



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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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

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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LIVING OUR CALL AS DISCIPLES

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today's readings invite us to reflect deeply on what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. In the Gospel of Mark, we see Jesus sending out his disciples two by two, empowering them with authority over unclean spirits and sending them to spread the message of repentance. This mission wasn't just for those disciples in the past; it continues to resonate with each of us today.

Firstly, Jesus sends them out two by two. This companionship reminds us of the importance of community in our faith journey. We are not meant to walk alone. Our relationships within the Church and our communities strengthen and support us as we navigate life's challenges and joys.

Secondly, Jesus grants his disciples authority over unclean spirits. This authority is not just about doing miracles; it's about our duty as Christians to stand up against wrong and unfairness in our world. We are called to bring healing and freedom, sharing God's love and truth with those who need it.

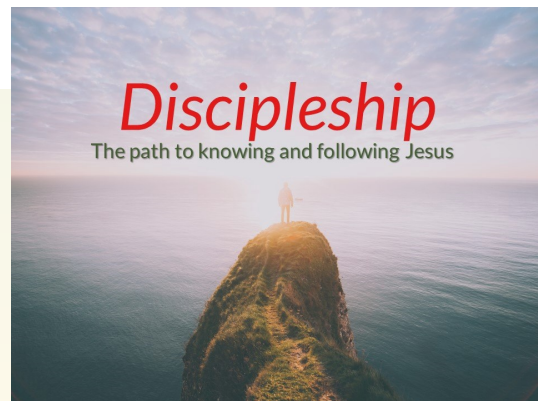
Thirdly, Jesus instructs them to rely on the hospitality of others. This teaches us humility and trust in God's providence. It challenges us to both offer and receive hospitality graciously, recognizing that our ability to support one another is a reflection of God's love working through us.

In our own lives, how are we responding to the call to discipleship? Are we living in community with others, supporting and encouraging them in their faith journey? Do we recognize the authority and responsibility we have been given to bring healing and liberation to those around us? And are we humble enough to both receive and offer hospitality in our daily lives?

Let us pray that God may grant us the grace to be faithful disciples, willing to follow Jesus wherever he leads us and to share his love with all whom we encounter. May our lives bear witness to the transformative power of the Gospel.

Many Blessings

Fr. Jaya



OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

Death Without Debt Funeral Workshop. Save the date of **20 July** for this informative and practical workshop facilitated by Fergus Wheeler and Margaret O'Connor. This will be held in the OLPH Church hall in William St. Richmond. Prior to Death Without Debt, Fergus had a background in public interest advocacy, including alcohol law reform and environmental issues. He now campaigns and educates around funeral debt and dignity. Margaret is a parishioner from OLOB and is involved with SVdP at a local and national level.

Further information can be found at www.deathwithoutdebt.org or **Contact:** Fergus Wheeler deathwithoutdebt@proton.me 021 163 3178 022 498 3902

Please note that **registration is required** at deathwithoutdebt@proton.me and the details can be found on the poster at the end of the newsletter or on church noticeboards. There is a registration fee but do not let hardship keep you from attending as a Koha is also accepted. Leaflet at last page.

' The second characteristic of the missionary's style is, so to speak, a *face*, which consists in the *poverty of means*... The staff and the sandals are the gear of pilgrims because that is what the messengers of the Kingdom of God are, not omnipotent *managers*, not irreplaceable officials, not celebrities *on tour*. ... but rather humble workers of the Kingdom. ' Pope Francis [Angelus](#), 15 July 2018

MONTHLY CONTEMPLATIVE MORNING IS ON 26TH JULY. See notice at end of newsletter and on notice-board

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

A Feasibility Group with members from HF and OLOB Parishes has been set up by Fr Marlon and Fr Michael. This is in response to the letter to all parishioners from Archbishop Paul Martin in April regarding the development of a single large church in the Stoke/Richmond area.

This group met last week and will meet again in August with Chris Duthie-Jung from ADW to establish the Terms of Reference and timelines. In the meantime the group will relook at the review documents submitted by both parishes in 2019/2020, explore the availability of suitable land packages and undertake mass counts.



Nelson Dove Fellowship for Women is not having a session in July. The team is taking a break and instead we are grouping for a planning meeting next week. See you on Sat 10 th August at 1 pm at 35 William St, Richmond.

OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MORNING TEA WILL BE ON THIS WEDNESDAY 17th IN THE HALL AFTER 9.30 MASS. Parishioner Lorraine McArthur will be our guest speaker and will speak to us about her work in the parish. You are very welcome to come, bring someone too, enjoy a cuppa, meet other people and learn more about what goes on in our parish community.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION on MONDAYS at 1pm You are very welcome to join us

Reminder of dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024: Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Richmond

Thank you and congratulations to all those who successfully completed their first Sacrament of Reconciliation on or around the 9th June.

This is now a reminder that preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin at the end of the second week of Term 3. Dates and times are as follows:

Confirmation:

1. Preparation Sessions:

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

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

2. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday 7th September at 5pm, 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 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@garincollege.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 CHANEL, MOTUEKA

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS

On Sea Sunday, celebrated in 2024 on 14 July, churches all over the world come together to remember seafarers and pray for them, their families and those who support them. Let us remember all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen, women and their families. Away from family and friends for many months at a time, working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous stretches of ocean, seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career. On this Day of Prayer for Seafarers, we pray especially for these hardworking men and women who are often forgotten. (Diocese of Palmerston North) Motueka is a fishing port, and Port Nelson is home New Zealand's largest fishing fleet. As many men and women from our region crew on these boats, and the Cook Strait Ferries running from Picton to Wellington, this is a timely and relevant feast day for us to remember.

PARISH LEADERSHIP GROUP

The next meeting is July 24th in the Church foyer at 5-15pm.

There are a number of religious texts, pamphlets and Blessed Rosary beads on the table next to the Church door. Also Parish registration forms for new Parishioners. Please feel free to help yourself to these items.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6-15pm. All are invited. Further information from Elizabeth Stolten mestolten@gmail.com, 021 161 7607

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers the ill, housebound and elderly. Especially those fighting disease and those who are caring for them.

SLOW NEWS WEEK

Yes, it is the middle of winter and everyone is hibernating. I mentioned the NZ Bishops document 'Towards October 2024' recently. If you have not had time to read it, then here are some random paragraphs below that sample the range of topics covered, and the neutral presentation of the ideas. Remember, these are the suggestions, not the rules! If you have a pet idea for making our Church more user friendly, you may find it in this document.

26. There is great diversity among the lay associations and organisations, and some sadness about the demise of lay associations prominent in the past, such as the Christian Family Movement. Some groups such as Passionist Family Groups, Focolare and Couples for Christ have memberships and gatherings which involve all ages. There are other groups oriented towards fellowship, spiritual growth and particular forms of mission, such as the St Vincent de Paul Society, Hearts Aflame, the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of the Southern Cross.

27. While not technically lay associations, Catholic schools across the country are for many people the place where they encounter the Church, even if they are not participants in parish activities. Schools are already places where co-responsibility is exercised, involving lay people, priests and the Bishop, and there may be lessons which could be learned from the schools.

35. Lay people brought their experience of appraisals and performance reviews into the context of clergy accountability and seek similar processes for their pastors. The Bishops considered that "performance reviews could be useful as long as they help priests and Bishops be better pastors".

51. For some respondents the word "structure" raised wider questions: "The whole structure of the Church needs to be re-examined. Does the parish structure still work?". The questions included physical structures: "Church buildings which are physically set up in the style of a lecture theatre promote a 'passive' vision of church which undermines co-responsibility and stifles liturgical creativity...".

64. Practical SUGGESTIONS relating to parishes and their Pastoral and Finance Committees:

- Each Bishop should mandate parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees so that members of these bodies must have a real say in parish matters.
- All parishes should be required to have an Annual General Meeting and there is full reporting of the financial situation of the parish to parishioners.
- Each Bishop should ensure that the parish priest presides at parish Finance Committee meetings but is not a member of the committee he consults with, and the priest is not the chairperson.

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Lucky pupils and teachers being on holiday during this spell of benign weather. Enjoy!

Liturgy Workshops 2024

The Sunday Eucharist



- **What do we believe?**
7-9pm on Friday 12 July
- **Liturgy of the Word:**
10:30am-12:30pm on Saturday 13 July
- **Liturgy of the Eucharist:**
7-9pm on Friday 18 October
- **Its impact in our lives**
10:30am-12:30pm on Saturday 19 October

All four sessions will be held at
Our Lady of the Bays, Parish Centre
35 William Street, Richmond.



Presenter:
Fr Patrick Bridgman
Liturgy Advisor
Archdiocese of Wellington



Minister	14/7/24	21/7/24
Greeter	M&N Orchiston	E Taggart T Hall
Morning Tea	N Orchiston	C & E Buenz
Music	Scott Cameron	Mary Wilson
Prayers Faithful	Judy Kenter	Fran Peacey
Readers	S Collins & V Dugdale	S&V Cameron
Eucharistic	M Lucas & A Lane	K O'Gorman&J Maguire
Cleaning		J Reid & E Taggart
Lawns	Mike Carr	Paul Hay

Nelson Spiritual Growth Group
Invite you to our
**MID-WINTER CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
MORNING**

**With Morning Tea & Lunch Provided
FRIDAY 26th JULY**

9.30am-12.45pm @

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, STOKE

Led By: Ilene Allan



This morning is different! I'm inviting us all to share (4-5mins) in small groups "How God is working in my life today" and bring a symbol that shows that. There'll be time for silent reflection, and sharing.

YOU'LL NEED: Bible, Journal, \$10

FOR CATERING PURPOSES P-L-E-A-S-E RSVP to Ilene by 5pm Wednesday 24th July
athlene16@gmail.com OR 021-102-6778



DEATH WITHOUT DEBT

Funeral Workshop

The only funeral workshop in NZ that fully addresses the paperwork issue is coming to town.

The average cost of a N.Z. Funeral is \$10,000. Depending on whether you use cremation or burial, that's up to ten times more than you need to spend.

This workshop combines short presentations with sessions where you start taking practical steps to plan end-of-life care and avoid funeral debt – for yourself, family

- End of life care, advanced care planning, wills, power of attorney's and probate
- The paperwork trap and avoiding "professional service" fees
- Care and transport of the body
- When you need a coffin and when you don't. Coffin alternatives
- The pros and cons of cremation vs burial. New ecological methods
- How to break the funeral industry's stranglehold and drive down prices for everyone
- Community initiatives
- And much more . . .

Richmond: Saturday 20th July, 10am - 4pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 35 William St

Cost \$50 per person, \$70 (Family - max 3), HardShip - by Koha

Death Without Debt is a national organisation campaigning and educating around funeral debt and dignity. See www.deathwithoutdebt.org

To Register, please email deathwithoutdebt@proton.me