



Te Whetu o Te Moana | Star of the Sea Marlborough Catholic Parish

From the Sounds to the Sea, the Mountains to the Plains
We Are One Mission. One Parish. Seven Communities
Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward
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Our Liturgy Plan

When a priest is not available, Word & Communion will be led by parishioners.

Blenheim

Tues: 9.30am Mass
Wed: 12.05pm Mass
Thurs: 9.30 am Mass
Except 1st Thurs:
Bethsaida 10.30am
Fri: 11am Adoration
11.30 Reconciliation
12.05pm Mass
Sat: 9.30am Mass
Reconciliation to follow
Sat: 5pm Mass
Sun: 10am Mass
(2nd & 5th Sunday
Word & Communion)

Havelock

Sunday: 11am
(4th Sunday
Word & Communion)

Kaikoura

Tues: 9.30am
Wed: 9.30am
Wed: 7pm Rosary
Thurs: 5.15pm
Fri: 9.30am
Sun: 9.30am
(1st & 3rd Sunday
Word & Communion)

Picton

Wed: 9am Mass
Sun: 9am Mass
(4th Sunday:
Word & Communion)

Renwick

3rd Sunday 5pm Mass

Seddon

Sun: 8am Mass
(2nd & 5th Sunday
Word & Communion)

Ward

4th Sunday 4pm Mass

Baptisms

Celebrated during weekend Mass or other times.

Marriages

Marriages celebrated in all our Churches. Please contact the Parish Office well in advance.

Open Church

Our Churches at St Mary's and Sacred Heart Kaikoura are open every day if you want to a quiet place for prayer.



A Warm Welcome to Our Parish Family of Marlborough

We the people of Te Whetu O Te Moana, Star of the Sea Parish, are committed by our baptism in Christ, to share our living faith, and make God visible, in joyful union with all people, by our actions in the community. (Parish Mission Statement)

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Pope Francis Urges Fraternity to Overcome Religious Differences

'Why does the Pope go to the Muslims and not just to Catholics?'
3 April 2019. Zenit, by Jim Fair.

"Why does the Pope go to the Muslims and not just to Catholics? Why are there so many religions, and why ever are there so many religions?"

Those are the deep questions Pope Francis addressed at his April 3, 2019, general audience in St. Peter's Square. The answers related to the motto of his just-completed apostolic journey to Morocco: "Servant of Hope."

"With the Muslims, we are descendants of the same Father, Abraham: why does God permit so many religions? God willed to permit this: the theologians of Scholasticism referred to God's permissive voluntas. He willed to permit this reality: there are so many religions; some are born of the culture, but always looking to Heaven, looking at God.

"However, what God wills is fraternity among us in a special way — here is the reason for this trip — with

our brothers, children of Abraham like us, the Muslims. We must not be scared by the difference: God has permitted this. We must be scared if we don't act with fraternity, to walk together in life."

The Holy Father described the opportunity to visit Morocco as a "joy" and an opportunity to "build bridges" to others, recalling moments in the journey when the three monotheistic religions — Christian, Jewish, Muslim — walked together.

"Remembering some important international summits that in the last years have been held in that country; with King Mohammed VI we confirmed the essential role of religions in defending human dignity and promoting peace, justice, the care of Creation, that is, our common home.

"In this perspective, we also signed together with the King an Appeal for Jerusalem, so that the Holy City is preserved as the patrimony of humanity and place of peaceful encounter, especially for the faithful of the three monotheist religions."

The Pope said he gave particular attention to the plight of migrants during his trip. He noted that Morocco was the site last December for the "Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration."

From John: Let us remember the Commission of Jesus, Love your Neighbour.

John Pearce CP.

LIVING OUR LIVES WITH LOVE

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

Sun 7th: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

Psalm Response: the Lord has done great things for us, We are filled with Joy

Mon 8th: Daniel Ch.13 John 8:1-11

Tues 9th: Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30

Wed 10th: Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28 John 8:31-42

Thu 11th: Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59

Fri 12th: Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42

Sat 13th: Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-57

Sun 14th: Holy Week—Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56

Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9 Apocalypse 1:5-8 Luke 4:16-21 Mass of the Chrism

Passionist Companions Reflection for April

'Hello Brother': A Moment of Grace

By Fr Peter Gaughan CP

Peter is Auckland born and currently lives in Sydney.

We have all been shocked by the news of the massacre of Muslims as they went about their Friday prayers in Christchurch, New Zealand. How can such a thing happen, we ask, especially when people are at prayer? In such a situation of inhumanity – after so many other instances of violence against innocent people – we struggle to find any meaning in the darkness that seems to envelop our hearts and minds.

'Hello, Brother' were the last words of the first New Zealand victim as he was approached by the gunman who was garbed in military style helmet and clothing. In his hands he held an automatic rifle which he pointed at the man who greeted him. His intentions were clear. There could have been no doubt in the mind of the one who greeted him that this was his last moment on earth. It was also one of the most graced moments of his life.

As he faced the rifle, the words he uttered echoed the words of Jesus in his Passion who said, "Father forgive them", as his executioners approached. This man, who had come to the mosque for no other reason than to pray to the Father of us all, spoke words of peace and unconditional love. He recognised in his executioner, not an enemy, but someone beloved of the Father. „Hello, brother!", he said a moment before he died.

Afterwards, reflecting on that small, but crucial, detail of such a tragic day, someone said, "Do not tell me that nonviolence is weak, or pacifism is cowardice." Another wrote, "I have seen the face of God!"

A few days later at a prayer service attended also by hundreds of non-Muslims who had come to pray with their Muslim brothers and sisters, the Imam leading the service announced that the Muslim community had forgiven the man who brought them such suffering.

If we listen carefully, with the heart and not just with the ears, we can hear the voice of Jesus himself in their words, saying, "Father, forgive them".

Moments like that, when forgiveness was given, when the Greeter said, "Hello, brother" are also moments of grace when we truly see the face of God in somebody else.

We have our own moments of grace, too; moments that we may not see ourselves, but which others see. These are the moments when God shines



through us. When others look at us and see something of God – something of his love, his compassion, something of God's kindness and his forgiveness reflected to them through us: Just as we have seen something of God in others, at their moments of grace. These are human moments when God uses our humanity as an instrument to translate his love for us into human language, as he used the humanity of Jesus in his Passion to reveal the Father's love—when, for a moment, the Passion of Jesus tears the veil separating us from God and allows us to witness the beauty of his face. Thus was St Paul of the Cross able to say to us that the humanity of Jesus is the door through which we must pass to an understanding of God.

God uses our humanity, too; he uses our capacity for love, for compassion, for forgiveness and empathy to reveal his own love and compassion for us all.

This is one way in which we participate in the Passion of Jesus and unite our hearts with his as he says, once more, through us, "Father forgive them".

It is a way in which we say, "No" to all the negativity, violence and division in our world and show it instead the face of God - the face of Jesus in his Passion.

For Reflection & Sharing

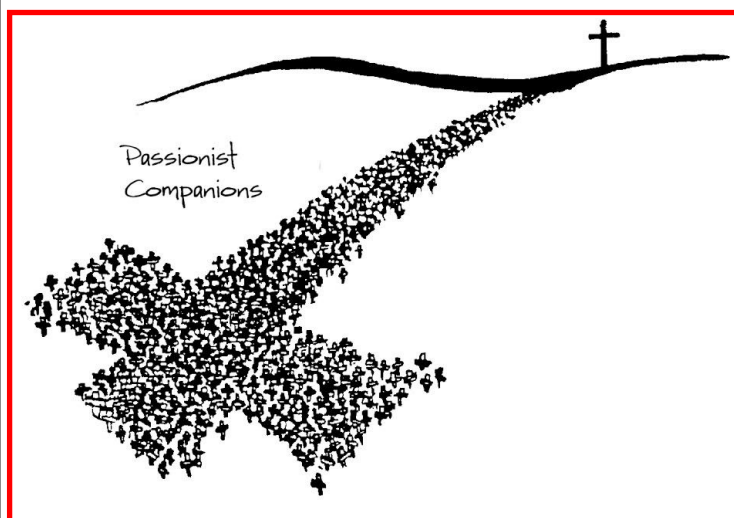
- 1) What can Christians learn from the way the Muslim community responded to the violence they had experienced?
- 2) Is it possible to describe their response as Christ-like? What does this say about our ecumenical efforts in regard to other Christians and non-Christians?
- 3) What further thoughts does this incident provoke?

Who are Passionist Companions?

PC's are people, lay and vowed Passionists, who identify with and share the Passionist Charism. Companions Groups have periodic gatherings for sharing on aspects of the Passion of Christ in everyday life.

The above reflection is typical of Reflections we read and share on, usually written by a member from across Australia & New Zealand.

As the logo shares, we live in the shadow of the Cross, but we see the resurrection.



The Prime Minister's Reflection



Jacinda Ardern's Speech at Christchurch Memorial

29 March 2019

New Zealand's prime minister Jacinda Ardern speaks during the national remembrance service for victims of the mosque attacks in Christchurch. Photograph: Edgar Su/Reuters

"E rau rangatira mā, e ngā reo, e ngā mana. Tēnā koutou katoa. (*I acknowledge amongst us today our distinguished leaders, speakers and those who bear authority.*)

Ngāi Tahu Whānui, tēnā koutou. (*My greetings to the whole of Ngāi Tahu.*)

E papaki tū ana ngā tai o maumahara ki runga o Ōtautahi. (*The tides of remembrance flow over Christchurch today.*)

Haere mai tātou me te aroha, me te rangimārie, ki te whānau nei, e ora mārire ai anō rātau, e ora mārire ai anō, tātou katoa. (*So let us gather with love, in peace, for this family, so that they may truly live again, so that we all may truly live again.*)

We gather here, 14 days on from our darkest of hours. In the days that have followed the terrorist attack on the 15th of March, we have often found ourselves without words.

What words adequately express the pain and suffering of 50 men, women and children lost, and so many injured? What words capture the anguish of our Muslim community being the target of hatred and violence? What words express the grief of a city that has already known so much pain? I thought there were none. And then I came here and was met with this simple greeting. **Asalamu Aleykum. Peace be upon you.** They were simple words, repeated by community leaders who witnessed the loss of their friends and loved ones. Simple words, whispered by the injured from their hospital beds. Simple words, spoken by the bereaved and everyone I met who has been affected by

this attack.

**Asalamu Aleykum.
Peace be upon you.**

They were words spoken by a community who, in the face of hate and violence, had every right to express anger but instead opened their doors for all of us to grieve with them. And so we say to those who have lost the most, we may not have always had the words.

We may have left flowers, performed the haka, sung songs or simply embraced. But even when we had no words, we still heard yours, and they have left us humbled and they have left us united.

Over the past two weeks we have heard the stories of those impacted by this terrorist attack. They were stories of bravery. They were stories of those who were born here, grew up here, or who had made New Zealand their home. Who had sought refuge, or sought a better life for themselves or their families.

These stories, they now form part of our collective memories. They will remain with us forever. They are us.



But with that memory comes a responsibility. A responsibility to be the place that we wish to be. A place that is diverse, that is welcoming, that is kind and compassionate. Those values represent the very best of us. But even the ugliest of viruses can exist in places they are not welcome. Racism exists, but it is not welcome here. An assault on the freedom of any one of us who practices their faith or religion, is not welcome here. Violence, and extremism in all its forms, is not welcome here. And over the last two weeks we have shown that, you have shown that, in your actions.

From the thousands at vigils to the 95 year old man who took four buses to attend a rally because he couldn't sleep from the sadness of seeing the hurt and suffering of others. Our challenge now is to make the very best of us, a daily reality.

Because we are not immune to the viruses of hate, of fear, of

other. We never have been. But we can be the nation that discovers the cure.

And so to each of us as we go from here, we have work to do, but do not leave the job of combatting hate to the government alone. We each hold the power, in our words and in our actions, in our daily acts of kindness. Let that be the legacy of the 15th of March. To be the nation we believe ourselves to be.

To the global community who have joined us today, who reached out to embrace New Zealand, and our Muslim community, to all of those who have gathered here today, we say thank you.

And we also ask that the condemnation of violence and terrorism turns now to a collective response. The world has been stuck in a vicious cycle of extremism breeding extremism and it must end.

We cannot confront these issues alone, none of us can. But the answer to them lies in a simple concept that is not bound by domestic borders, that isn't based on ethnicity, power base or even forms of governance. The answer lies in our humanity.

But for now, we will remember those who have left this place. We will remember the first responders who gave so much of themselves to save others.

We will remember the tears of our nation, and the new resolve we have formed.

And we remember, that ours is a home that does not and cannot claim perfection. But we can strive to be true to the words embedded in our national anthem

*Men of every creed and race,
Gather here before Thy face,
Asking Thee to bless this place
God defend our free land
From dissension, envy, hate
And corruption, guard our state
Make our country good and great
God defend New Zealand*

**Tātou Tātou
Asalamu Aleykum**



Parish Matters

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WITH LOVE

Weekend Mass Times

5th Sunday of Lent (1)

Sat Apr 6

Blenheim (9.30) Mass/**Fr Denis**

Fr Denis will offer a

Lenten Reflection Day 10-1pm

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Apr 7

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/**Fr Denis**

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Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat



Palm Sunday (2) Apr 13-14

See Column 3 for Holy Week

Parish News & Events

The Euthanasia Bill: Cardinal John has sent us this notice.

This bill, sponsored by MP David Seymour, is about to get its 2nd reading and vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting www.carealliance.org.nz or www.defendnz.co.nz

We encourage every one who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17yrs+) to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill. There will be opportunities to sign, this and next weekend.

Apr 11 St Mary's Preschool AGM

Parishioners are invited to the Preschool AGM at 7.30pm at the preschool. This meeting will include discussion and voting on proposed changes to the Constitution.

If these are accepted, there will be the election of new Board of Governors. This will see the election of 4 parents/guardians, and the appointment of 3 by the Parish.

In a transition year, we seek some stability. The Pastoral Council

has endorsed the nominations of Anna Gleeson, Jeffery Ho and Justin Hanrahan as parish appointees, all present members of the Board.

The Board invites all whānau and friends of the Preschool to attend the meeting and to join us afterwards for refreshments.



Apr 15 Chrism Mass at St Mary's Led by Cardinal John

St Mary's is hosting the Chrism Mass for the Wellington Parishes on the Top of the South this year. The last two years we have travelled to Motueka and Stoke for this, to Churches filled for the occasion. And we have been well fed after the journey there, and before the journey home.

At this Mass, priests make their annual Renewal of Priestly Promises, and the Archbishop blesses our Holy Oils for the Parishes.

Please support this Diocesan event in our Parish by your presence and participation. It would be good if we had representation from all of our Church Communities. And if you can assist with bringing food for our travellers for before Mass, or some super for afterwards, that would be great. Please Contact the office if you can help.

Parish Calendar

April

5-6 .. **Retreat Days with Fr Denis Travers CP**

7 .. Sounds Stewardship Group

8 .. Kaikoura Stewardship Group

11 .. St Mary's Pre School AGM & Elections

14 .. Palm Sunday

15 .. Reflection Day for priests and lay pastoral leaders.

15 .. Chrism Mass (7pm) at St Mary's with Cardinal John, Top of the South Parishes. (7pm)

Holy Week Across the Parish

Palm Sunday (2)

Sat Apr 13

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun Apr 14

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Julian

KK (12pm) Baptism/Fr Julian

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat

Mon Apr 15

Blenheim Priests Retreat Day

Blenheim (7) .. Chrism Mass/

Cardinal John and Priests

Tue Apr 16

Blenheim (7) Reconciliation (J/P/J)

Wed Apr 17

Kaikoura (7)

Reconciliation (J)

Picton (7pm)

Reconciliation (P/J)

Holy Thursday Apr 18

Blenheim (7pm) Mass/Fr Julian

Kaikoura (7pm) Mass/Fr John

Picton (7pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Good Friday Morning Apr 19

Havelock (9.30am) Stations: St Peter's to Sacred Heart to St Peters /Fr Julian

Kaikoura (10am) A Prayer at the Cross: Contemplation.

Picton (10am) Stations ...

Holy Trinity to St Joseph's.

Blenheim (10.30am) Ecumenical Service, ASB Theatre /Pat

Good Friday Afternoon Apr 20

Blenheim (3pm) Service/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (3pm) Service/Fr John

Picton (3pm) Service/Fr Julian

Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil

Blenheim (7pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (7pm) Mass/Fr John

Picton (7pm) Mass/Fr Julian

Easter Sunday (1)

Sun Apr 21

Seddon (6am?/before dawn) Mass/ Fr Pat *Seaview Beach, Flemmings Rd*

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Julian

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Pat

Baptism (11.30) /Fr Pat

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Julian

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Yvonne Connor, Kath Worthington

Anniversaries: Please remember those parishioners who have passed away over the years and are noted in our memorial books at Blenheim, Kaikoura and Picton. People will be mentioned specifically each week if family notify the office of their loved ones anniversary.

April 6 Monica Palmer, Mary McKee

Other Intentions: Drakes' 5th birthday, Thanksgiving for 35 years of existence, Michael McKee & relatives of McKee/ Hounsell family

COLLECTIONS:

We are most grateful for your support of our Parish of Star Of The Sea.

Last week:

AP's: \$2502.00
Envelopes: \$1561.00
Loose: \$ 856.00

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