

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

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

Holy Week

Tues March 30
 Chrism Mass 11.40am Garin
 College Richmond, Nelson
Thursday April 1st
 Blenheim -NO 9.30am Mass
 Blenheim-7pm Mass of the last
 Supper
 Kaikoura- 7pm Mass of the last
 Supper

Good Friday April 2nd

Havelock—9.30am Stations at
 St Peter's Anglican Church
 Blenheim-10am Combined Ser
 vice, ASB theatre
 Kaikoura-10am Stations
 Picton-11.30am Stations start-
 ing at Anglican Church
 Blenheim- Liturgy Service 3pm
 Kaikoura- Liturgy Service 3pm

Easter (1)

Easter Vigil April 3

Blenheim-7pm Mass
 Kaikoura-7pm Mass

Sun Easter April 4

Picton-9am Mass
 Kaikoura-9.30am Mass
 Blenheim-10am Mass

2nd Sunday of Easter (2)

Sat April 10

Blenheim-5pm Mass
Sun April 11

Seddon-8am **W&C**
 Picton-9am **W&C**
 Kaikoura-9.30 Mass
 Blenheim-10am **W&C**
 Cuppa afterwards
 Havelock-No service

3rd Sunday of Easter (3)

Sat Apr 18

Blenheim-5pm Mass
Sun April 19

Seddon-8am Mass
 Picton-9am Mass
 Cuppa after Mass
 Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass
 Havelock-11am Mass
 Renwick-5pm 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

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

Transport from Picton to

Easter liturgies: Anyone from Picton area who would like to attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Vigil liturgies in Blenheim and requires transport, please contact Leanne Cooper Ph 021 357 537 or kiwi.cooper@xtra.co.nz

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.

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.

St Vincent De Paul Blenheim

A.G.M. Tuesday 30th March 10am Mercy Room. Members please bring a plate. All Welcome

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

Volunteers Required:

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

Kaikoura Notices

Can you spare an hour or two to help spruce up the Church for Easter? There will be a working bee at the Church on Saturday 27 March at 10am. We are look-ing forward to seeing you all there. Many hands make light work!

Kaikoura Combined Churches Easter Sunday Service

Sunday 4th April 7pm Kaikoura Memorial Hall, The Esplanade **Parish Calendar**

March 2021

Mar 30.. Chrism Mass, Garin College (11.40)

April

Apr 1.. Holy Thursday
 Apr 2.. Good Friday
 Apr 3.. Holy Saturday
 Apr 4.. EASTER SUNDAY
 Apr 6.. Wairau Stewardship (7)
 Apr 11.. Sounds Stewardship (5)
 Apr 12.. Kaikoura Stewardship

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: \$ 1162.15
 Envelopes: \$ 867.24
 Cash: \$ 661.81

Caritas



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Ted Maher (Northbank), Agnes Keating (Maria Martin's sister)

Anniversaries: Mar 24 Richard Spencer, 27 Alison Mexted 28 John Romano 29 Marie Fredericks

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



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

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 WEB. www.staroftheseamarlb.co.nz

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 Finance Committee Chair:
 Tom Harrison

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Palm Sunday

Finding Our Crucified Lord

Last year, we had a very different Holy Week and Easter. Just over a year ago, actually on 19th March we were all on watch for the Coronavirus. Then just about a year ago, we were all told to go into our "bubbles" and to follow strict instructions in Level 2 or Level 3 Lockdowns. The churches were closed. We could not have Mass or any of the Easter ceremonies.

Yet, in a real sense we had to carry the Cross with Jesus. It was a Lent – and a very different Lent because we had to deny ourselves – the whole country – for the good of others. We were asked in a real way to take up the Cross and follow Jesus Crucified. We could see Jesus Crucified – perhaps not in the Church – but on the faces of those suffering even in our own country from the Covid-19, in those who were called to die – in NZ and also in other places around the world – often alone like Jesus on the Cross. We saw Jesus Crucified in the nurses and health care workers who worked long hours and put themselves in danger in order to care for the sick and to control the pandemic. We saw Jesus Crucified in our elderly neighbours, and people offered to assist them and help them to buy groceries and so on. Perhaps you say: 'But I didn't see Jesus in those people.' Yet Jesus replies: "As often as you did it to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." . . . 'As often as you cared for them, prayed for them, praised them or thanked them, you did it to me!'

This year, we are able to come to the Church, to also look on Jesus who loved us and suffered for us. Let us come close to Jesus in his Passion as we celebrate and remember him in the ceremonies of Holy Week and at Services either with other Christian denominations or in our own Churches. Let us look upon Him who 'loved me and delivered Himself for me.' Father Jacob, Father Julian Wagg and myself and Sisters Maureen and Francis in Kaikoura wish you and your family a very Happy and Holy Easter.

Fr Pat McIndoe cp

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Sun 28th Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9 Philipians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 (Passion)
Psalm: My God, my God Why have you abandoned me

Mon 29th Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11

Tues 30th Isaiah. 49: 1-6 John 13:21-33,36-38

Wed 31st Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25

Thurs 1st April **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
 Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

Fri 2nd **Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebs 4:14-16.5:7-9 John 18:1-19;42

Sat 3rd **Easter Vigil**

Genesis 1:1-2:2 Romans 6:3-11 Mark16:1-8

Sun 4th **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 John 20:1-9

Holy Week

Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year.



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass. The faithful sometimes craft portions of palm fronds into crosses. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burned. Traditionally, their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services.

Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him.

The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and especially on Holy Thursday. After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. From this event comes inspiration for our practice of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, where we are invited to spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist; Body, Blood, and Divinity. Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday.

The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord.

On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot.

Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accord with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath.

In our churches, the Tabernacle is left empty, to show that Christ is departed. On Holy Saturday, there is no Mass. Parishes may hold services, but there is no distribution of Communion.

On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy.

This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.

Caritas Lent



We appreciate it was a difficult start to Lent with restrictions through changing Covid levels and we're so grateful for your support over this time, however to give you an idea of where we're sitting on this appeal our required funding to continue normal operations is \$1million from the Lent Appeal. We currently have to date \$341,683.

The Lenten Appeal supports us to do our work in Catholic schools in New Zealand, it also supports us to provide Social Justice Week and Refugees & Migrants Day of Prayer resources for parishes. Our New Zealand-based advocacy and tangata whenua work is also supported from the Lenten Appeal. But it also is a key support for our work overseas for vulnerable communities around the world.

Why Did Christ Ride a Donkey on His Triumphant Entry?



The story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem can be read in the 21st chapter of Matthew and it tells us how he sent two of his disciples to a village to get a donkey with a colt beside it. He told them to bring the donkey and the colt to him so he can ride the donkey on his way to Jerusalem. But why did Jesus choose the lowly donkey instead of getting a magnificent horse to ride on?

Jesus rode a donkey for three reasons. The first one is a fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, making his triumphant entry while riding a lowly animal a symbol of peace. When horses are mentioned in the Bible they are almost always in relation to kings and war, while donkeys are mentioned in relation to common people. The donkey's purpose was in agriculture as well as trade.

"Jesus used the donkey to connect with the common people."

Smaller than horses and gifted with cautiousness, that can sometimes be mistaken for stubbornness, donkeys were not usually used during times of war. Zechariah 9:9 prophesied the coming of a king "righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." This prophecy was fulfilled in Matthew 21:1-11 when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem and it was triumphant because he had done so without bloodshed on the side of the people.

Second, in the ancient Biblical world, a leader rode on a horse if he was coming in war and a donkey to signify peace.

Third, Jesus used the donkey to connect with the common people. Life was also not easy for a Jew living under Roman rule in the 1st century—more so for the poor. But Jesus embraced the poor and sick people during his time here on earth. His choice of a donkey instead of a horse

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

Dear brothers and sisters, what can we do in comparison with God, who served us even to the point of being betrayed and abandoned? We can refuse to betray him for whom we were created, and not abandon what really matters in our lives. We were put in this world to love him and our neighbours. Everything else passes away, only this remains.

Pope Francis: [Homily for Palm Sunday 2020](#)



"Joseph employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work." (Pope Francis, Patris Corde)

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