

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

5th Sunday of Lent (3)

Sat Mar 20

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Mar 21

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-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 Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

Ward- 4pm

Holy Week

Tues March 30

Chrism Mass 11.40am Garin

College Richmond, Nelson

Thursday April 1st

Blenheim Mass of the last

Supper 7pm

Good Friday April 2nd

Blenheim -Combined Service

ASB theatre 10am

Kaikoura-10am Stations

Picton-11am Stations starting

at Anglican Church

Havelock-Stations starting at

Anglican Church

Blenheim Liturgy Service 3pm

Kaikoura Liturgy Service 3pm

Easter Vigil April 3

Blenheim 7pm

Sun Easter April 4

Seddon-5.45am Mass at

Flemings Rd Seddon

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30

Blenheim-10am Mass

2nd Sunday of Easter (2)

Sat April 10

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun April 11

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Cuppa afterwards

Havelock-11am 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (the 2nd rite) on:

Blenheim-24th March 7pm
(2 priests)

Picton 25th March 7pm

Holy Thursday & Easter Vigil

Blenheim, Picton Havelock, Seddon, Renwick people, we need some help for the different ministries in these Liturgies. Please phone Viv Southby 021-054-4003

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.

Combined Good Friday Service 'We Remember'

Friday 2nd April 10am at the ASB Theatre.

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.

She Connects: Saturday 10th April Women's event at the RSA rooms Club of Marlborough \$15 check the notice board for more details.

Friday 19th March Women's friendship Group Meeting at Mercy Room at 2pm All welcome. Jessie 02108635235

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions

(Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn.

Monday 22 March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christ-with-kieran-fenn-fms/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Volunteers Required:

Red Cross require some drivers for Meals on Wheels 1 1/2 hours, once a month Contact Belinda Vavasour 021-744-858

Parish Calendar

March 2021

Mar 24 Blenheim Reconciliation (7)

Mar 25 Picton Reconciliation (7)

Mar 16..Finance & Property (7)

Mar 30.. Chrism Mass, Garin

College (11.40)

April

Apr 4.. EASTER SUNDAY

Apr Sounds Stewardship (5)

Apr 6.. Wairau Stewardship (7)

Apr 12..Kaikoura Stewardship

Apr 18..Blm Sacramental

Programme starts

Apr 20..Finance & Property (7)

May

June

June 12..Confirmation St Mary's

June 13.. Confirmation Kaikoura



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Br Marty Williams sm, Murray McGuire (Nelson), Rewa Derbyshire (Hamilton), Pat Costello, Darren Wilkinson, Syd Nally, Mary Hogg, Margaret James

Anniversaries: Mar 28 John Romano

Other Intentions: John Barry (retirement), Katheen Monica Smith, Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Underhill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Flo Andrews, Diane Smith, Paula Schreuder, Lyn Buttle, Louise Clark. Romano & Albano Families

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 1492.70

Envelopes: \$ 579.70

Cash: \$ 472.23

Caritas \$400



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: 11am Scripture

Group

Mass: 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

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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)

Parish Priest: Fr Pat McIndoe CP

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Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Greg Stretch

Parish Finance Committee Chair:

Tom Harrison

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5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

As we journey together into the 5th week of Lent, hopefully we are growing more closer to God and to our neighbour. Our penance of giving up certain food, meats, drinks, deserts, sweets and of course certain attitudes helps us to come closer to our families, friends and work colleagues, including our neighbors. It helps us to appreciate others more and love them more forgive them more as God has loved us and forgives us.

In our readings today, especially in the gospel it speaks about dying to oneself, this dying to one self or to put it in another way, unless we die to our own will, we cannot bear fruit for God, this is what Jesus is telling us in today's reading. He said unless a grain of wheat dies, it could not bear fruit. If we do not plant the corn seedlings, we cannot pick the beautiful corn for consumption.

Concretely, what does all this dying to self or dying to our own will mean for you and me in our everyday lives? It means dying to our pride and ask for help; admitting our problems and seeking help from others and God, forgiving the person from our hearts and treating her or him with love and respect once again. Let the Holy Spirit come into our lives and transform us into a new person, a person that God wants us to be. Where we can find it easy to forgive others, love others, be kind to others, be generous to others. Build on that beautiful relationship we have with God and extend it further into our relationship with our fellow human beings. Let us let go of those old habits which hinders us from coming closer to God, family and neighbour.

Let God's word transforms our every being that in this hard and difficult times of covid-19 we can put a little smile on people's faces. Let you be the reason that your family or neighbour put on a beautiful smile on their face.

Jacob Kuman CP

Readings for the fifth Week of Lent

Sunday 21st Jeremiah. 31:31-3 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

Psalm: Create a clean Heart in me O God

Mon 22nd Dan. Ch 13 John 8:1-11

Tues 23rd Num. 21:4-9 John 8:21-30

Wed 24th Dan 3: 14-20,24-25,28 John 8:31-42

Thurs 25th Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Luke 1:26-38

Day of prayer for family life

Fri 26th: Jer. 20:10-13 John 10:31-42

Sat 27th Ezekiel 37: 21-28 John 11:45-57

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Sun 28th Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 (Passion)

Vatican asks Catholics to support Good Friday collection



People walk outside the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, West Bank, May 26, 2020. (Credit: Debbie Hill/CNS.)

ROME — The support of Catholics worldwide is an invaluable resource for small Christian communities in the Middle East who have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, a Vatican official said.

In a letter sent to bishops around the world and released by the Vatican March 11, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, asked for continued support for the traditional Good Friday collection for the Holy Land.

“If this small gesture of solidarity and sharing — St. Paul and St. Francis of Assisi would call it ‘restitution’ — fails, it will be even more difficult for many of them to resist the temptation to leave their country, more demanding to support the parishes in their pastoral and educational work and harder to sustain the social commitment to the poor and suffering,” Sandri said.

The collection, taken up at the request of the pope, is administered by the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the Congregation for Eastern Churches, which uses it for the formation of candidates for the priesthood, the support of the clergy, educational activities, cultural formation and subsidies.

The Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, an administratively autonomous province of the Franciscan order, also uses the collection to carry out its mission of preserving most of the shrines connected with the life of Jesus as well as for providing pastoral care to the region’s Catholics, running schools, operating charitable institutions and training future priests and religious.

In his letter, Sandri said 2020 was “a year of trials” for the Holy Land’s Christians, who have “suffered an isolation that made them feel even more distant, cut off from vital contact with the brethren from various countries of the world.”

“They suffered the loss of work due to the absence of pilgrims, and the consequent difficulty in living with dignity and providing for their families and children,” he wrote.

Furthermore, Sandri said the economic aid from the annual collection fell short since many churches were forced to close their doors during the pandemic.

Nevertheless, he said, “we must not give up on taking care of the holy places that are concrete proof of the mystery of the incarnation of the son of God and the offering of his life for us and for our salvation.”

Along with Sandri’s letter, the Vatican press office released some details of how the money was used from the 2020 collection, which totalled more than \$7.1 million.

The congregation spent more than \$2.3 million on academic, spiritual and human formation of seminarians and priests of churches under their jurisdiction as well as for training men and women religious, it said. More than \$2.4 million went for subsidizing schooling and educational activities for young people, including at Bethlehem University; and nearly \$2.5 million was used to provide emergency assistance and support to people in 10 countries.

Additionally, the congregation allocated \$500,000 from the collection to an emergency fund to assist countries in the Middle East and Africa reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Vatican also released a list of the projects supported through the funds given to the Franciscan Custody to assist the Christian minority in the region, preserve and provide pilgrim access to the archaeological sites and Christian shrines and support education.

Among the maintenance and restoration work carried out were projects at: the Church of St. John the Baptist; the Sanctuary of the House of Martha, Mary and Lazarus; the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem; and archaeological excavations at the Basilica of Gethsemane. Funds were also used to build schools, orphanages and homes for the poor. The collection also financed 490 university scholarships and financial aid for local activities.

Historic discovery’ of ancient Biblical fragments made in Israel’

Archaeologists have unearthed fragments of a 1,900-year-old Biblical scroll in Israel, in what experts are calling the most important discovery in the last 60 years.

By Devin Watkins

The Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) has unveiled an historic discovery of Biblical proportions in several desert caves.



In a dig that began in 2017, archaeologists discovered around 80 new parchment fragments of Old Testament texts.

They contain verses written in Greek—with the name of God appearing in Hebrew—from the books of Zechariah and Nahum, which are part of the Book of the Twelve Minor Prophets.

The fragments form part of a scroll which experts believe belonged to Jewish rebels, led by Simon Bar Kokhba, who hid in the caves after a failed revolt against Roman rule between 132 and 136 AD.

Israeli archaeologists began the operation in the Judean desert to pre-

vent caves from being looted. They also unearthed a cache of rare coins from the same period, a 6,000-year-old skeleton of a child, and a large woven basket dating from around 10,500 years ago, the oldest intact in the world.

‘Cave of Horror’

The discovery was made in a difficult-to-reach mountain enclosure known as the “Cave of Horror”, which lies some 40 km south of Jerusalem.

It acquired that intriguing name after 40 human skeletons were found there during excavations in the 1960s. Experts say they were the remains of men, women, and children who fled to the cave to escape the Romans but died instead of hunger and thirst.

They brought with them what are now precious objects, including cooking utensils, personal belongings, and documents and Biblical texts.

New page in biblical discoveries

Marcello Fidanzio, the Director of the Archaeological and Cultural Institute of Biblical Lands in Lugano, described the find to Vatican News as “a new page in the history of archaeological excavations.”

He said it is the first discovery of note since the great excavations in the 1940s and ‘50s, which brought the Dead Sea Scrolls to light in Qumran and the Judean desert.

“Discoveries of such significance,” he pointed out, “rekindle the excitement of pioneers.”

Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship



Elizabeth Kula

Suzanne Aubert knew the importance of tertiary education for young people. In 1992, the Centennial Year of the Sisters of Compassion, the ‘Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship Grant’ was established by the congregation. Since then, many students have benefitted from the grant and have gained national recognition in their respective professional careers.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Kula (daughter of Lasike and Aiona) Elizabeth aspires to be a doctor and address the disparities in the health system between the Māori and Pasifika community and the rest of the population. She is starting her second year of Medical School at the University of Otago.

The Sisters of Compassion congratulate all of the 7 students who were awarded a 2021 Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship.

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn. In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind.

Pope Francis:: [Message for Lent 2021](#)



The greatness of St Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, ...“at the service of the entire plan of salvation”.

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