

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

Fr Pat away 11 Feb-4 March

1st Sunday of Lent (3)

Sat Feb 20

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Feb 21

Seddon-8am Mass

icton-9am Mass

Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

Renwick-5pm Mass

2nd Sunday of Lent (4)

Sat Feb 27

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Feb 28

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass

Ward- 4pm ?

3rd Sunday of Lent(1)

Sat Mar 6 Blenheim-5pm Mass

cuppa after Mass

Sun Mar 7

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am Mass

cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass

cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

4th Sunday of Lent (2)

Sat Mar 13

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Mar 14

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Cuppa afterwards

Havelock-11am No Mass

Parish News & Events

Communion to the Sick: If you have a family member housebound or in hospital and would like a priest to visit or someone to take Communion, please contact the Parish Office or Judith Kerridge 578 6209

Welcome to a New Staff Member: Viv Southby is joining Ginetta in the Parish Office for 2 mornings a week, and we welcome her to the team. She has played a great role as Liturgy Coordinator at St Mary's

and will continue this as well as her paid employment.

Youth Group!! - starts up again this term, **Wednesdays from now on, 6.30-8.30pm**, at St Mary's youth rooms. For all years 9-13. new members very welcome! Enquiries to Mieke and Maurice Davies, 0223918584 stmary-youthgroup@xtra.co.nz

AEDs installed: Please familiarise yourselves with its placement. More details on its use will be shared during Masses in coming weeks. Picton is viewing the video on 21st Feb.

Mass Managers wanted: for BHM Masses. With enough support you will only have to do this once a month. Full training given.

BHM Children's Liturgy Teachers wanted: this would suit people working as a team as 2 are required for each session. If there are enough volunteers this would be every 4-6 weeks. Resources are provided. Contact the Parish Office. Many thanks to Clare McElean who has run this for the last couple years, for her commitment in sharing her faith.

Caritas Lenten Reflection books: These are now available from the office to groups or individuals who want to want a weekly resource to help pray their way through to Easter. The Theme this year is "A New Way Forward". Books are \$2 each. Also available in the Tongan language.

BHM Women's Friendship Group: 1st meeting of the year on Fri, Feb 19th, 2pm at the Mercy Room. All welcome. Phone Jessie 021 0863 5235.

Forgiven: a series of five Reflection evenings during Lent based around the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sessions will be on **Sundays at St Joseph's, from 5 - 6pm, beginning 28 February.** The evenings will include a video presentation from the "Forgiven" series produced by the Augustine Institute, time for private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and fellowship over a cuppa afterwards. This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Sacrament and spend some extra time with Our Lord during Lent.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. 4 Mondays in March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone. Start: 01 March

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christ-with-kieran-fenn-fms/> For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz. **Have you listened to the interviews on Muffin Talk? They are available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>**

St Mary's School Gala:

This is coming up fast, so look out things to donate. The school is looking for potted plants, fruit, veges, books, toys, clothing, items for the Mystery Bottles & Bags, and silent auction, or people to make preserves. And if you are free to help on the day, even better. Contact Fiona- 027 479 8131, Megan- 027 449 7837 or Ross-021 527 766. More details on SM notice board.

The Parish to Parish bed and breakfast book is available with nearly 200 homes in NZ and Australia for catholic hospitality, \$35 a night for one person or \$30 each for 2 or more persons this includes continental breakfast, I would welcome new hosts to join us. For information or to purchase a book (\$15 includes postage) contact Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, Ph. 359 5541, or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Parish Calendar

February 2021

March 2021

Mar 5.. World Day of Prayer
Mar 7.. Sounds Stewardship (5)
Mar 8.. Wairau Stewardship (7)
Mar 13.. St Mary's School Gala
Mar 16.. Finance & Property (7)
Mar 30.. Chrism Mass, Garin College (11.40)

April

Apr 4.. EASTER SUNDAY
Apr ? Sounds Stewardship (5)
Apr 5.. Kaikoura Stewardship

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Ann Falloon, Anthony Sherman (Taranaki), Ray Jurie (AUK), Miranda Jurie (Melb), Desmond Schumacher (CHCH), Nona Miller, Colleen Guthrie

Anniversaries: Feb 18 Christine Eves **25** Mary McConway

Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Sid Nally, Flo Andrews, Diane Smith, McConway, Hope & Cheesman families, Paula Schreuder, Tom & Suzanne Jeffries- 60th WA, Paul & Maryke Mills- 50th WA

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 1421.20
Envelopes: \$ 337.15
Cash: \$ 404.85
Christmas Dues \$ 200.00

thank you!



When a priest is not available, Word & Communion will be led by parishioners.

Blenheim

Tues: 9.30am Mass
Wed: 12.05pm Mass
Rosary: 5.30pm
Ph: 572 9067 or 5782507 for venue

Thurs: 9.30 am Mass

Except 1st Thurs:

Bethsaida **10.45am**

Fri: 11am Adoration

11.30 Reconciliation

12.05pm Mass

Sat: 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation to follow

Sat: 5.00pm Mass

Sun: 10.00am Mass

(2nd & 5th Sunday

Word & Communion)

Havelock

Sunday: 11am

(4th Sunday

No Mass)

Kaikoura

Tues: 9.30am

Wed: 9.30am

Wed: 7pm Rosary

Thurs: 5.15pm

Fri: 9.30am

Sun: 9.30am

(1st & 3rd Sunday

Word & Communion)

Picton

Mon: Adoration 4-5pm

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Adoration & Reconciliation:

9.30-10.30am

Fri: 7.30pm Rosary -

24 York Street

Sun: 9.00am Mass

(4th Sunday:

Word & Communion)

Renwick

3rd Sunday 5pm Mass

Seddon

Sun: 8am Mass

(2nd & 5th Sunday

Word & Communion)

Ward

4th Sunday 4pm Mass

Baptisms

Celebrated during week-

end Mass or other times.

Marriages

Marriages celebrated in all

our Churches. Please contact

the Parish Office well in

advance.

Open Church

Our Churches at St Mary's

& Sacred Heart Kaikoura

are open every day if you

want a quiet place for

prayer.

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

Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward

Parish Office: 61 Maxwell Road, Blenheim | T. 03 578 0038

EM. office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz | FB. Star of the Sea Marlborough (357 followers)

WEB. www.staroftheseamarlb.co.nz

Newsletter No 03: 21st February 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners, as we begin Lent this year Pope Francis reminds us, continue to be kind and be compassionate to others: This is direct quote from Pope Francis.

"Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen."

As we reflect on our own lives and our relationship with God and neighbor, Pope Francis reminds us of our attitudes towards each other. Do not let our attitudes enslave us so much that we are not able to see the bright side of life and appreciate the other who is also created in the image and likeness of God. Let us journey together during this Lent bringing peace and joy to those we meet and put a **smile** on their faces.

Fr Jacob Kuman CP



Readings for the first Week of Lent

Sun 21st:	Gen 9:8-15	1Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1:12-15
Psalm:	Your Ways o Lord are Love and Truth to those who keep your covenant		
Mon 22nd:	1 Peter 5:1-4	Matt 16:13-19	Chair of Peter, apostle
Tues 23rd:	Isaiah 55:10-11	Matt 6:7-15	
Wed 24th:	Jonah 3: 1-10	Luke 11:29-32	
Thurs 25th:	Esther 4: 17	Matt 7:7-12	
Fri 26th:	Deut. 26:16-19	Matt 5: 43-48	
		2nd Sunday of Lent	
Sun 28th:	Gen 22: 1-2,9-13,15-18	Rom 8: 31-34	Mark 9: 2-10

Pope: Experience Lent with Love



Pope Francis celebrates Mass in the chapel of the Casa Santa Marta April 4, 2020. Credit: Vatican Media.

By [Courtney Mares](#)

Vatican City, Feb 12, 2021 / 07:00 am MT ([CNA](#)).

Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to practice charity in Lent this year by caring for those affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

In his [message](#) for Lent 2021, the pope asks people to “experience Lent with love,” which “rejoices in seeing others grow.”

“To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord’s word to his Servant, ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you’ (Isaiah 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters,” Pope Francis wrote in the message published Feb. 12.

The pope emphasized that even a small amount of almsgiving when offered with “joy and simplicity” can multiply, as did “the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd.”

“Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness,” he said.

The pope’s Lenten message centres on the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. Pope Francis signed the message, entitled “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. Lent: A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope, and Love,” on Nov. 11, the feast of St. Martin of Tours, in Rome’s St. John Lateran Basilica.

The liturgical season of Lent will begin this year with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17. The Vatican has instructed priests to distribute ashes by [silently sprinkling](#) them on people’s heads this year due to the pandemic.

Pope Francis said that the theological virtue of hope is particularly important as the world continues to grapple with the effects of the pandemic.

“In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated,” he said.

“St. Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: ‘Be reconciled to God’ (2 Corinthians 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others.”

The pope said that one can give hope to others by being kind, sharing the “gift of a smile” or speaking a word of encouragement.

“In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort,

Continued from Page 2: Experience lent with Love”.

strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn,” he said.

He added: “Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Matthew 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the

Father of tender love.”

“To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is ‘making all things new’ (cf. Revelation 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being ‘prepared to make a defence to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]’ (1 Peter 3:15).”

In a Vatican press conference discussing the pope’s Lenten message, Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, said that Pope Francis weaved together the traditional Lenten practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving with the three theological virtues, revealing their interconnectedness.

Turkson said that it was particularly important during the pandemic to be rooted in the practice of prayer to cultivate the theological virtue of hope, which can give one a sense of “vision” when confronted with the world’s problems.

Msgr. Bruno Marie Duffé, secretary of the dicastery, commented: “Fasting opens our spirit, body and whole being to the gift of God. By breaking with an egocentric, egotistical lifestyle and excessive, even compulsive consumption ... we consent to live a poverty that is an openness to others and to God. And we receive a love that comes to us from the Father and from Christ.”

“Fasting, therefore, consists in freeing our existence from what encumbers it, from the overload of things, useful and useless, from true or false information, from the habits and dependencies that bind us, to open the door of our hearts and minds to the One who comes to share our human condition until death: Jesus, the Son of the living God.”

Pope Francis wrote in his Lenten message that fasting, prayer, and almsgiving “enable and express our conversion.”

“The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity,” he wrote.

These traditional Lenten practices “revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father,” Francis said.

“May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.”

The 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the universal Church



“Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus...” (Pope Francis, Patris Corde)