



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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Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

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Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Collosians 3: 1-4; John 20:1-9

New Beginnings

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

It is striking how, so soon after the Resurrection, the apostles return to their old job of fishing. I've always taken this as a sign of a weak faith, or an immature response as they consider what to do next. They still had to realise what kind of new life Christ was leading them into. In the meantime, they sort of "slid back" to what they did before.

But when John tells us (John 21:3) even after two appearances of the Risen Christ, that they went "fishing", it suggests they were making a conscious choice. They don't think of starting anything holy or religious as yet, like getting a job at the Temple, or taking vows, or leaving their wives, or getting some fancy titles as leaders. Nor is there any mention of them baptizing each other, or doing anything special other than giving witness to what had happened – starting from within themselves.

Another striking detail is that the Risen Christ never looks like a supernatural figure, but is mistaken – in one case for a gardener, then for a fellow traveller on the road, and then for a fisherman offering advice. He seems to look just like everybody else after the Resurrection, even with his wounds on full display!

This is the journey of faith that we are being asked to make, step by step. It is sobering to think that in the Gospel, some never start the journey and obviously do not finish it. Can the same happen to us? God is so gracious, and keeps sending opportunities for us to respond, but we have to do so from within our ordinary lives.

Like the apostles, we encounter the Risen Christ in our ordinariness and woundedness. When the inner part of us is transformed, it seems we can all go back to "fishing". Even though we are still in the dark, we do not really need any outer validations. On the contrary, after any authentic God encounter, we can consciously carry our past, our memories and our humiliating wounds, but only now more humbly. That is our only badge of honour.

It will soon be a year now that I have been on this journey with you, accompanied first by Fr Cirilo and now by Fr Jaya and also by Emilio as he goes through his Pastoral Year with us. It has been a time of new beginnings for me and for all of us, as we respond to the evolving needs of our communities and region. As priests we are being generously supported and encouraged, and that communicates a spirit of understanding and belonging and relief.

Yet there is more to come. We need to find ways that ultimately foster, not just a greater collaboration between communities, but also how to address and distribute our pastoral and financial commitments and resources, in a more effective way. We need to learn how to "fish" from a different side of the boat and with different expectations of what success might mean.

All the while, we are totally assured that the Resurrected Christ is at hand, hidden under the guise of a wayfarer or "worker"... Could that be you?

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OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

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Fellow “fishers” can be available for every good work and advice; they stand and beckon from the shores, from the edges of every ordinary life. Their qualification is every “secular” occupation. Christ is still talking to working people who, like the first disciples, are not important, influential, especially “holy,” trained in theology, or even educated. This is the doorway, which is open and welcoming.

“Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe” (John 20, 29). Yes this is a time when surely we need to be as one, to be together, to believe together and to work together. This is our invitation to all of you as we step forward to new beginnings.

The Light is ON for You



Reconciliation
Lent 2024



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

From Maintenance to Mission - getting the balance right!

Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organisation focused on parish renewal. Fr James Mallon, DR's founder, introduced DR to NZ in 2018 at the national clergy assembly in Christchurch. Since then, the model has continued to inspire and facilitate renewal parishes all over the world. The Archdiocese is delighted to welcome Mr Dan O'Rourke (D.R's current president) to Wellington for an evening specifically focussed on strategies for renewal in our parishes. Parish Pastoral Council members and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes.

We strongly recommend being there in person, but if distance is going to be awkward (e.g. You live in the South Island) you can join us on Teams. Please email for more details. l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Date: Thursday 18 April - 6:30pm (Cup of tea) 7.00pm- 9.00pm Session Venue: St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville, Wellington. [Click here for a one-minute intro to Divine Renovation](#) [MINISTRY BIO - Divine Renovation Ministry](#)

Come work for us – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well.

Reporting to the CE, they will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team.

For more information, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

An invitation from your NELSON DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Open to all women to come and watch an inspiring video about the Holy Spirit and be refreshed.

Saturday 13th April, 1pm.

35 William St Richmond. Parish Hall room

“Be Joyful, Pray & Be Thankful in all Circumstances” is our theme



“There will be a hot cross bun morning tea in the hall after mass this Sunday 31 March. All are welcome.”

Heather Phillips and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Fr Jaya, the parish community and the Principal, staff and students of St Paul's school for the wonderful support and prayers received after the passing of their much loved Peter.

“HE IS RISEN”

“HE IS RISEN INDEED, HALLELUJAH!”

Using this address should be more than an empty tradition. The words “He is risen!” remind us of the joyous news we celebrate at Easter, that Jesus’ death was not in vain, and that He has the power to overcome death. Saying “He is risen!” allows us to share this incredible truth with each other. The resurrection of Christ gives us hope for salvation and for our own resurrection and eternal life.

Easter Timetable - Happy Easter!!

Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday March 30th at 7.00pm.

Easter Sunday Mass is at the usual time at 9.30am

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday was a well attended Mass that began with Fr Jaya blessing the Palms outside on the Church lawn. The Congregation then filed into the Church with a hymn accompanied by three violins. The Children of St Peter Chanel School read all of the readings, and a large crowd enjoyed morning tea after Mass.

SPARE PALMS

There are some extra palms in a basket in the foyer. If you missed out last week, help yourself. They have been blessed.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Many thanks to Fr. Michael for a lovely, reflective and interactive service on Tuesday evening at St. Peter Chanel. Also thank you to both of our priests for providing us with plenty of opportunities, this Lent, to obtain the joy of reconciliation.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

There are three special collections coming up for Easter: Holy Places on Good Friday 29th March, and the Archdiocese Easter collection on Easter Sunday 31st March. The above two appeals are run by the Parish on behalf of the ADW.

The money raised from the Holy Places Appeal goes towards the upkeep of sacred sites in the Holy Land. Brown special collection envelopes are available in the Church foyer for you to use.

Please remember to write your planned giving number, or name, on the envelopes when you use them.

Just to be clear, there is also the Caritas Lenten Appeal (also referred to as the Bishops Lenten Appeal)

This is run by Caritas (based in Wellington)– It is an annual nationwide appeal that they run every Lent.

Caritas are a Catholic charity supported by the Bishops of New Zealand. There are also envelopes for this Charity, or you can make donations on line. The money raised primarily funds the worthy mission work that they do overseas.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Motueka branch of SVDP are having their monthly meeting next Tuesday ,April 2nd ,in the Church foyer at 3pm. New members are welcome. A reminder that there is a bin in the foyer for you to contribute non-perishable food each week for SVDP to distribute to those in need.

PRAYER GROUP

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

For more information contact Elizabeth Stolten mestolten@gmail.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for those in our community who need our love and support. That we reach out to the sick, the sad, and those who are struggling to support their families at this time. We remember especially the sick of our own Church community, including Peter Goodman and Joan Curtain. Also spare a prayer for the Doctors and Nurses whom we really don’t need until we really do!



St PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

A Property Project list has been made based on our 2023 Community Consultation. Revitalising the adventure playground equipment features prominently on the list. Physical presentation of the school is also on the list. The Classroom Block will be painted in 2024. An SPC Kapahaka Group will be started

Palm Sunday Mass

Through God’s Wisdom We Are Connected to Each other and our World

Thank you to all the students for their participation and leadership in our school family mass.

Minister	31/03/2024	7/4/2024
Greeter	C. McKinstry & Jim Maguire	S and J Collins
Morning Tea	M Kilmartin & L Assaf	S & J Collins
Music	Josie Moriarty	Mary Wilson
Prayers Faithful	Judy Kenter	V Dugdale
Readers	M Kilmartin & E Stolten	N&C Campbell
Eucharistic	J Kenter & E Taggart	K Courtney & J Moriarty
Cleaning	W & M Frondarine	
Lawns	William Frondarina	John Farrely

**“Be Joyful, Pray & Be Thankful
in all Circumstances”**

Nelson Dove
Catholic Fellowship
for All Women



1 Thessalonians 5 :16 Theme for 2024

**Come Watch the Holy Spirit
Video and be refreshed!**

**Saturday 13th April,
1 p.m.**

35 William St Richmond. Parish rooms

Our Lady of the Bays Parish/Holy Family - Easter Liturgies 2024

	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond	St Peter Chanel Motueka	Sacred Heart Takaka	St Francis of Assisi Stoke	St Mary's Nelson
Holy Thursday 28/3	7.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Supper and Silent Prayer until 9.00pm	9.00am Liturgy of the Word and Communion			6.30pm - Reconciliation 7.30pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Supper and Adoration until 9.30pm
Good Friday 29/3	9.30am Reconciliation Service			2.00pm Reconciliation Service	
Good Friday 29/3	3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord	2.15pm station of the cross & 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord	3.00pm Stations of the Cross & Communion service	3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord	
Saturday 30/3	9.30am Morning Prayers	7.00pm Easter Vigil			7.30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 31/3	9.30am Easter Sunday Mass	9.30am Easter Sunday Mass	5.00pm Easter Sunday Mass	8.30am Easter Sunday Mass	10.30am Easter Sunday Mass



Office Hours over Easter Holiday

Good Friday and Monday Easter
will be closed. Any urgent matter
please call the priests and press
#3 or #4 to leave the message.