



## Te Whetu O Te Moana | Star of the Sea Marlborough Catholic Parish

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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 15 Fourth Sunday of Easter 03 05 2020 Vocation Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters,

on this Sunday, also called Good Shepherd Sunday, we are called to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Now in this time of Covid-19 and the lock-down, we are conscious more than ever of our spiritual needs –people would dearly like to have the Eucharist, we all have to battle our fears of this invisible virus that can stalk our families and our livelihood. We realise we depend more than ever on God's Provident care and mercy. We thirst truly for the usual community of our church where we normally meet our friends and pray together. These are spiritual needs which often our priests, religious sisters and lay ministry leaders help us through their ministry. Now in these present times we have been forced to depend much more on our own resources and it has been wonderful to see the creative ways people have stepped up to assist people in their local communities. We have been forced by circumstances to look to our own family relationships – (where Christ meets us daily) and by connecting to Masses or liturgies on the TV or internet.

But there is no escape from the fact of our constant need for priests to minister in the parishes of our Diocese.

As this coming week marks the first anniversary of Fr. John Pearce's death, we are aware of the pressing need for more good men or youth to step forward to carry on his wonderful work that finished so suddenly a year ago. Let us during this week pray earnestly for more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

We certainly need more women to embrace the religious life to inspire and encourage our children for the Church of tomorrow.

Use the little prayer composed by Pope Francis to say each day of this week. Read the attached story of Fr James Lyons who speaks very simply and movingly of his priestly vocation. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who says in the Gospel: "I have come so that they may have life, and have it to the full." (Jn. 10:10) He gave his life for you and me that we could share in God's eternal life forever! What are you prepared to do for him?

Fr Patrick CP

### **From David Dowling, Vocations Director:**

In speaking of the Gospel passage that recounts the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee (cf. Mt 14:22-33) Pope Francis says, *"Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives."*

Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for our seminarians Alfred, Matthew, Kinh and Emilio, for Gerson who is preparing to enter the seminary and for all those discerning the call to priesthood.

### **Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest?**

**Pray** for this person.

**Invite** him to consider priesthood.

**Affirm** his gifts and qualities.

**Encourage** him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

**Contact** Fr David Dowling, Vocations Director: [frdavidd@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidd@gmail.com) or 021 174 4248.

**Visit** [www.wellingtonpriests.org](http://www.wellingtonpriests.org)

**Follow us on Facebook:** Wellington Priests

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

As we look ahead to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, the risk is that an even worse virus may strike us: that of a selfish indifference that forgets those who are left behind.

Pope Francis, Twitter 24 April 2020

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## **New book offers comfort during trying times**

Published: 23 April 2020

(Vatican News)

The Vatican's Dicastery for Communication has published a downloadable book containing prayers, supplications and Pope Francis' homilies as "a sure support in time of trial" during the COVID-19 pandemic. Source: *Vatican News*.

*By Eugenio Bonanata and Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ, Vatican News*

"A little help offered to all, so as to know how to discern and experience God's closeness and tenderness in pain, in suffering, in solitude and in fear," writes Andrea Tornielli, the editorial director of the dicastery.

Titled *Strong in the Face of Tribulation: The Church in Communion – a Sure Support in Time of Trial*, the digital publication contains a collection of prayers, intercessions and homilies to help sustain the Church's sense of communion amid the coronavirus pandemic.

*Strong in the Face of Tribulation* is available for download free of charge on the website of the Vatican's publishing house, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, in PDF format. It is currently available in English, Italian, Spanish and French.

The digital copy of the book will be updated several times a week in the light of new developments and the "rediscovery" of other treasures of the Church's tradition.

The cover of the book carries an image of the Archangel Michael who "protects the Church against evil and supports us in this difficult trial, so that this evil may not prejudice our trust in the Father and the solidarity among us," Mr Tornielli writes.

Rather, he says, these trying times should become an "opportunity to look at what is truly essential for our lives and to share the love received from God among all," especially with those who are most in need.

The book contains three sections. In the first, prayers, rituals and supplications for difficult times inspired by Christian tradition can be found. It includes, blessings for the sick, prayers for liberation from evil, and other texts that originate from various ecclesial contexts and historical eras.

The second section is on how people can continue to live out a sacramental life despite COVID-19 restrictions.

The final part is a collection of Pope Francis' homilies from Mass at the Domus Sanctae Marthae and the texts of the Sunday Angelus discourses, beginning from March 9.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/forti-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/strong-in-tribulation.-20042020.pdf>

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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. This can also be viewed at a later time if you wish.



On Tuesday 5 May at 9.30am, Fr Pat & Jacob will say a special Mass for the first anniversary of the passing of Fr John Pearce cp. This will also be livestreamed on Facebook. We will also put up the PowerPoint from the Blenheim funeral as well as the one from the Marrickville funeral.

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

Sundays from 4 April – **2pm-Please note the change of time.**

**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 week is the Fifth Chapter

Pat CP

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Here is a link to a webinar created by Duncan Holland on phoning people – you may find it useful to view and/or pass on to those in the parish who are maintaining phone contact with people.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5piWcJeeLM&t=00s>

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**WelCom May 2020, is out this week for Good Shepherd Sunday, 3 May.**

**Due to Covid-19 restrictions, WelCom is not currently being printed and distributed to parishes and schools.**

**The May 2020 WelCom for online reading as a double-page version is at this link:**

[https://issuu.com/dartworks/docs/welcom\\_382\\_may\\_2020](https://issuu.com/dartworks/docs/welcom_382_may_2020)

**The May 2020 issue is also available for online reading as a single-page pdf option at this link:**

[https://archdiocese-of-wellington.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/WelCom\\_382\\_May\\_2020.pdf](https://archdiocese-of-wellington.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/WelCom_382_May_2020.pdf)

**Content for May WelCom includes:**

- **Worshipping Together in Faith Communities – Cardinal John Dew.**
- **Reaching out to communities during lockdown – various articles.**
- **Pray for Vocations – Good Shepherd Sunday, 3 May.**
- ***Laudato si'* – a local reflection, Peter Healy sm.**
- **The cannabis referendum – Nathaniel Centre.**
- **The 1918 flu pandemic – Mike Fitzsimons.**
- **Breathe Life – Pentecost Sunday, Fr James Lyons.**
- **Local and international news and views.**

Please continue to email your stories and photos to share with WelCom at: [welcom@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:welcom@wn.catholic.org.nz). The content deadline for June WelCom is: Monday 18 May.

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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://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. They upload reflections and resources on a regular basis.

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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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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.

Another app is “Universalis” that has regular readings etc

**National Liturgy Office** have resources available on their website: [www.nlo.org.nz](http://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 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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<b><u>Readings for 4th Week of Easter</u></b>		
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May:</b>	<b>Good Shepherd Sunday (Vocations Sunday)</b>	
	Acts 2:14,36-41	1Peter 2:20-25
		John 10:1-10
<b>Psalm Response:</b>	Psalm 23	
	3-10 May National Vocations Awareness Week	
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 11:1-18	John 10:1-10
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 12:24-13:5	John 12:44-50
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 13:26-33	John 14: 1-6
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 13:44-52	John 14:7-14
<b><u>5th Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day)</u></b>		
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 6:1-7	1Peter 2:4-9
		John 14:1-12

**Recently Deceased:** Ian Newman, Leo Garrett (ex KK), Marie Van der Geest, John Romano, David Swindells. David Nott Snr (PN), Margaret Waite (Waiuku), Marjorie O’Byrne (Nlsn), Michael Prendergast (Picton), Colin McKay

**Anniversaries: May 5** John Pearce CP