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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

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wisdom 1:13-15; 2: 23-24; Second Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15; Mark 5:21-43

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

Beholding the heavens

“As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ, your living Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light..”

These are the opening words for our Sunday Mass, the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Other significant moments we commemorated this week are the Nativity of St John the Baptist and Matariki, both of which happen in bleak mid-winter. On June 21 we also passed the winter solstice, when we experience the shortest day and the longest night.

You can still sometimes hear well-meaning people say, at times forcefully: “Matariki is a pagan celebration!” Well, many things in our Catholic tradition, Christmas included, are of pagan origin. But softened by the inner work of the Holy Spirit, and illumined by the Truth of God’s Word, transformation happens. Interesting how the Matariki season seems to go hand-in-hand with John the Baptist, who in turn heralds the Light. Six months before we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we gather in darkness before God to mark the mid-point of the year and to acknowledge our need for illumination. In the time of year where light is scarce, we feel the need to commit to re-orientate ourselves. The soft illumination provided by the star cluster Matariki, like the birth of John the Baptist, can point us and prepare us to receive the True Light.

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8, 12).

The readings we hear today all remind us there are no short cuts. Short cuts are a waste of time at best. They can even lead to death. One sure way of knowing we are walking in the light is to be welcoming, remembering the words attributed to St Teresa of Ávila:

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.”

In a world where we experience so much exclusion and where hearts are becoming more and more narrow and hospitality more and more restrained, we need to rediscover the source of our hospitality in God. Looking for ways to be Christ’s body on earth might take a little extra planning and effort. But gradually you will see the results of actively seeking opportunities to love others. You will feel your whole body reorient itself towards Christ. As His light shines within you, your doubts and your darkness will no longer dictate to you. As your hands and eyes and feet gradually become instruments of service, **your whole body will be blessed.**

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“In mid-winter we teeter on the brink of a promise of hope.
 The cold winds of winter whisper of spring.
 John the Baptist points to new life.
 May the beauty of creation fill you with wonder.
 May the love of your ancestors wrap you around like a cloak.
 May your life be filled with blessings as numerous as the stars.



And may the blessing of the Almighty be with you” (from the *Anglican Liturgy of Matariki*, 2021)

OUR LADY OF THE BAYS

We pray for Fr Michael this weekend as he celebrates the anniversary of his ordination 27 years ago. Please keep him and all our clergy in your prayers and we give thanks for their spiritual guidance and leadership.

In today's gospel 'the little girl's father and the sick woman are not disciples of Jesus yet they are satisfied through their faith. They have faith in that man. From this we understand that all are permitted on the Lord's path: no one should feel as an intruder, an inter-loper or one who has no right. To have access to His heart, to Jesus' heart, there is only one requirement: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him. I ask you: do each of you feel that you need to be healed? Of something, of some sin, of some problem? And, if you feel this, do you have faith in Jesus?' Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 1 July 2018

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
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Please note that registration is required 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.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday, 28 June 9.30 Mass will have the focal point of Matariki. All are welcome to attend

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

every first Thursday of the month. Midday until Benediction at 5pm. All welcome.

An afternoon mass and anointing has been organised for Thursday, 11 July at **2pm**. The mass is open to all but we hope that, this will give those parishioners who find getting to a morning mass difficult, an opportunity to celebrate mass with a priest and enjoy some social time with a cup of tea afterwards.

The mass will be held in the hall to ensure that those with limited mobility do not need to move from the church to the hall after the mass. We have parishioners willing to collect and return people to their homes if transport is required.

If you would like transport please contact either Adrienne Hill on 021 526 404 or Karen Moynagh on 027 245 7800.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION WINTER TIME CHANGE

Our meditation group will meet in the hall on Mondays at 1pm for July. We gather, listen to a short teaching and then sit quietly for 20 minutes, Simply being still in the presence of God. You are most welcome to join us.

As Jesus invited, "Come and See." Queries to Karen 027 245 7800

Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Syro-Malabar Rite, in the Malayalam language Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Sunday 7 July at 3pm In remembrance of St Thomas who is the apostle came to India and the anniversary of St Alphonsa, the first woman saint from India. Mass will be followed by a cultural programme and dinner at Richmond Town hall.



Congratulation you your First Reconciliation

Thirty five children participated in their first Reconciliation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in the Parish of Our Lady of the Bays (Tasman) on 9 June. They are pictured with the Parish Priest Fr Michael Bellizzi and Fr Ravi Kumar Voliganti.



ST PETER CHANEL, MOTUEKA

PETERS PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION – SUNDAY 30th JUNE

Donations to the appeal, which goes back to Medieval times, support Pope Francis' mission from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace. Peter's Pence also aims to support a range of charities which bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalised, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees and migrants. In recent times this support has gone to people in Ukraine, Lithuania, Tanzania, the Philippines, Iraq, Haiti, the Republic of Congo, South Sudan and Brazil among other countries. Catholics are also invited to offer a special prayer for the Pope. The Vatican's Secretariat for the Economy, which publicly reports on donations, describes Peter's Pence as "the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their shared concern with the Successor of Peter in addressing the necessities of the Universal Church and to help those most in need". Please consider supporting this appeal. Envelopes will be available in the foyer

SCHOOL MASS

Thursday July 4th, at the 9-30 am School Mass, 5 students will be baptised as they start of their journey through the Sacraments. We welcome Mai Price, Cohan Turnbull, Layton Turnbull, Charlie Cumming and Grace Cumming to our St Peter Chanel community and invite Parishioners to join them on this great occasion.

ST VINCENT de PAUL MEETING

The July meeting of the Motueka SVDP Society will be next Tuesday, July 2nd in the Church foyer at 3pm. New members are welcome. SVdP have been a presence in Motueka for 48 years, so come along and see how you can contribute your time and talents. If you want to contribute your treasure, there is a slot neat the library door for cash donations, and a basket for food items in the foyer. As well as non-perishable food items, toiletries such as soap, shampoo and toothpaste would also be appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

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

Please also remember those supporting terminally ill family members.

ARCHDIOCESE RUGBY

Congratulations to Billy Proctor, and Asafo Aumua, two of the new All Blacks announced this week. Billy is a product of St Patricks College in Wellington, and Asafo went to St Pats Silverstream. Best wishes for your new careers!

ST PETER CHANEL SCHOOL

Community Prayer

Loving Creator God, we remember all those who have passed away since this time last year. May they enjoy the peace and eternal love of Heaven. We pray that during this time of reflection and renewal we look to the future with hope, joy and faith. Amen.

Rip – Roaring Rippa Rugby Tournament

Congratulations to our Y4s, 5s and 6s for their successful Rippa Tournament last Thursday. Our competitive team made the final and came in a close second.

Matariki Week 24th – 27th June

This week we celebrated Matariki with a pre-dawn walk to the beach to greet the Maori New Year. The themes were:

- Remembrance — honouring those who have died since the last rising of Matariki.
- Celebrating the present — gathering together with family and friends.

☐ Looking to the future — looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Week 10 Whole School Mass 4th July

On Thursday 4th July at 9.30am we will have a Whole School Mass where 5 tamariki will be baptised. Wishing you all the best for this most blessed sacrament: Mai Price, Cohan Turnbull, Layton Turnbull, Charlie Cumming and Grace Cumming. All parishioners and school whānau are warmly invited to join us for this Mass to be held in the Church and celebrated by Father Michael.

Minister	30/06/24	7/7/24
Greeter	C. McKinstry&Jim Maguire	S and J Collins
Morning Tea	M Kilmartin&L Assaf	S & J Collins
Music	Hemon & Katie	Josie Moriarty
Prayers Faithful	Fran Peacey	Jim Maguire
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

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



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

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To Register, please email deathwithoutdebt@proton.me

