

**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**

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**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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**Newsletter No 09: 22 March 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A**

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you in these difficult times. I am reminded of Cardinal John's instructions to us when he last came for Confirmations.

He reminded us that kindness is of the essence of the Gospel of Jesus. Let us think of one another and reach out to each other in these troubled times. Reach out to your neighbour and your fellow parishioners during this time. Be good South Islanders and take care of one another as you always have.

Attached to the email is also the Cardinal's letter to all parishioners regarding how to conduct ourselves going forward.

In these times, I ask people to reach out to one another, especially those who are aged, sick, or have health issues, even by a friendly phone call. As the scripture says: "Brother helped by brother is a fortress". And I'm sure sister helped by sister is just as much a fortress.

To stay connected through the Mass, check out the link : <https://thesundaymass.org/>

There are also other links on U tube regarding Stations of the Cross, Mass and other liturgies. If you know some good links, let us know and we will put it in the next newsletter for people to consider. Also check out our facebook page and website for updates and inspiration. These are at the top of the newsletter.

If you know of someone who is not connected to the internet, please let the office or your stewardship team know, and we will put them on our telephone tree. Likewise, if you are willing to call people to check on them, please let the office know.

Peace be with you.

Fr Pat

P.S. As most countries are closing their borders, I can see that I am going to be still here for some time to come.



**Readings for Fourth Week of Lent**

**Sun 22nd March:** Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

**Psalm Response: The Lords My Shepherd I'll not Want**

**Mon 23rd:** Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54

**Tues 24th:** Ezekiel 47:1-9,12 John 5:1-3,5-16

**Wed 25th:** Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

**Annunciation of the Lord**

**Thurs 26th:** Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47

**Fri 27th:** Wisdom 2:1,12-22 John 7:1-2,10,25-30

**Thurs 28th:** Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-52

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Sun 29th:** Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

For the time being Mass is suspended as per the Cardinal's instructions. The priests will saying Mass each day for the intentions of the Parish. Reconciliation will still be offered at the usual times and at other times by appointment. The churches will remain open for people if they wish to visit.

### A New Prayer App:

They say there's an App for everything, including prayer!! NCRS has just released an App called NZpray2day. There's more information on the noticeboard and a picture of what it looks like. Its not available for Apple devices at the moment but the statement is also on the NZCB website at : <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prayer-app-for-android/> which also provides a link to the Google Play Store.

### St Vincent de Paul Shop & Coronavirous:

As precautionary measure the Shop will be opening with reduced hours. The is will take effect from Monday 23rd March until the end of April when it will be reviewed.

New hours: Mon 10am-1pm  
Wed 1pm-4pm  
Fri 10am- 1pm  
Sat 10.30am-1pm

### Parish Pastoral Council:

It has been decided that the Council will not this month and won't meet again till further notice.

### Sacramental Programme

Those in Blenheim and Picton, who have children year 4 or older and want to participate,

please contact the office for registration forms by end of March. Start dates yet to be confirmed.

### Altar Servers-BHM:

Parents of those interested in being altar servers are invited to contact the parish office to put your child's name down. Training to start soon.

### Mar 21: Ignatian Ladies Retreat

10am-3pm at St Mary's Community Centre.  
Take some time out with God and be attentive to his work in your life. Be refreshed in spirit as you are led by Kirsten Challes, wife, mother, trained retreat leader, spiritual director, hospital chaplain, & Parish Pastoral Worker in CHCH.  
To register contact Jenny McElhinney 578 5777/ 027 4242 003 by 20th March. BYO lunch, coffee & tea provided. Gold coin donation.

### St Mary's School Gala

**Thank you** to all those who contributed to the gala either by donating or purchasing items. They made \$30,000 and very grateful for community support.

Mar 28-St Mary's Preschool are having a garage sale at Preschool on the 28th March. POSTPONED till a later date.

Mar 29-St Joseph's PN: were hosting the Combined Church Service at 6pm. **This has been cancelled**

### Parish Calendar

The following events may cancelled at short notice or reinstated

### March

Mar 25.. Annunciation of the Lord & Day of Prayer for Family life  
Mar 28.. St Mary's Preschool Garage Sale  
Mar 29..Combined Church service, St Josephs PN(6)

### April

April 7..Chrism Mass, Richmond (7)  
April 9-12.. EASTER

Apr 14..Wairau Stewardship (7)  
April 16..BHM Ladies Friendship Group  
Apr 21.. Finance & Property (7)  
Apr 25.. ANZAC Day  
Apr 28.. St Peter Chanel, Patron Saint of Oceania & Ward

### May

May 3..Day of Prayer for Vocations  
May 3-10.. National Vocations Awareness week  
May 24.. World Communications Day  
May 25-31 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
May 31.. Pentecost Sunday

### June

Jun 7 Trinity Sunday  
Jun 14..Corpus Christi  
Jun 21.. Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants

Jun 28.. Peter's Pence Collection

### July

Jul 12.. Sea Sunday-Day of Prayer for Seafarers

God our Father, we ask your protection against the Coronavirus that has claimed lives and affected many.

We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature of this virus and of stemming the tide of its transmission.

Guide the hands and minds of the medical experts to minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and guide government and private agencies to find a cure and solution to this epidemic.

We pray for those afflicted.

May they be restored to health soon.

Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need.

I ask for your special providence and protection for our country, my family and my friends. Please send your Holy Spirit to protect us from this virus. And may Mary, our Blessed Mother, place over us her mantel of protection. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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### Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

**Recently Deceased:** John Sloane, Ngaire Kennedy (AKL), Flo Gibson (CHCH), Eileen Poulsen (CHCH), Sr Emeritiana smsm (AKL)

### **Anniversaries:**

**Other Intentions:** Beavan Undrill; Cardinal John Dew,

### **COLLECTIONS:**

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

### **Last week (minus levies):**

AP's: \$ 1309.00  
Envelopes: \$ 793.00  
Loose: \$ 519.70

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you!