

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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An Easter Message

Dear people,

It has been a difficult time for you as you stay at home or go to an essential service for the welfare of us all. It must be hard for the children and young people, not being at school or with their friends. It must be hard for the Mums and Dads who have lost their job or are not able to earn their usual money to support the family. I hope that the Government relief money is able to get through. It must be a worrying time economically for many families.

Amid the difficulties and hardship, let us look to the larger picture. We are doing our little bit – but every bit is important – to help our country to eliminate the covid-19 virus and keep our people safe. But in the larger picture, it is carrying the Cross with our Lord on the road to Calvary. We don't see that at the time perhaps. We just grit our teeth and growl perhaps at the inconvenience, but during this time (Lent) called a "Season of Grace" – the Lord invites us to play our part in his Work of bringing the world out of the darkness of sin and everything including illness that oppresses God's people, into the Light and Love of God's Presence with his People.

This is what we call the Saving Work of Jesus. We are all called by our Baptism to play a role in Jesus' work of Saving the World.

Let us do our part with gratitude, with humility and with Love. Simon of Cyrene hadn't a clue what was happening when the soldiers forced him to carry the Cross of Jesus. Only later did he realize what a blessing it was – to walk with Jesus and to carry the Cross with him. Let us do our part in the coming weeks

- to keep to our bubble, to be kind to others – to be patient with one another, and to see that Jesus is right here at our home. God Love you.

Fr Jacob and I, Srs Maureen and Frances Anna, Fr Giltus and Fr Thomas too in Sydney, we all wish you a very Happy and Blessed Easter,

Sincerely,

Pat CP

Cardinal John's Newsletter - Easter 2020

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Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou,

Last Easter my two sisters and my brothers-in-law came to stay with me for Easter. It was the first time for just over 40 years that we had been together for Easter. A couple of days ago we said to each other "who would ever have thought that Easter one year later would be this different? 'Our circumstances, because of Covid 19, are very different this year.

However, the mysteries we participate in are the same. Jesus still shows us the way to the Father, and we prayerfully follow him this week through his Passion amid the Coronavirus challenges.

Jesus' way to the Father was a way of humility and obedience to God: "If it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it." (Matthew 26:39)

In the events of this week we will see that the way of Jesus is the way of the Servant, of self-giving and sharing. He gives himself in foot-washing service, in the gift of his Body and Blood, on the cross of suffering. How do we "copy his example?" (John 13:15)

We learn on Good Friday that the way of Jesus is the way of silence. He stands before the High Priest in silence, confident that he has done no wrong and that he is "the Beloved Son of God" (Luke 9:35). This silence will tell us too that we are the beloved daughters and sons of God.

The Easter Vigil will be totally different. God will renew his promise to us, the promise that though Baptism we are his people and he is our God, that in Jesus he comes to us so that "We might have life and have it to the full"(John 10:10).

In the Easter silence of this Lockdown we will discover new life. As Thomas Merton once wrote "Every rising morning is a promise of Christ's glorious rising". God's promise will be kept. I hope that despite the uncertainties we face that this Easter will be a prayerful time for all.

Pray for one another as we follow Jesus, as we follow his way of humiliation, service, suffering, abandonment, dying and rising. This could well be our most prayerful Easter.

With love and blessings
Naku noa+ John

"Sunday after Sunday. And especially at this greatest Sunday of the year, we enter events which show Easter as more than a once-upon-a-time event. Implicit within all our celebrations there is a sense of future. We can be intent on things above rather than on things of earth." Easter is a promise of endtime. Our festivals take place in a sinful world, in an imperfect Church. In them we taste that time when we will all be in glory." St Andrew Bible Missal

Looking for **Wellington-based Easter Triduum services** follow this custom YouTube URL. <https://www.youtube.com/c/MCSHWellington> courtesy of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Here is the schedule they are working towards having the videos ready by:

- * Holy Thursday 7.30pm
- * Good Friday 3.00pm
- * Easter Vigil 7.30pm

* There will be no Easter Day Mass

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

The tragedy we are experiencing summons us to take seriously the things that are serious, and not to be caught up in those that matter less; to rediscover that life is of no use if not used to serve others. For life is measured by love.

[Pope Francis tweet](#) 7 April 2020

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On Good Friday is an online combined service hosted by BCMA. 10am through the Elim Centre on Facebook. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/blenheimelim/>. Join us in mind and spirit.

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Picton Good Friday Combined Service: Welcome to a Good Friday **Service, 11:30 AM** - Virtual "Carrying the Cross" gathering on Zoom.

We will start at Holy Trinity Anglican church and proceed to the Catholic Church, then we'll journey down High Street to the Memorial Arch where Christian Life Centre will lead us in a meditation. As we travel from place to place you will see photographs from previous years 'Carrying the Cross'. Finally, we will move back up High Street to the Union Parish Centre. Click on the link below and it should take you, on your web browser, directly to the meeting.

<https://zoom.us/j/223699760> Meeting ID: 223 699 760 See you there!

Masses available on Television: Free to air telecast| Shine TV Freeview channel 25

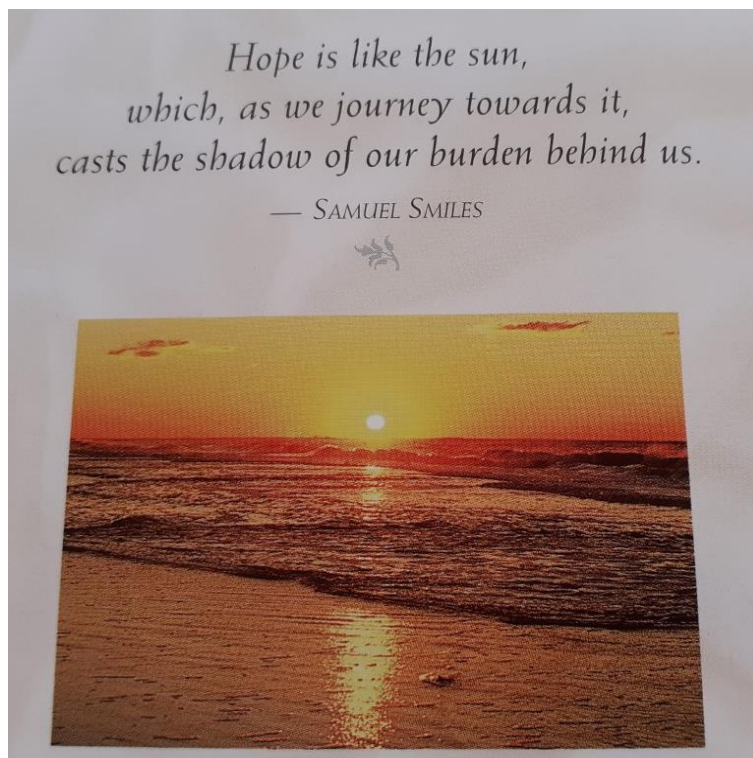
Sundays from 4 April – 1.35pm

Good Friday 10 April – 8.30am

Please try and get this message out to parishioners who don't have emails or internet

Need Help – Offer Help' – A COVID-19 Response: Contact details for groups within the Archdiocese of Wellington who are meeting needs and offering social services to support wellbeing during the lockdown is available on the Archdiocese of Wellington website page "Need help, offer help": https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/need-help-offer-help/ This webpage also includes details of how people can contribute, which is primarily through financial donations at this time, when goods are unable to be offered. Catholic social services (04-385-8642) social workers can also assist in connecting people to appropriate services. The page is regularly updated - please email l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz with any updates.

We simplify our lives.
 We live gladly with less.
 We let go the illusion that we can possess.
 We create instead.
 We let go the illusion of mobility.
 We travel in stillness. We travel at home.
 By candlelight and in stillness,
 In the presence of flowers,
 We make our pilgrimage.
 We simplify our lives. (Leunig)



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"Five Loaves and Two Fishes' by Archbishop Francis Xavier Thuan.

We will send a Chapter each week. It is by the Bishop who was in jail for 13 years and 9 of them in solitary confinement! This will come as another attachment with the newsletter.

Blessings, Fr Pat. This week, Chapter 2

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From Sr Elizabeth Mary:

To My Friendly Parishioners at St Mary's - and beyond to the outskirts of Star of the Sea Parish..... May our Resurrected Christ bring Easter blessings of Good Health, Hope, Joy and Peace to each of you as we celebrate as best we can a 'Bubbled' Easter time for 2020! Enjoy ☺ your time and have good memories of past times and 'make' good records of this time for the future

Prayerful good wishes to each one
 Elizabeth Mary rsm. (From my bubble to yours!)

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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 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. They uploads reflections and resources on a regular basis.

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Visit Pleroma 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

National Liturgy Office have resources available on their website: www.nlo.org.nz

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Planned Giving Receipts: As we are in lockdown, not everything can be done at the correct time. One is Planned Giving Envelopes and Receipts. We will endeavour to get them out as speedily as possible once out of lockdown. And Thank you to those who use online banking, either AP or DC to contribute your giving. This allows us to continue to pay our bills. If you wish to change from envelopes, please email the office and Ginetta will be in contact with you.

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.

Readings for Easter Octave

Sun 19th Apr:	Acts 10:34,37-43	Col 3:1-4	John 20:1-9
Psalm Response:	Psalm 104		
Mon 13th:	Acts 2:14,22-33		Matt 28: 8-15
Tues 14th:	Acts 2:36-41		John 20:11-18
Wed 15th:	Acts 3:1-10		Luke 24: 13-35
Thurs 16th:	Acts 3:111-26		Luke 24:35-48
Fri 17th:	Acts 4:1-12		John 21:1-14
Sat 18th:	Acts 4:13-21		Mark 16:9-15
<u>2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</u>			
Sun 19th Apr:	Acts 2:42-47	1Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31

Recently Deceased: Ian Newman, Leo Garrett (ex KK), Marie Van der Geest, John Romano, David Swindells.

Anniversaries: 15 April John Wright, Marie Fredericks