

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

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

5th Sunday of Lent (3)

Sat Mar 20

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Mar 21

Seddon-8am Mass

icton-9am Mass

Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

Renwick-5pm Mass

Palm Sunday (4)

Sat March 27

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun March 28

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/ None

Ward- 4pm

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

BHM Rosters for those who do not receive them by email are now available in the Foyer of St Mary's Church. If you expect to receive a roster and do not receive it, please contact Belinda at 578 2628 or 021 774 858. Thank you to those who

volunteer, for the gift of your Time, Talent and Treasure.

St Mary's youth Committee would like to thank Chris Lippiatt for stepping into Mieke's youth minister role for the next 6 months, starting this coming week! Chris has been a wonderful volunteer youth leader with us for many years, giving generous support and experience. Chris and Maurice will be your contact people for youth group over the maternity leave period. Usual contact details remain the same, 0223918584 stmarysyouthgroup@xtra.co.nz Thanks Chris!

Lent: Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm in St Mary's Church until Easter.

CHRISM MASS 2021: Please join with Priests and parishioners from the parishes of the Top of the South For the 2021 Chrism Mass. Held this year at Garin College, 35 Champion Road in Richmond, Nelson. **Date and time:** Tuesday 30 March at 11.40am. Should accommodation be required please contact Jacqui Cleary on 027 3853383. If you intend going please also let the Parish Office know as we require someone to collect the oils on our behalf.

Getting Married this Autumn? There is still time to attend an Engaged Encounter weekend to build a solid foundation for your marriage. The next available weekend is on 20th and 21st March. There are other weekends in July and October 2021 (see our website www.cee-wellington.co.nz). Here's what one couple said after they attended "We have grown to love each other more....we had not thought this was possible. Thanks." For information or to register contact Simon & Kate **027 486 0700** (note the change of number)

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.

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. NO White Elephant stall as we will have a garage Sale later in the year. 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.

A Fresh Look at Lent: A Lenten Retreat Weekend at the Magnificat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston with Columban Missionary, Fr Don Hornsey and Rex and Theresa Begley from 6.30 pm on Friday 19th March to 4.00 pm Sunday 21st March. Cost \$190. Registration required. Phone: 027 5456808 or 027 9672299 or rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com

St Bede's Roadshow: The Head staff of the Boarding school will be in Blenheim 28 Mar, 5.30-7.30pm at Chateau Marlborough, and Kaikoura 29 Mar, 4.30-6pm (Present & Future), 6pm onwards, (Past) at the Lobster Inn Motor Lodge, to talk to parents about the opportunities they provide. Old boys are also invited to attend. They also have an Open Day on Fri 9 April 10am-12 Noon.

Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need. This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

Star of the Sea

Collects as follows:

1st Sunday @ Blenheim

We **Urgently** Need rolled oats, salt, sugar, baby food, spreads & jams, milk powder and other non-perishable foods

1st Sunday @ Kaikoura

All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 1977.80

Envelopes: \$ 447.81

Cash: \$ 217.14

Caritas \$249.50

thank you!

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Geoffrey Norton (AUS), Syd Nally, Mary Hogg

Anniversaries: Mar 4 Ngaire Kennedy

Mar 18 Nona Thomas

Other Intentions: Joevil B D Cruz, Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Flo Andrews, Diane Smith, Paula Schreuder, Lyn Buttle, Louise Clark



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 weekend 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

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

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3rd Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners, we are back into lockdown again from the covid-19 virus which is stopping us from gathering in large numbers last Sunday and for daily mass this week.

As we all know too well, gathering in large numbers can cause us some pain if we are not careful. We personally might not have the virus but we don't know who we meet on the road, café, shopping centers. If the person in question doesn't know that they have the virus they will go about their normal activities until they develop the symptoms and have test done, only then they will know about it. By then so many people will be infected with covid-19. Therefore, our government has taken that bold decision to half shut the country down so that we all can be safe with all our loved ones.

The first reading for the third week of Lent is very interesting. God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses and told him to tell the people to keep it and follow it so that they can have eternal life. He will be their God and they will be His people. The Ten Commandments is all about a relationship with God and a relationship with neighbor. Similarly, our government wants us to be covid free so that we can still have that relationship with our family, friends and neighbors and continue to live as normal as we can in the midst of this terrible disease that is affecting the entire world. Let us take heed of what the government is saying to us and follow it because it is for our own good and the good of our loved one's friends and neighbors. Be good! Be Kind and Be nice is what our Prime Minister used to remind us, last year at the 1 O'Clock daily news briefings. Lets continue to look after each other in this covid-19 period and continue to pray for its eradication.

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thankyou to Fr Paul Shanahan SM for his great help during this week. Thank you Fr Paul, from the Star of the Sea Parish.

God Bless
Jacob Kuman CP

Readings for the third Week of Lent

Sun 7th: **Oranga Tamariki—Day of Prayer for Children**

Exodus 20: 1-17 1Cor. 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

Psalm: Lord you have the words of everlasting life

Mon 8th: 2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30 St John of God

Tues 9th: Daniel 3:25,34-43 Matt 18:21-35 St Francis of Rome

Wed 10th: Deuteronomy 4:1.5-9 Matt 5:17-19

Thurs 11th: Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23

Fri 12th: Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34

4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Staying online this Lent? Some tips from Pope Francis

Lent is a time that many Catholics choose to give up social media, but for those of us who stay active online, Lent is a good time to rethink our online behaviour. In the spirit of Pope Francis's encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, perhaps we can also reflect this Lent on the way we engage in Arguments online. Can we be kinder? Can we try to create "processes" and bring about a culture of encounter instead of trying to win at all costs? Here's a list of ten suggestions and tips inspired by Pope Francis to help make the Lenten experiences of your friends and followers just a little more bearable this year—and maybe yours too.



Pick up the phone

Francis [reminds us](#) that "digital connectivity is not enough to build bridges," in part because it lacks "the physical gestures, facial expressions, moments of silence, body language and even the smells, the trembling of hands, the blushes and perspiration that speak to us and are a part of human communication."

When we are actively present with someone, we convey our love in a million unspoken ways before we even open our mouths. But when we're engaging online, it is easy to forget that we are communicating with real people. For particularly heated or emotionally charged discussions, it may be best to pick up the phone, schedule a Zoom, or better yet—when it is safe to do so—find some time to talk in person over a drink or a cup of coffee.

Help your opponent make good arguments

In a rush to make our point, we are often sure to pounce on any weakness in our opponent's argument. We demand that others argue perfectly, and we are sure to remind them when they don't, sometimes with haranguing or even trolling. But berating others doesn't convince them; it usually has the opposite effect of entrenching them further into what may have been a mistake or misunderstanding. This helps no one.

One simple suggestion is that you rephrase your opponent's argument back to them. Do this in a way that makes the most sense to you. Make it the strongest possible version of their argument, not the weakest. Do they agree with your rephrasing? Why not? This does require some empathy and a change in perspective, but by coming to an agreement on the argument itself, it will be easier to make progress toward a resolution.

Kindness rules

In *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis writes that kindness is an "attitude that is gentle, pleasant and supportive, not rude or coarse." This might seem a bit shallow in the grand scheme of things. Of course we should be kind! What is remarkable is how many people aren't kind when they are on social media. Francis observes this, writing in *Gaudete et Exsultate*, "Christians too can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forums of digital communication. Even in Catholic media, limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace, and all ethical standards and respect for the good name of others can be abandoned."

We are probably all guilty of this, and we can see that the small decisions we make to interact without kindness can have a big impact. Shifting to a kinder way of communicating would dramatically improve everyone's experience on social media if more people practiced kindness in their tweets, posts, and comments.

Your opponent is not an ideology

We should never assume that just because someone belongs to this or that group that they believe everything that group believes. People are more than the ideology to which they might subscribe. This has critical importance, particularly in political discussions when partisanship is at such extreme levels. The oppositional nature of social media makes us more likely to devolve to ideological fighting than to find common ground.

Pope Francis recognises this, writing in *Christus Vivit*, "The way many platforms work often ends up favouring encounter between persons who think alike, shielding them from debate. These closed circuits facilitate the spread of fake news and false information, fomenting prejudice and hate." To break through this situation, we need to truly engage with people by recognising that every person is different and has a unique perspective and set of beliefs.

Logic is a tool

Logic is an important tool when engaging online. It can help point out contradictions or resolve seemingly irreconcilable differences. However, very few people online debate with logic alone. Many of us engage with others primarily using personal experience, or by analogy, or by appeals to the conscience. Sometimes, we argue strictly on the passion of our opinions. It is important, then, to acknowledge not only what someone is saying but also how they are saying it. Meeting an impassioned screed with cold logic and facts is likely to only infuriate or fall on deaf ears. If engagement and dialogue is a process, we should employ the correct rhetorical techniques called for by the situation.

Test your assumptions

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We often try to pin down the underlying intentions of those with whom we are engaging. However, in doing so we must always give others the benefit of the doubt. We must assume that they are acting and arguing in good faith until proven otherwise. Francis [calls](#) this challenge "to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are."

If we suspect someone is biased or engaging dishonestly, we should approach the matter directly to verify whether our suspicion is accurate. All too often our back-and-forth arguments are really a cover for a hidden, much more fundamental, debate. For example, one could easily ask, "It seems to me by saying X that you are really saying Y. Do you agree?" By being honest and transparent about our own assumptions, we can move closer towards finding common ground than away from it. We can pray for this in [the prayer from Pope Francis](#) for this year's World Communications Day, and ask God to, "Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions."

Be patient

In *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis talks about the importance of consensus in a pluralistic society. However, at times neither we nor our opponent are in a position to have an honest dialogue. It is okay to simply step away and come back again another day, or in another forum. Pope Francis said in a [recent homily](#), "There are times when conflicts arise and no immediate solution can be expected, nor should hasty judgements be made. Time is required to step back, to preserve peace and to wait for a better time to resolve situations in charity and in truth." If we instead rush to find resolution—or to win—we may end up doing irreparable damage to our relationship, ensuring that any consensus will be fleeting at best.

Pick your battles

Sometimes, dialogue is not just difficult, but it is altogether impossible. Whether due to the person, the topic, the context, or the circumstances, there may be times when it is clear that no one has a real interest in reaching a new consensus or discussing the issues honestly. Dialogue is a two-way street and there is no obligation to engage those who will not help create the "culture of encounter" that Francis calls for.

Of course, there is a fine line between being rudely dismissive and enforcing boundaries, but if we are acting with kindness and honesty, we are better able to do the latter. Hopefully, there will be an opportunity to re-engage if and when the situation changes.

It's okay to lose

None of these rules is a guarantee of success. Engaging with kindness and honesty makes us vulnerable. Kindness doesn't always win arguments. Sometimes others will take advantage of us to court public opinion to their side. At other times, they might try to goad us into responding angrily or to distract us with tangential arguments.

We have to recognise that losing an argument is okay if it means that we can preserve God's peace in our hearts. This is the gift of meekness. As Pope Francis [said](#), the meek "protect their peace. They protect their relationship with God and they protect his gifts, God's gifts, preserving mercy, fraternity, trust, hope, because meek people are merciful, fraternal, trusting people with hope." In the end, God is the [protagonist of evangelisation](#), and we trust that the Spirit will win in time.

We are all human

We all make mistakes, but as Francis reminds us *Fratelli tutti*, "The dignity of others is to be respected in all circumstances, not because that dignity is something we have invented or imagined, but because human beings possess an intrinsic worth superior to that of material objects and contingent situations." Even if consensus seems impossible and our opponent holds opinions we find reprehensible, we cannot lose sight of the fact that everyone has dignity. Everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect.

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Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

We have created new idols. The worship of the ancient golden calf (cf. *Ex 32:1-35*) has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose... In this system, which tends to devour everything which stands in the way of increased profits, whatever is fragile, like the environment, is defenseless before the interests of a deified market. Pope Francis: [Evangelii Gaudium](#)



"our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked." (Pope Francis, *Patris Corde*)

[The 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the universal Church](#)