

## Te Whetu O Te Moana | Star of the Sea

### Marlborough Catholic Parish

From the Sounds to the Sea, the Mountains to the Plains

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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 11 Palm Sunday 05 04 2020

### Suggestions for Prayer at Home over Holy Week

Fr Patrick Bridgman, Liturgy Adviser Archdiocese of Wellington

In these days as we approach Holy Week, we are like our ancestors not having the full rituals of the Church available. How we remember the Most Holy of Weeks will be by our own choice personally or as a family; yet we know that we are in communion with the faith community of our parish and the local Church; our diocese, and the Church world-wide. The following are simple suggestions for Palm Sunday, and the Triduum; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. These moments of prayer are sourced in the Missal from which we pray when we are together, and so the words and symbols are familiar to us. They are already part of our prayer life. You may like to pray at the times you would normally gather with your faith community in the parish so to emphasis the reality of our communion with each other.

#### Palm Sunday

Each year we gather to commemorate the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. For our prayer today we could go into our gardens and cut a small branch in readiness for the blessing. If children are present in the house, they may enjoy this task. If the weather is fine you could gather outside with the branches and pray with the words of the Church. In prayer someone could speak aloud how we have been preparing our hearts during Lent by penance and charitable works, and that now we announce with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. With branches held high we could pray with these words or similar:

Almighty ever-living God,  
make holy these branches with your blessing,  
that we who follow Christ the King with joy,  
may reach the heavenly Jerusalem through him,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen

Following the blessing it would be good to read the account of the 'Entry into Jerusalem' from the Gospel of Matthew 21:1-11. After a time of reflection, and if possible, a sharing on the Gospel, then you could pray Intercessions which may arise in your hearts at this time. This time of prayer could conclude:

*O Lord,  
Look upon your family, for whom our  
Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate  
to be delivered to death.  
May his resurrection give us perseverance  
And lead us to salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

People may also want to reflect with the Readings of the Day from the Liturgy of the Word for Palm Sunday (Is 50: 4-7; Ps 21, Phil 2: 6-11, Matt 26: 14-27:66).

You will be able to access a chanted version of the Gospel through the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington, YouTube page.

Cardinal John's Palm Sunday Mass will be online at 10am.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFI\\_puUtk-IZdqregu-nQw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFI_puUtk-IZdqregu-nQw/)

### **Holy Thursday**

During the day we could prepare a prayer focus in the house with a bowl of water and a plate with a cup/glass. (That, again, could be an activity if there are children in the house).

In the evening at table, before or after the meal, there may be an opportunity to read one or more of the scripture passages suggested for the Lord's Super liturgy. (Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; Ps 115; 1 Cor: 11:23-26; Jn 13: 1-15).

Our grace before the evening meal could remember the call for Christians to serve others and how we long to gather again for the celebration of the Eucharist.

And finally, we could pray:

*Almighty God  
We receive new life  
From the supper your Son gave us in the world.  
May we find full contentment  
In the meal we hope to share  
In your eternal kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### **Good Friday**

Today is an opportunity to place a Cross in a central place in our house or garden. For children, maybe they could create one from some branches that have fallen from the trees in recent winds. Through the day, as we pass the Cross, we keep in mind what Christ has done for us.

At 3pm, before the Cross we could read the Passion of the Lord: John 18: 1-19:42 (we may like to also read Is 52: 13-53:12; Ps 30; Heb. 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9). As, when we are together at Church, if there are a few people in your 'bubble' different people could read parts. A time to reflect could follow, if possible. The Prayers of Intercession today include prayers for: the Church, the Pope, all the faithful and clergy, all those preparing for baptism, the unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office, those in tribulation, and a special prayer at this time for the sick, those who have died, and those who feel lost or dismayed. Again, this is an opportunity for children to have prepared some prayers around these themes. There could follow a time of silent prayer before the Cross.

A concluding blessing could follow:

*May abundant blessing, O Lord,  
come down upon you people,  
who have honoured the Death of your Son*

*in the hope of their resurrection:  
may pardon come, comfort be given, faith increase,  
and everlasting life be made secure.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## **Easter Sunday**

Whether in the darkness of the Saturday evening, or in the Sunday morning light, we could gather, at the time we normally would with our parish community, in our home to rejoice in the truth that the Lord is Risen!

If there are children present, they could prepare for the prayer by painting a candle with bright colours and a Cross. Maybe with the numbers of the Year, 2020, at the intersection corners of the Cross. As well they could have a bowl with water and maybe some flowers around the base of the bowl. The candle could be lit and placed beside the bowl of water.

And we could pray:

*O God, who on this night/day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep the day of the Lord's Resurrection,  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever,  
Amen.*

There are many readings which the Church offers for reflection at this time and may be found in your Missal or online. The Gospel for the Easter Vigil is Matthew 28: 1-10, and for the Day is John 20:1-9.

If children are present it could be an opportunity for them to have prepared a dramatization of the Gospel chosen. Sharing or reflection could follow on the Gospel and any other readings chosen. Our focus could then turn to the bowl of water, and we could reflect on our own baptisms and on what we believe. The renewal of Baptismal Promises includes a rejection of Satan, his works, and all his empty promises.

Then follows a profession of our faith in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, born of the Virgin Mary, who was crucified, died, was buried, rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father; in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Prayers of the Faithful could follow remembering the needs of the faithful, the world, local communities, your family, the sick, those who have died, and special intentions for this time.

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A quote sent through from **Ecology, Justice and Peace Office**

We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us.

Pope Francis: [Extraordinary Moment of Prayer](#), 27 March 2020

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Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Attached to this newsletter is my spiritual Reading for the time, and I thought the situation of Archbishop Francis as he describes it in this little book would be of interest to you. It shows how he kept himself sane and profitable under 13 years of imprisonment by the Communists in Viet Nam, and through 9 years of solitary confinement.

If the days appear to drag, you might just use some of his skills for prayer and ways of keeping positive through our much more comfortable situation.

Peace to you all.

Fr Pat McIndoe

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### **Solidarity Prayer for a Pandemic (by an American Jesuit scholastic)**

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

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An Article about Fr Pat is in the latest online version of the Wednesday Blenheim Sun

[https://issuu.com/blenheimsun/docs/blenheim\\_sun\\_200401/4](https://issuu.com/blenheimsun/docs/blenheim_sun_200401/4)

### **Monthly WelCom**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the Government's rules to stop delivery of printed 'community' newspapers and magazines, WelCom, due out for Palm Sunday, 5 April, has been adapted as an online publication. Printed copies of WelCom will not be available during New Zealand's lockdown.

The link to the WelCom website to read this month's newspaper online is:

[https://issuu.com/dartworks/docs/welcom\\_381\\_april\\_2020\\_5-6\\_final\\_web](https://issuu.com/dartworks/docs/welcom_381_april_2020_5-6_final_web)

How to access the online version of WelCom:

- Click on the link (above).
- To enlarge the publication on your screen, click on the 'full screen' small square icon at the bottom right side of your screen.
- To turn the pages, click on the arrow symbol at the centre right side of the page (and left arrow to reverse).
- To increase size of the page or part of an article, with your cursor move the toggle on the slide bar at the bottom right area of your screen (right to increase size or left to reduce page size).
- Enjoy reading this month's edition.

During the Covid-19 lockdown period, we will be producing WelCom online. We will notify you when the next online edition is ready. Please continue to email your stories and photos to: [welcom@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:welcom@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**Other links and information:**

Below is a link to daily Mass in Christchurch with Bishop Paul Martin. This is a great resource as Mass is in our time zone!

<https://youtu.be/txmL4X82r6g> (today's Sunday Mass)

and <https://chchcatholic.nz/2020/03/mass-livestream/>

You don't have to watch it live - it is recorded.

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The Website for the Archdiocese of wellington has resources available

[www.wn.catholic.org.nz](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz) and go to the top right corner and press on "resources". AND they have a facebook page, the cardinal has one of his own as well.

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Visit Pleroma [www.christiansupplies.co.nz](http://www.christiansupplies.co.nz) for resources to help you through this time

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**NZ CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER**

**Good afternoon NZ Catholic contributors and friends,**

This newsletter contains a link to a digital edition of the latest NZ Catholic, produced by the paper's staff from their homes during the lockdown because of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

We have made this available free of charge because we understand NZ Catholic does not qualify for print publication as an essential media service under the definitions announced recently by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage and the Prime Minister.

Pages may take a few seconds to load. With the pressure on online services with the nation in lockdown mode, we ask you to be patient.

Pages can be turned by hitting arrows at the side of the screen. The paper can also be downloaded as a whole pdf by hitting the download icon at the bottom of your screen.

Please enjoy reading New Zealand's only national Catholic newspaper:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/888733fa-9004-4e70-9b91-df418a9f5d2a>

Michael Otto, Editor, NZ Catholic

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Vatican's Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJHI8bl0LWg>

Rome Reports

<https://www.romereports.com/.../live-popes-mass-at-santa-mar.../>

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**Mental Health Line** : 1737 (txt or phone) designed to meet the needs of anyone who 'wants to talk' to a counsellor.

<https://www.anxiety.org.nz/>

**Parent Helpline:** 0800 568 856.

**Catholic Social Services:** 021 374 373 Karen Holland or 027405546

**Society of St Vincent de Paul: please ring the Parish Office 03 578 0038**

**Laudate App:** “Laudate” offers several icons ranging from Prayers, Daily Readings, Liturgy of the Hours, and others. Some favourites are access to Liturgy of the Hours and some of the audio apps available. Under “Daily Readings” there are several icons offering meditations and audio recordings based on the day. There are also “Reflections” on the Mass Readings for the day which are either readings or audio recordings from selected ministries.

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Another app is “Universalis” that has regular readings etc

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**National Liturgy Office** have resources available on their website: [www.nlo.org.nz](http://www.nlo.org.nz)

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Also, we have a Facebook Page, “Star of the Sea Marlborough”, where there are messages from the Cardinal and the Passionist Community as well as notes of inspiration and encouragement.

<b><u>Readings for Holy Week</u></b>				
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Apr:</b>	Matt 21:1-11	Isai 50:4-7	Phil 2:6-11	Matt 26:14-27,66
<b>Psalm Response:</b>	Psalm 89			
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Isaiah 42:1-7			John 12:1-11
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Isaiah 49: 1-6			John 13:21-23,36-38
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Isaiah 50:4-9			Matt 26: 14-25
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>			
	Exod 12:1-8,11-14	1Cor 11: 23-26		John 13:1-15
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>			
	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9		John 18:1-19:42
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>			
	Genesis 1:1-2:2	Romans 6:3-11		Matt 28:1-10
	<b><u>Easter Sunday</u></b>			
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Apr:</b>	Acts 10:34,37-43	Col 3:1-4	John 20:1-9	