



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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5th Sunday of Easter

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Acts 9:26-3; First John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

### 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**

### God's Children are NOT for sale!

Many years ago, as a registered nurse in Auckland Hospital, a chaplain would visit patients in the Intensive Care Unit (who were close to dying) and ask them if they wanted to talk about anything. As we were in a confined space, we could not help but over-hear conversations despite not wanting to.

Often times, they would talk about their regrets. The most common regrets were not making amends with people, not spending enough time with family, and not doing the things they really wanted to, or were called to, do.

I wonder how we might have responded.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, once said "if I had 300 men who fear nothing but God, hated nothing but sin, and were determined to know nothing but Jesus... I would set the world on fire!"

In His Holiness's Pope Francis' ongoing call to "be mission", he encourages all of us to "open our eyes to reality" and "be ready to take risks".

Throughout the month of March, I had the privilege of being invited to share, within our own parish and beyond, the Preda story (a Catholic charity in the Philippines who combat the issue of child sex trafficking). The presentations provided an overview of worldwide child sex trafficking, the statistics, the reality in New Zealand, a little about Preda and what we may be called to do.

There were just under 100 people in attendance across the four churches. Those in attendance described outrage, sadness and feeling overwhelmed. They wanted to know more... and what they could do to help.

Our response was always: pray first, and see where the Holy Spirit leads. But then **speak** about the reality of the "four-children-every-minute" who are exploited in the worldwide sex trade industry.

As a result of the feedback received, we were strongly encouraged to form a Charity. After much prayer and discernment, we are now in the process of doing just that. Over the next few months, we will be launching the "Saint Nicholas Children's Trust".

Let us all be inspired and encouraged to  
"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire"  
(Saint Catherine of Siena)

On behalf of our parishioners, we thank Angela Francis and keep her in prayer and support her, as she continues to raise awareness about child sex trafficking.

## OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

### 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 Thursday 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)

#### **Children Baptism**

Congratulation on your baptism and welcome all to our parish.

May this sacred day bring love, joy, peace and blessings through the years ahead.

- \* Alexander Ezra Grajo
- \* Harrison Emmet & Rosie Bloom Hill
- \* Lila Isadore Young
- \* Alessia Clara Louisa Dela Cruz
- \* Lara Snobs Raja
- \* Phoenix Wyatt McMahan

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

On Friday 5 April the sun shone and the Saint Paul's school community and guests gathered to celebrate our Silver Jubilee. Archbishop Paul also opened our two new classrooms and blessed our multi purpose space and library. It was a day to reflect on the gift our Catholic Schools have been for our parish community and to experience the gratitude of the vision held 28 years ago when the journey began.

We are sharing this video with a selection of photos from the day so that you can see what a joy filled and blessed occasion this was. [\*\*Link to video\*\*](#)

On behalf of our school community we thank you for your prayers and ongoing support. God bless you all.

#### **DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL WOMEN**

WOW - an exciting new evening session for all Women to come and see.

Dinner is provided at 6:30 p.m. on THURSDAY 9TH MAY. We start at 7p.m. with singing praise and worship songs, watch a vibrant video about the Holy Spirit and break into small quick chat groups to share anything that inspired us from the video. The evening concludes with optional prayer available for those who would like gentle prayer. You will be made very welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Contact: Stacey Ashley 0212597681 for carpooling offers and requests

### **MORNING TEA on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### **MORNING TEA in April**

We enjoyed having Louisa Rani with us. She is the Pastoral Director for the seminary and gave a very interesting talk on her life, priest training and the role we have in supporting Emilio in his pastoral year with us.

## **ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA**

### **RSE WORKERS**

*Many thanks* to you wonderful folk who donated linen etc to our local RSE WORKERS.

You may have noticed the group from Solomon islands at our church who arrived a month ago and are working on a local orchard. There are thirteen men and they will be here for another six months. If anyone can donate WARM MENS CLOTHING... (especially jackets and jerseys) that would be so appreciated. Winter is approaching fast .

Also, if anyone has suitcases, large bags, they are not using, they would be used to fill with necessities and take back home. On the off chance... anyone have a spare bike??

Just leave goods in our church foyer and I'll drop them to the men

### **MOTUEKA ANOINTING MASS**

This Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am

### **THE SICK, HOUSEBOUND AND LONELY**

Please remember in 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. If you have a suggestion for next months theme please contact Elizabeth. You can get more information from Elizabeth Stolten mestolten@gmail.com

### **FREE MONEY**

You should have received your gifting receipt from Gerard Cronin, the Parish Finance Coordinator, about April 4<sup>th</sup>. This, along with any other receipts you may have for donations, ie St Johns Ambulance ,Ronald McDonald House etc which entitles you to claim for a 33% refund. While this can be done at the same time as your Tax return, it is not part of the Tax return, and can be done separately. It can involve scanning the receipts, and if this, or any other part of the process is off-putting, please ask a friend or relative to give you a hand. While you didn't donate in expectation of getting some of it back, not claiming just leaves the money in some government slush fund where it might get used for morning tea shouts or something. If you are really not worried about getting your money back, then claim it and donate it again to your Church, or another worthy cause. It could then become perpetual money!

### **Email Delivery**

Welcome to those Parishioners receiving our Newsletter by e-mail for the first time this week. Updating the Parish register has taken a while, but it is now current as far as we know. If your details appear to be wrong, you are not receiving this and want to, have suggestions for content for the Newsletter, or want to contact someone in the Parish, please email your message to either the Parish Admin Era Creevey at [office.admin@parish.org.nz](mailto:office.admin@parish.org.nz) or John Leydon at [spcmot@gmail.com](mailto:spcmot@gmail.com). Welcome aboard!

<b>Minister</b>	<b>28/4/2024</b>	<b>5/05/2024</b>
Greeter	Z. Ogilvie & M. Wilson	J Leydon & A. Lucas
Morning Tea	A Lane/R Cahill	A & M Lucas
Music	Josie Moriarty	Mary Wilson
Prayers Faithful	Fran Peacey	Judy Kenter
Readers	A Lane/C Renwick	C Ellis & S Collins
Eucharistic	V Dugdale/H Duncan	M Macquet /J Moriarty
Cleaning	W & R McGregor	
Lawns	Maurice Roche	William Frondarina



**Save the Date**  
**Nelson Dove Women's Group**  
Come and see a Holy Spirit Video with other women and enjoy some peaceful time out for your own faith Praise & Worship Music and Prayer  
**St Mary's Meeting Room, Manuka St Nelson**  
**Thursday May 9th**  
**6:30 soup & buns**  
**7:00 - 8:15 p.m. session**