

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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Divine Mercy Sunday

My friends, you have been in self-imposed isolation for almost a month now. We have stayed in our bubbles because this is what our Prime Minister and her advisors have recommended for us to beat the Covid-19 epidemic. We have seen how 9 people have already lost their lives in New Zealand, and we have seen how thousands and tens of thousands of people have died of this sickness in other countries.

Perhaps we felt very like those apostles who cowered in their closed room on the first Easter weekend (John 20: 19 – 29). Jesus had been crucified by the Romans. He had been disowned by their own leaders, and they had fled in fear in case they too were apprehended. Fear too has kept us cosseted away from our friends and loved ones in case we catch this mysterious illness that can decimate good, normally healthy nations.

Jesus comes on this Sunday, as on every Sunday to proclaim:-

‘Do not be afraid. Peace be with you.’ He comes into your home if you invite him, as you gather to remember him. Let our hearts also be filled with joy as the apostles were on that first Easter afternoon.

The apostles were hiding for fear of the Jews. They were no doubt still suffering from the shame that they had deserted their Lord when he needed them most. Only one (St John) had ventured to be at the foot of the Cross. Now as Jesus comes among them, he

didn't scold them or reproach them for their lack of faith in him. He renewed his call and the mission he gave them:

“As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.”

Jesus comes to us at this time. He has conquered death and sin and even any virus that threatens us. We can rejoice that Jesus is ever with us. He sends us to be his missionaries of hope and peace into our world today.

May our faith in Jesus and in his Word be strengthened. We may still have to listen to the authorities to help protect people and each other, but fear should not keep us in its grip. The Love and Power of our Risen Lord casts out fear and shame and even our doubts. Christ has truly Risen and he gives freely us His Risen Joy and Life. Alleluia (Praise God!) is our song. He renews us with his Love. His Mercy has no end. Let us also show that mercy and forgiveness to one another.

Fr Jacob and myself pray for you each day. Please pray for us too.

Pat

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A quote sent through from [Ecology, Justice and Peace Office](#)

The resurrection of Christ ... is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not “by-pass” suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

Pope Francis: [Urbi et Orbi message](#), Easter 2020

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Fr Pat and Fr Jacob will be saying Mass and livestreaming it on our Facebook page this Saturday at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.

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Sisters sacrifice daily Mass: ‘We’re all in this together’

Published: 16 April 2020 *By Emilie Ng, The Catholic Leader*

Since the closure of churches in Australia on March 23, the Carmelite Sisters in Ormiston have forgone their daily Mass to be in solidarity with their fellow Catholics.

Prioress Sr Moira Kelly said the community of 15 sisters, including seven over the age of 80, and one visiting Carmelite, would not have a Mass in their chapel, the first time in their 93-year history, as long as Catholics were unable to frequent the sacraments.

It is a huge loss for the Carmelite community, who regard the Mass as the high point of their contemplative religious life and from where the Sisters find the strength to live their radical life of poverty, obedience and chastity.

Sr Moira said the Sisters were offered a priest to say daily Mass, but decided against it as it would pose a health risk for both the priest and their ageing sisters.

“But the main reason why the Sisters prefer not to is to be in solidarity with everybody else,” Sr Moira said. “We’re all in this together.”

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

Sundays from 4 April – 1.35pm

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

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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.

This third Chapter is a very moving one: on prayer.

Just a wee note on p.32 There are one or two Latin quotes from the Gospels;

Translation: 'Magnificat' - My soul Magnifies the Lord ..'

'In manus tuas' . . Into your hands

Ut unam sint . . . That they may be one . .

Miserere mei peccatoris . . Have mercy on me a sinner

But 99% of the Chapter is in English, so don't let the Latin put you off.

Pat CP

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St Vincent de Paul:

The Blenheim Conference and the National Conference both have Facebook pages that have inspiring messages. Check them out.

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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 a big 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. Some people have put contributions in the letterbox, but we are unable to bank them as the local BNZ branch is closed. To keep everyone safe please keep your envelopes at home till after lockdown is lifted.

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.

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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:

It is also online in PDF format here: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Issue-587-April-19-2021.pdf

Michael Otto, Editor, NZ Catholic

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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 upload 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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Vatican’s Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJHI8blOLWg>

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.

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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Readings for 2nd Week of Easter		
Sun 19th Apr:	Acts 2:42-47	1Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
Psalm Response:	Psalm 118	
Mon 20th:	Acts 4:23-31	John 3:1-8
Tues 21st:	Acts 4:32-37	John 3:7-15
Wed 22nd:	Acts 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thurs 23rd:	Acts 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Fri 24th:	Acts 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
Sat 25th:	ANZAC DAY	
	Wisdom 3: 1-9	1 Cor 1: 18-25 John 12:23-28
3rd Sunday of Easter		
Sun 26th Apr:	Acts 2:14,22-28	1Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24: 13-35

Recently Deceased: Ian Newman, Leo Garrett (ex KK), Marie Van der Geest, John Romano, David Swindells. David Nott Snr, Margaret Waite (Waiuku), Marjorie O'Byrne (Nlsn).

Anniversaries: