



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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The Ascension of The Lord

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Acts 1:1-11; Ephesian 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

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

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, the day when Jesus left the world to ascend to the Father, we are reminded of the great mission that he gave to his followers. It is interesting to imagine that moment by placing ourselves in the shoes of the Apostles. We could say they had the gift of three years training alongside Jesus, but I doubt they felt confident in responding to the Great Commission.

As Catholics, we are all called to be active participants in the mission of spreading the good news. Our faith is not meant to be kept hidden or confined within the walls of our churches but rather shared with everyone we encounter. The commissioning of the Apostles reminds us of our responsibility to be witnesses to Christ's love and mercy in our daily lives with the same courage shown by them.

Pope Francis is calling us today to obey the Lord's command given 2,000 years ago. He reminds us that everyone needs to hear the good news that they are loved. As we reflect on this, let us renew our commitment to living out the Great Commission in our own lives by noticing the poor, the sick, the outcasts, and all those who suffer injustice and by sharing with them the good news that they are loved.

We pray that, as members of the Body of Christ, each of us will go forth into our week with full confidence in the knowledge that He goes before us and empowers us to fulfill His mission in the world as we boldly proclaim the gospel message through our words and actions, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to work through each and everyone of us.

Ngā mihi nui

Maureen Phillips

Principal - Saint Paul's School

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Safeguarding Officer Vacancy

Greetings, my name is Kevin Plant and I recently commenced as the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Archdiocese based in Wellington. For over three years Adrienne Hill has been providing stalwart service as the Safeguarding Officer in your Parish. Circumstances are changing and Adrienne and her husband are planning to move closer to family in Christchurch. This provides an opportunity for someone to take up the Safeguarding Officer role to continue Adrienne's work in developing a culture of Safeguarding. We want to ensure that everyone who comes into our Church community feels respected, is treated with dignity and feels safe. This voluntary role requires a servant leader who enjoys assisting others and wants to make a difference. To find out more about the role, please contact Father Michael Bellizi in the first instance.



the ADW's marriage preparation course **'Love is a Decision'** is to be held Sundays 9th & 16th June at St Catherine's College Kilbirnie. There are still places available for couples to register online or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Thank you for your ongoing support of marriage ministries.

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/>

Murchison Church Closure

Following Mass at 4pm on Sunday 19 May, the doors of St Peter Chanel church Murchison will be closed, and the church relegated to secular use. These doors have been opened since 1922. Afterwards there will be a 'get-together' in the hall. (A plate of finger food for this would be appreciated). A warm invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend. Please contact Elaine O'Connor 03 523 9184 to register your interest.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Kia Ora Tatou,

The AGM for the OLPH St Vincent de Paul Society is fast approaching (7pm June 17th to be precise). This seems as good a time as any for the Society to make an effort to recruit new members. As the saying goes, there is no time like the present. Ideally our conference (committee) ought to reflect the make up of our congregation, which is diverse in age and ethnicity. Currently this is not the case.

The conference is the decision making body of the Society and has responsibility for running our shop, and for our charitable outreach which is extended to anybody in need, regardless of creed, or ethnicity. Our mission statement says "No work of charity is foreign to the Society". We are also charged with seeking and finding those in need. This, we believe, would be aided by a more diverse membership.

A recent happiness expert identified the four things which contribute most to a happiness index, as being, faith, family, friends and work that serves. Membership of the Society doesn't guarantee all of these, but it can definitely supply the latter two.

Contact details for our office holders are on the notice board in the foyer and cards outlining some of the services we supply are also to be found there. A list of our activities listed in this newsletter.

Nga Manaakitanga,
Margaret O'Connor,
President OLPH Conference

SVdP Activities

- Delivery of bereavement baskets
- Supplying meals
- Home visiting
- Collecting and delivering rubbish to tip for client
- Sourcing fresh vegetables for food parcels
- Subsidising transport for whanau to visit terminally ill parent.
- Assistance with power, internet and phone bills.
- Helping with rent and rent arrears
- Donating and transporting excess summer clothing stock to Greymouth
- St Vincent de Paul.
- Organising pot luck dinner for volunteers
- Supplying kitchenware and bedding
- Sending sympathy, birthday, anniversary, and get well cards.
- Food parcels
- Collecting and distributing kai rescue food.
- Three Saturday sales of summer clothing in March
- Collaborating with local V de P shops and conferences.
- Curating facebook page
- Transport
- Assisting client with grant application to another agency
- Sponsoring and assisting with an application for citizenship

REQUIEM MASS FOR JIM LEE was celebrated on Friday 3rd May.

Jim was a long time active parishioner and spent his last years at Ernest Rutherford. He was a gifted woodworker and made the credence table, the altar in the side chapel and I think the candle stick stands that stood beside him as he lay in his casket. May he rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to his step daughters Erin Powick and Maureen Phillips and their families.

MORNING TEA IN HALL
WEDNESDAY 15th MAY - 10.15am
AFTER 9.30am MASS

You are warmly invited to come and meet others.
Michelle Coghlan will share some of her faith story.
Queries Karen 027 245 7800



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

A group meets on Monday evenings at 7.30 to 8.15 pm in the hall. You are very welcome to join us. No experience needed.

Mass to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Saint Paul's School

Our next Family mass will be celebrated on Saturday 18 May at 5.00pm.

This will be a joint mass with the school to celebrate the establishment of the Saint Paul's School by the Richmond Parish twenty five years ago. This mass will replace the usual Sunday family mass.

We warmly welcome all past and present Saint Paul's school families to join us.

If you would like your child to play a role in this mass please contact:

Karla Biggs: karla77.biggs@gmail.com, Kathryn Powick: kathryn.powick@stpauls-richmond.school.nz

Please bring something to share for supper after the mass.

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

LEADERSHIP GROUP

This month's meeting is Wednesday May 15th at 5-15 pm in the Church foyer. All are welcome, especially if you are interested in contributing to the management of our Parish.

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 those in Hospital, and Joan Curtain and Peter Goodman.

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets at the new time of 6.15pm each Wednesday, in the Church Foyer. You can get more information from Elizabeth Stolten mestolten@gmail.com

COMBINED MOTUEKA CHURCHES PENTECOST CELEBRATION

This event will be at the Motueka Memorial Hall on Saturday 18th of May at 5.30pm. It will be a gathering with Songs, Scripture and Prayer. There will be a shared supper afterwards. Come along and share this celebration with the Christians of Motueka and Tasman. It would be good to have a contingent from St Peter Chanel join in. More details available from Fran Peacey 022 664 7362, attached leaflet at last page.

ROSTERS

The next 3 month's Rosters are being finalised. If you would like to join one of the weekly ministries then please contact the person shown in the Parish Directory this week.

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Nelson Museum

Last Wednesday we welcomed Kelly O'Leary from Nelson Museum who shared with us the story of the wreck of the Delaware. Hūria Mātenga, her husband Hemi, and neighbour Ropata, went into the water repeatedly to save the crew and passengers. This term we are learning about heroes connected to our community in the past and the present, and how they used their faith to help others. Our Year 4 - 8 students are going to travel to the Suter Gallery in two weeks, to view the painting of The Wreck of the Delaware and find out more about what occurred.

Wednesday Kapahaka

We welcome Matua Sean and Whaea Punky to school this Wednesday morning to lead us with Kapahaka. Thank you so much for sharing your cultural and artistic expertise with us.

Wednesday - Sport Tasman Coaching

We welcome Daniel from Sport Tasman to school each Wednesday afternoon this term. Daniel will be coaching our students in ball skills.

Reading Together Parent Workshop 2

It was great to see so many parents and caregivers attending the first Reading Together workshop last week. This week Ms Strong will be leading the workshop focused on developing a love of literacy in your child. These workshops have proven to be very beneficial and are advantageous for parents of all aged children.

St Peter Chanel Parish Directory

Parish Priest	Chose a Priest option, and leave a message	03 528 899	Minister	12/5/24	19/5/24
Parish Leadership Group	Jim Maguire – Chairman	027 223 9766	Greeter	R & K O'Gorman	T Hall & A Frances
St Peter Chanel School	Margaret Campbell-McCauley	03 528 7366	Morning Tea	R & K O'Gorman	N Orchiston
St Vincent De Paul	Cherie McKinstry	021 466 554	Music	Hemon & Katie	Scott Cameron
Home Communion/Greeters/cleaning	Elaine Taggart	021 256 294	Prayers Faithful	V Dugdale	Fran Peacey
Home Visit	Cherie McKinstry	021 466 554	Readers	M Kilmartin & D Ogilvie	S Collins V Dugdale
Ride to Church	Susan Collins	021 293 4912	Eucharistic	S & V Cameron	T Donaldson M Lucas
Prayers for the Sick/of the Faithful	Fran Peacey	022 664 7362	Cleaning	T.Donaldson & E Hay	
Morning Tea	Robyn O'Gorman	021 602 82	Lawns	John Farrelly	Mike Carr
Music	Hemon Dey	021 170 2682			
Readers	Vickie Cameron	027 437 3885			
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Devine	027 466 1060			
Lawns	John Farrelly	03 528 9063			
Children's Liturgy	Eric Buenz	022 513 5791			
Newsletter	John Leydon— spemot@gmail.com	03 540 2543			

After Death Movie in Cinemas 3 days only from May 15

[After Death \(movieschangepeople.com\)](https://www.movieschangepeople.com)



There's some things we haven't told you yet about AFTER DEATH that we think will astound you. This movie is **unlike anything we've all seen before** and it very much deserves the cinema release it is having across Australia and New Zealand in under 2-weeks time.

5:30PM
SATURDAY
18
MAY

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Memorial Hall

12 Pah St
MOTUEKA

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AFTERWARDS

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ADMISSION
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