



HOLY FAMILY PARISH NELSON - STOKE

ST MARY'S CHURCH
18 Manuka St, Nelson

Sunday Holy Mass
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10:30am

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
204 Songer St, Stoke

Sunday Holy Mass
Sunday 8:30am
Sunday 5pm



Parish Mission Statement

"We, the members of the Parish of the Holy Family Nelson and Stoke are called to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, to build and strengthen a community of faith, love and peace, bringing all cultures together."

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - B (5th World Day of the Poor - Sunday 14 November 2021)

"The poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7)

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who was a friend of the Poor! This weekend we observe 5th World Day of the Poor. On this occasion let us try to spend some time reflecting on the message of Pope Francis for this day. The theme that he has chosen for this day is: "The poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7). Jesus spoke these words at a meal in Bethany, in the home of a certain Simon, known as the leper, a few days before Passover. As the Evangelist recounts, a woman came in with an alabaster flask full of precious ointment and poured it over Jesus' head.

This powerful "empathy" established between Jesus and the woman, and his own interpretation of her anointing as opposed to the scandalized view of Judas and others, can lead to a fruitful reflection on the inseparable link between Jesus, the poor and the proclamation of the Gospel. The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor. In everything, Jesus teaches that poverty is not the result of fate, but a concrete sign pointing to his presence among us. We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often-inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live. As I never tire of repeating, the poor are true evangelizers, for they were the first to be evangelized and called to share in the Lord's joy and his kingdom (cf. Mt 5:3).

The *poor*, always and everywhere, *evangelize* us, because they enable us to discover in new ways the true face of the Father. "They have much to teach us. Jesus not only sides with the poor; he also *shares their lot*. This is a powerful lesson for his disciples in every age. This is the meaning of his observation that "the poor you will always have with you". The poor will always be with us, yet that should not make us indifferent, but summon us instead to a mutual sharing of life that does not allow proxies. The poor are not people "outside" our communities, but brothers and sisters whose sufferings we should share, to alleviate their difficulties and marginalization, restore their lost dignity and ensure their necessary social inclusion

"The poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7). This is a summons never to lose sight of every opportunity to do good. It is my hope that the celebration of the *World Day of the Poor*, now in its fifth year, will grow in our local Churches and inspire a movement of evangelization that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres. It is important to understand how they feel, what they are experiencing and what their hearts desire. (Excerpts from Pope Francis's message)

God's Blessings!
Fr. Joy

PRAYER FOR THE POOR

God of Justice,
open our eyes
to see you in the face of the poor.
Open our ears
to hear you in the cries of the exploited.
Open our mouths
to defend you in the public squares
as well as in private deeds.
Remind us that what we do
to the least ones,
we do to you.
Amen.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – Sunday 14 November, on this the 5th World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks us to look for the face of Christ in the faces of the poor and listen to what God is showing us in the lives and voices of the poor. If you would like to donate any produce to Loaves and Fishes this Sunday, please leave it in the Kai Kete basket in the church foyer. Every gift is greatly appreciated. If you would like someone to pick it up, please phone Noeline Grant on 022 676 3955.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION – session for the communicants on 14 of November at 12pm at St. Mary's Church and the celebration of the First Holy Communion at a special Mass on 21 November at 2pm in St. Mary's Church.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS – for our dear departed family and friends. Our usual November banners are available in both Churches for you to add the names of those you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. A box is also available in the foyer for you to place your list of names.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL – it is with heartfelt joy that we extend our congratulations to Merlin Fernandes on the new Career she is about to begin. May all success be hers as she follows the path to the Kiwi dream for her family. However this also means that we will be saying goodbye to the Fernandes family. Our Parish and School will be the richer for your participation, and poorer for your leaving. Many thanks for the contributions you have all made and for the gift, Merlin, of service to the PPC. We remain in need of replacement/s. We can only be as effective to those we serve with folk who are willing to serve with us. Could that be you? Please speak to Father Joy or any of the PPC members – many thanks.

THANK YOU – Kevin Grigg who has been the Sunday morning sacristan at St Francis of Assisi is retiring from this role. Kevin was tapped on the shoulder by Fr Pat McCullough twenty or so years ago, and has been faithfully carrying out this role ever since. We are very grateful Kevin, for your dedicated years of service. May God bless you in your retirement.

PRAYERS & MASSES – Elizabeth Cahill

THANK YOU – Margaret Hawthorn has retired from the role of Organiser of Communion to the Sick for St Francis of Assisi Church. Thank you, Margaret, for sympathetically providing this vital contact for our parishioners for many years. Contact now should be made to Shelley Hills 027 4377 851.

THE NZ COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION – is holding a community morning on Saturday November 13 from 9.30am – 12.30pm at the Parish Meeting Room. Watiri Maina will lead us in the day's theme: Finding God in All Things - Ignation Spirituality in this 500th anniversary of St. Ignatius Loyola. There will be a period of meditation and morning tea is provided. A koha to help with costs and support NZCCM appreciated. Please bring masks, sign in, social distancing. Please RSVP to Marie Shepherd: 03 538 0128; 027 865 8032, mlshepherd54@gmail.com or Mary Kroch: 027 372 1173. All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NELSON – our shop has run out of furniture to sell! Can you please consider donating a table, drawers, chairs, coffee table or sofa? We are always keen to receive pots with lids, so please consider us if you have surplus items to give, phone 548 9372

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2022 – We only have 10 copies left! Available from the Parish office and St Francis of Assisi Foyer for \$15 each. If you are having difficulty picking up your calendar or unable to get out of your home please phone the office and we will arrange for someone to drop one off to you (03) 539 1251.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI HISTORY – In 1967, as there was no Catholic school in the Stoke area, another milestone was achieved when the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) was established to cater for the spiritual education of the large number of Catholic children in Stoke. Brian Daly was the first Head Teacher for CCD. The CCD roll in Stoke soon passed the 200 pupil mark, and classes were capped at 20 pupils per class. The children walked from the St Francis of Assisi Hall to Nayland Primary School for their lessons. Jim Ellison, the Archdiocesan CCD Director, assisted by Sisters Lyndall and Helena guided the parents who had volunteered for the teaching role. Mrs Kane undertook to teach the children some of the more modern hymns which were increasing in popularity with Masses now being celebrated in English. - Frances O'Leary

PARISH GIVING – 6/7 November 2021 \$2,773.00. God bless the givers.

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES		
	St. Francis of Assisi	St. Mary's
	9.30am	9.30am
Tuesday		Holy Mass
Wednesday	Holy Mass	
Thursday		Holy Mass
Friday	Holy Mass	
Sacrament of Reconciliation		
St Mary's – after Holy Mass Tuesday, Thursday		
St Francis of Assisi – after Holy Mass Friday		

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH – How do Catholics 'Journey Together'? How might we do it better? A Church that teaches, must be firstly, a Church that listens. Please pray and consider how you would like to have your voice heard.

There are several ways to do this. Online www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about.archdiocesan-synod and follow the link to the questions. Email download the Word document "Synod participation response" from the Archdiocesan website (<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/>) and email your response in Word format to: synod@wn.catholic.org.nz. Post your response handwrite or type your response to the questions and post it to: Office of the Archbishop, Archdiocese of Wellington, PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140. Phone response if there are reasons why you find it difficult to make a written response, you are welcome to ring the ADW and provide a verbal response phone 04 496 1715.

5. OUR MISSION Walking together enables us all to accept our mission to share the Good News.

*Do we as Catholics take this mission seriously?
How exactly do we as Church members spread the Good News of Jesus Christ?*

What stops us from being active in mission?

6. OUR CONVERSATION Genuine conversation requires perseverance and patience but leads to understanding.

As Catholics, how good are we at conversation – both listening and sharing?

Good conversation (dialogue) leads to collaboration – how, and how well, do we collaborate as Catholics in our local community?

In what ways could we dialogue and collaborate better with others in society (e.g. in politics, economics, culture, civil society, and those who are poor or disadvantaged?)

THIRTYTHIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 14 November	Daniel 12:1-3
Monday 15 November	1 Maccabees 1:10-64
Tuesday 16 November	2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Wednesday 17 November	2 Maccabees 7:1-31
Thursday 18 November	1 Maccabees 4:36-59
Friday 19 November	1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Saturday 20 November	1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Sunday 21 November	Daniel 7:13-14

JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING

BOOKING WEEKEND MASSES – the booking system is **open Wednesday 9am to Friday midday every week** while we are in Alert Level 2. Please do not call the office to make a phone booking before Wednesday, if you leave a message please specify your name and the time of Mass you wish to attend.

How to register for Weekend Masses:

1. Go to "Mass Registration" on the Archdiocesan website's homepage click here for the link www.wn.catholic.org.nz
2. Choose your parish from the drop-down menu, and then the Mass you wish to attend. You will see how many spaces are available for the Mass you have selected. You will see a red error message if no spaces are available.
3. If space is available, provide your name and contact details. You can register for an individual, a couple or a group.
4. Click Submit. You will receive a confirmation email.

Please do NOT register for more than one Mass per weekend.

During Alert Level 2 the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is in place for people who are cautious or concerned, who are vulnerable or at risk because of age or health issues, or who cannot find a place at a Mass.

- Please wear a mask. (please bring your own)
- Scan QR code or sign in.
- Keep social distancing.
- Sanitise hands.
- Holy Communion in the hand only.
- Contactless Sign of Peace.
- No congregational singing.

Saturday 6pm Vigil at St Mary's
 Sunday 8.30am at St Francis of Assisi
 Sunday 10.30am at St Mary's
 Sunday 5pm at St Francis of Assisi

Hebrews 10:11-18	Mark 13:24-32
Luke 113:10-17	
Luke 19:1-10	
Luke 19:11-28	
Luke 19:45-48-44	
Luke 19:45-48	
Luke 20:27-40	
Apocalypse 1:5-8	John 18:33-37

Holy Family Parish Service Rosters November 20/21 2021

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St Mary's Church, Nelson	Mass Times	
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 10.30am
Greeters	J Thomas	McDonnell Family
Proclaimer of the Word & Prayer of the Faithful	G & G Quinn	V Lobo
Audio Visual		Dove Group
Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion	The Wood A & M Monti Thursday 18 November	Communion to the Sick G & H McDonnell K Curtis A & M Monti T Goodman Flaxmore Sr Colleen
Flowers	A James M Thorn	
Linen	A Muollo	
St Francis of Assisi, Stoke	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 5pm
Greeters	A & P McBride	R & P Allott
Audio/Visual	R Eggeling	C Coyle
Proclaimer of the Word & Prayer of the Faithful	J Kundycki	L Sullivan
E Ministers – Visiting the Sick	D'Evereux A Lewis	Ernest Rutherford Service D Renwick
Altar Care	M Shepherd	
Church Cleaning	P Pettit	

PARISH CONTACTS:

Parish Priest	Father Joy Raphael 196 Songer St, Stoke	547 6623 joyraphaelt@gmail.com
Parish Office 2/18 Manuka St, Nelson	Sarah Jones / Kimberly McGettigan Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm	539 1251 office@holymfamilynelson.org.nz
Parish Pastoral Council	Noeline Grant	022 6763 955
St Joseph's Primary School	1/18 Manuka Street, Nelson	548 4050
Garin College	35 Champion Road, Richmond	543 9488
St Francis of Assisi Hall Hire	John Hall	027 2400 065
St Francis of Assisi Maintenance Person	Ken Barney	544 6853
St Francis of Assisi Communion to Sick	Shelley Hills	027 4377 851
St Francis of Assisi Liturgy	Paul Ashley	021 810 132
St Mary's Liturgy	Sr Colleen	548 8576
St Mary's Communion to the Sick	Peter Gillin	548 8195
St Mary's Meeting Room Hire	Parish office	539 1251
St Mary's Church Hall Hire	St Joseph's School office	548 4050
Archivist/Genealogy	Diana Clark	dianatony@xtra.co.nz
St Vincent De Paul Op Shop Nelson	77 Vanguard St. Nelson	548 9372
St Vincent De Paul Op Shop Stoke	532 Main Road, Stoke	547 7351

NELSON HOSPITAL – Fr Joy and Beth attend the hospital as chaplains. If you are going into hospital or end up in hospital, PLEASE let Fr Joy or Beth know. Please let us know so that assistance can be given. Any urgent calls ring Beth on 021 0240 9231 or Fr Joy 022 369 1005. For those who would like communion at home while they convalesce, please ring or email Shelley Hills 027 4377 851 or email thehillscan@xtra.co.nz.