.

Room Aroha Visit to Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital

Last Tuesday as part of our outreach programme in being connected with our community, Miss Strong and Room Aroha students were visiting Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital to pay their respects to our komatua who reside there.

Y6 Tasman Mission Day

He iti te mokoroa, nāna i kati te kahikatea // The mokoroa (grub) may be small, but it cuts through the Kahikatea. Small things can have a great impact! Think big and it is possible to achieve great things.

Groups from Tasman schools are gathering together at Whenua Iti Outdoors with a focus on the environment.

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

Registration Information

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 2 pm** 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.

Registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open.

If you would like to register your child, or if you have any questions about the above programme, please do not hesitate to contact Markelle Ward markelleward@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz or Mary Healey maryhealey6@gmail.com

"The grace of the Sacraments nourishes in us a strong and joyful faith, a faith that knows how to stand in wonder before the "marvels" of God" (Pope Francis)

ST PETER AND PAUL, WAIMEA WEST

There will be a working bee at Waimeha (west) cemetery and grounds on Saturday, 20 April 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.

