



A Catholic Parish of
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To Tatou Wahine O Nga Whanga Parahi Katorika

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

MOTUEKA • RICHMOND • TAKAKA • WAIMEA WEST • WAKEFIELD

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th Jun 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Issue 324

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Second Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

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

“The Parable of Sower and Seed”

The parable of the sower is a powerful reminder that our spiritual growth is not just about individual effort but also about being part of a community that supports and encourages each other. By reflecting on this parable, we can identify areas for growth, seek community and support, and apply practical applications to nurture our spiritual journey. Remember that God is always working everything out for our good, even when we don't understand what's happening.

Imagine being a farmer who scatters seeds on the ground, not knowing when or how they will grow. You water and nurture the soil, but ultimately, you can't control the outcome. One day, you notice that the seeds have sprouted and are growing, despite your lack of knowledge. You realize that you didn't do it alone – the soil, the sun, and the rain all played a role in the growth. This experience teaches us to trust in the unknown and to recognize that God is working in ways beyond our understanding.

I couldn't help but think about my own spiritual journey. Like the farmer scattering seeds on the ground, I've often felt like I'm planting seeds of faith and trust in God's sovereignty, not knowing how or when they will grow. There have been times when I've felt like I'm not in control, and uncertainty has crept in. But as I reflect on this passage, I'm reminded that God is working in ways beyond my understanding. The seed that needs water and sunlight to grow is a powerful reminder of the need for patience and trust in God's provision. I'm challenged to trust more deeply in God's sovereignty and to recognize that my growth is not just about individual effort, but also about being part of a larger community.

We are urged to recognise the significance of community and relationships in our spiritual growth. Just as farmers rely on others for planting and harvesting, we, too, need the support and encouragement of others in our faith journey. Whether it's through prayer, worship, or simply lending a listening ear, our spiritual growth is a mysterious process that necessitates humility and God's provision. It's not just about our individual efforts or achievements, but also about being a part of a larger community and receiving nourishment from others.

May we cultivate a sense of dependence on God and His Word, recognizing that true growth comes from listening to Him and being open to His guidance.

Blessings
Emilio Capin
Seminararian

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Sunday 16 June will be our monthly **Family Mass** with our young people leading the way. Please contact Karla, Lucy or Kathryn if you would like your child to be a part of this. All are welcome! Please bring a plate to share for morning tea afterwards.

SEVENTH HEAVEN FAMILY GROUP HOUSIE

Sunday 23rd June at Parish Centre 2.00pm
Please bring a couple of small gifts for prizes. Small plate for afternoon tea

MOTHERS PRAYERS - We are a small group who pray for families, especially our own. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. Our next meeting will be this Thursday, 20th June.
For more information please phone Kath 027 4523 948 / 970 6754 or Elizabeth 027 545 1818 / 544 5188

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION on Monday evening at 7.30 pm in the Hall. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in this quiet prayer of the heart. We gather, listen to a teaching, a song and then sit for 20 minutes silently meditating using our sacred word. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in this prayer of the heart. Come and See.
Any queries to Karen 027 245 7800

MONTHLY MORNING TEA

is on this week **19th June 10.15 to 11.30am** in the hall. Karen Moynagh will speak on the topic of **Ageing Gracefully** and update you on our new ministry team and what they can offer in working alongside you in our Richmond Community.



Parking at Richmond Church

Now that winter has finally arrived, it will no longer be possible to park your vehicle on the grass beside the Richmond church as it ruins the grass and makes it very muddy. Walking over the grass and into the church is making it even more difficult to clean. We respectfully request that you endeavour to arrive early or find a park on the street. Parking will only be possible on the sealed area. Thank you

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER MORNING

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 9.30am to 12.30pm

At St Barnabas Anglican Church, Stoke. Rev David Moynan will speak on Listening. **See Flyer at end.**

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

PARISH LEADERSHIP GROUP

This month's meeting is next Wednesday, June 19th in the Church Foyer, starting at 5-15pm. Come and help keep our Community working for the benefit of all. Jim Maguire is the Chairman, you could also pass on any comments to him on Sunday.

SOLOMON ISLANDERS

Another impressive vocal performance by our seasonal workers last Sunday. Thanks again Men!

RIDE TO CHURCH

If you find getting out on these colder Sunday mornings a bit of a challenge, arrange a pick-up to get you to the Church on time!
Ring Susan Collins 021 293 4912.

If that has no appeal, but you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, ring Elaine Taggart 021 256 294

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to you if you have recently arrived in our Parish. There are forms on the table in the foyer so that you can leave your contact details, and show any interest you may have in joining a Parish Ministry. If you are a musician, make yourself known to someone in one of the music groups!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep in your prayers the ill, lonely, housebound and those in Hospital, of our families and Community. Especially, Joan Curtain and Liz McNabb.

MORE FREE MONEY

A reminder that if you are eligible for a TDC Rates rebate, you need to apply for it by the end of June.

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Wheelchair Basketball Experience for Rangimarie

Last week on Wednesday afternoon Room Rangimarie got to experience the sport of Wheelchair Basketball at Motueka Recreation Centre. They met Emma from Sport Tasman who gave them instruction on how to best approach this demanding sport. It was great to try something new and challenging. The kids had a fantastic time.

Interschool Cross Country

Congratulations to our team for their efforts on Friday. Our students placed well amongst the strong competition from much larger schools throughout the Motueka district.

Room Aroha Visit to Motueka Fire Station

As part of their learning about being Fire Safe, Room Aroha were visiting the Motueka Fire Station this week.

Room Rangimarie Visit Woodlands Village

Continuing our community involvement and outreach, Room Rangimarie were to visit Woodlands Village this week to spend time with the elders of our community living there.

Matariki Teaching and Learning

We are beginning to incorporate Matariki into our teaching and learning as we prepare to celebrate the Māori New Year on Friday 28th June. The themes of Matariki are remembrance, celebrating the present, and looking to the future. These themes align well with many of our Catholic values and customs. In class we are also learning about the Matariki stars, how they were created, about the names and attributes of each star, and how the Matariki stars were used by Māori to guide their practices.

Student Led Conferences This Week

This is a celebration of your child's learning, and a time for them to take a lead role in speaking to their families about what they have achieved so far this year.

Minister	16/06/24	23/06/24
Greeter	S & V Cameron	M Kilmartin & D Ogilvie
Morning Tea	S & V Cameron	R & K O'Gorman
Music	Scott Cameron	Mary Wilson
Prayers Faithful	Jim Maguire	Judy Kenter
Readers	D Ogilvie & V Dugdale	SPC Students
Eucharistic	M Macquet & H Duncan	S & V Cameron
Cleaning		S & C Collins
Lawns	Paul Hay	Maurice Roche

2025

CALLED & EQUIPPED

Adult Formation Programme

JOIN US...
on an exciting, new formation journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry.

For more information, email l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Dig deeper into your faith

Learn how to share faith with others

Understand what Church teaching means for us today

Be trained and equipped to serve in your parish community

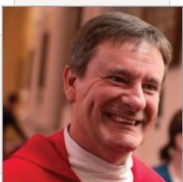
Liturgy Workshops 2024

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



Nelson Spiritual Growth Group
Invite You to their **Monthly Contemplative Prayer Morning**

FRIDAY JUNE 21ST 9.30am-12.30pm at
ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH, STOKE

Led By
Rev David Moynan

'LISTENING'



"What do you want me to do for you?" Mk.10:51

You will need: Bible, Journal, \$10. Morning Tea Provided

PLEASE RSVP to Ilene @ athlene16@gmail.com
OR 021-102-6778 by 5pm Wed, 19th June