



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

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Job 38:1, 8-11; Second Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4: 35-41

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

‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again’

There can be no doubt about the faith of the apostles, notable in their decision to leave their lives and follow Jesus... ‘they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.’

However, in today’s Gospel when the Apostles start to feel that they are no longer in control of the situation, their faith appears diminished as they go into a place of fear. Jesus on the other hand is sleeping peacefully, fully trusting in God.

We all face challenging times in life and as with the apostles, we can be caught in life and death situations. The challenge is to trust that God is by our side in these moments just as in the ordinary and everyday of life.

This miracle story is found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and therefore one we are frequently called to reflect on. I remember attending the Los Angeles Religious Education Convention and hearing Father James Martin refer to the geography of the area surrounding Lake Galilee where this miracle took place. He described the low lake in the midst of steep hills and the frequency of dangerous squalls. Clearly the fishermen were used to such weather but in this story we hear that this storm was gale force. The point of Father Martin’s message that remained with me was that humanity lives with frequent storms: war, climate crisis, violence and others. We want these situations to go away, to be calmed. Faith is believing that whether or not we ‘survive the storm’ God is with us.

I left that convention seminar pondering my own response in times of storm... I knew I had some work to do towards such conviction and such a deep faith!

We pray for a deepening of faith and an abiding trust whereby we can always be assured that Jesus accompanies us and carries us through the storms of life.

Ngā mihi nui

Maureen Phillips

Principal - Saint Paul’s School

Sunday 23 June 2024

Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

Sunday 23 June is the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants. It is a day for us all to reflect on how we care for those seeking new homes, safety, dignity, and opportunities. This Sunday let's take the time to pray for refugees and migrants around the world, as well as former refugees and migrants in our communities. You can find more resources for the day at Caritas' website.

If your parish or community is doing anything special to commemorate the day, get in touch with Caritas at caritas@caritas.org.nz or on 04 496 1742. We'd love to hear from you!



Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

"We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature." - Pope Francis, [Laudato Si' 139](#)

To enlighten us and deepen our faith, the Holy Family Parish is offering the "**Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre**". This is a 10-week course of reflection and discussion, every Monday, 7-8.30pm at St Mary, the Parish meeting Hall Manuka Street Nelson. It consists of a video presentation followed by small group discussion. This commenced on 10 June. We invite you to join us. For transport, Greg can take 2 people 027 473 9115



Matariki 2024

Matariki, known as the Māori New Year, is a time of celebration and reflection marked by the rising of the Matariki star cluster, also known as the Pleiades. Traditionally, it is a period for honoring the past, celebrating the present, and looking forward to the future. For our Catholic community, Matariki offers a beautiful opportunity to integrate our beliefs with this cultural festivity. Much like the liturgical seasons, Matariki encourages us to remember those who have passed, akin to our observance of All Souls' Day. It is also a time for giving thanks for the blessings we have received, resonating with our practice of Eucharistic thanksgiving. Moreover, Matariki's focus on renewal and growth can inspire us to renew our commitment to faith and service, much like the spirit of Pentecost. By embracing Matariki, we can deepen our respect for God's creation, appreciate the diversity of our community, and find new ways to live out our Catholic values of reflection, gratitude, and hope.

To acknowledge Matariki, Mass will be celebrated at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Richmond on Friday 28th June at 9.30am

"Liturgy Workshop" (Leaflet on the last page)

"What do we Believe", on Friday, 12 July at 7pm

"Liturgy of the Word", on Saturday, 13 July at 10.30am

Both workshops will be presented by Fr Patrick Bridgeman, Liturgy Advisor for the Archdiocese in the Richmond Church Hall, 35 William Street. These workshops are for everyone so please put these dates into your diary now.

Two more workshops, "Liturgy of the Eucharist" and "Its impact on our lives" will be presented on the 18th and 19th October. For more information please contact Maria Archer at mhca53@xtra.co.nz or 027 642 1953

Registrations are now open for the next **Marriage Preparation Course** to be held on Sundays 8 & 15 September in Wellington. This September course and the following November course are the only remaining opportunities this year to attend the Archdiocese's flagship marriage preparation Course 'Love is a Decision' and we encourage couples to attend a course well in advance of their wedding date. Register online at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

WelCom readership survey

The Archdiocese of Wellington is conducting a survey over the next few weeks among WelCom readers within the Archdiocese of Wellington. The survey is intended to gauge readers' views about how they may prefer to receive news and information from the Archdiocese and how the Archdiocese can generally improve its communications with parishioners. The SurveyMonkey website link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PK66XNR>. This link will also be placed on the Archdiocese of Wellington website.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

GOODBYE FR RAVI

Farewell and thanks to Fr Ravi from Wellington South, who has returned after relieving in our Parish for a month. Thanks for your thoughtful homilies and friendly open manner. We hope to see you back again soon.

WELCOME FR JAYA

Fr Jaya returns to us after spending time with his family in India. Many of us have left ageing relatives in far countries, so you will know how he will be feeling as he returns to his Ministry with us. Welcome Home, Fr Jaya!

LEADERSHIP GROUP MEETING.

The meeting set for this week was postponed. It will now be on next Wednesday June 26th at 5-15 pm in the Church Foyer. Come along and help make things tick.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Please keep in your prayers the ill, lonely, housebound, of our Community, and families. Especially Joan Curtain, Liz McNabb and Selai Masidrose. Please also remember those recently deceased. May they Rest in Peace.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This week is National Volunteer Week, it runs from June 16-22. This year's theme is 'Whiria te tangata – weaving the people together.' Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community.

Aotearoa New Zealand is a nation of volunteers – more than a million of us volunteer, giving our time and energy to make a difference in our communities. Volunteering is highly valued and celebrated as a vital part of society.

It takes many people to keep our Churches open, safe, warm, and welcoming, so give them a kind thought this week!

TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 - Aotearoa New Zealand Synod Consultation

This document was sent out 2 weeks ago with the Parish Newsletter. Probably you ignored it as being of little interest to the average Catholic. You should at least skim through it, it is written in plain language and you will be interested in the section "Women in the Life and Mission of the Church". This is the New Zealand Church we are talking about, and the discussion is wide ranging and in some depth. It is National Volunteer week, and the Bishops acknowledge the vital part that Women play in the Church in NZ, and discuss expanding their role.

COVID ETC

Covid is making its presence felt throughout New Zealand at present. There is also a deep cough that is doing the rounds. Please consider your community if you are feeling unwell and avoid spreading these and other bugs.

WELLINGTON ARCHDIOCESE RUGBY TEAM

After a great season, the Hurricanes blew out in the semi-final at the weekend. This weekend the Chiefs will have our support playing the Blues in the final, because as you know, in NZ we support our local team and anyone playing Auckland!

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Community Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the birth of Lyal's little brother born over the weekend. This blessing for the Renwick family came 6 weeks early, our prayers are with you all, as you welcome this baby into your hearts and lives. Amen.

Mapua Sprig and Fern Fundraiser – Dedicated to the Gordon Family

People generously supported this fundraiser with the proceeds being donated to the Gordon family who recently lost their home and possessions to a house fire. Thank you to everyone in our school and parish community for the care and support you have extended to the family during their time of need.

Matariki Celebration – Week 9

Next week we will be celebrating Matariki. On Wednesday 26th June, we will be meeting at School with a pre-dawn ceremony, and then walking down to the old jetty (near the Janie Seddon). We are inviting families and whānau to join us, bringing anyone along with you who wishes to greet the rise of Matariki with lanterns and a brief liturgy. We will remember those who have passed into heaven since last Matariki and acknowledge the special character of each Matariki star.

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



Motueka Roster

Minister	23/06/24	30/06/24
Greeter	M Kilmartin & D Ogilvie	C. McKinstry & Jim Maguire
Morning Tea	R & K O'Gorman	M Kilmartin & L Assaf
Music	Mary Wilson	Hemon & Katie
Prayers Faithful	Judy Kenter	Fran Peacey
Readers	SPC Students	M Kilmartin & E stolten
Eucharistic	S & V Cameron	J Kenter & E Taggart
Cleaning	S & C Collins	
Lawns	Maurice Roche	William Frondarina

12th July 6.30pm - 8.30pm
13th July 9.30am - 12.30pm

at Aspire Church Nelson

ONENESS

in Him, walking in
LOVE FAITH

"A gathering of believers willing to walk unhindered, with a heart fully after God & His Kingdom"



Geoff Woodcock
One With Christ.org



Angela Miccio-Harris
The Kingdom Centre.co.nz



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Email angela@thekingdomcentre.co.nz
hosts - ARISE & SHINE Ministries



**DEATH
WITHOUT
DEBT**



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), Hard\$hip - 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