

Parish Calendar

Weekend Mass Times

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 Mass

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

4th Sunday of Easter (4)

Sat April 24

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun April 25- ANZAC Day

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-No Mass

5th Sunday of Easter (1)

Sat 1st May

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun 2nd May

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

Parish Calendar

April

Apr 11.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Apr 12-16.. Priests at Clergy Assembly

Apr 12..Kaikoura Stewardship

Apr 13.. Review Group(5.30)

Apr 20..Finance & Property (7)

Apr 25..ANZAC Day

May

May 2..Blm Sacramental Programme starts

May 2..Sounds Stewardship (5)

May 4.. Wairau Stewardship (7)

May 11.. Review Group(5.30)

May 18..Finance & Property (7)

June

June ..Kaikoura Stewardship

June 8.. Review Group(5.30)

June 12..Confirmation St Mary's

June 13.. Confirmation Kaikoura

June 15..Finance & Property (7)

Readings for the Second Week of Easter

Sun 11 April: Acts 4:32-35 1John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31 **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

Mon 12th: Acts 4:23-31 John 3:1-8

Tues 13th: Acts 6:1-7:1 John 3:7-15 St Martin I

Wed 14th: Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21

Thurs 15th: Acts 7:54-8:3 John 3:31-36

Fri 16th: Acts 8:4-25 John 6:1-15

Sat 17th: Acts 8:26-40 John 6:16-21

Third week of Easter

Sun 18th: Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19 1John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at

Mass:

Recently Deceased: Bill Startup, Ted Maher (Northbank), Agnes Keating

Anniversaries: April 7th Norman

Thornton, **10th** Mary O'Halloron

Other Intentions: Seltute TuPou, Mary Wadsworth, Mani Vakaaloa, Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Paula Schreuder

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 2,371.04

Envelopes: \$ 323.95

Easter Dues \$ 3,123.40

Holy Places \$ 457.70

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.
Blenheim | Kaikoura | Picton | Seddon

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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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Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison

Newsletter 10 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is often called Divine Mercy Sunday. It captures the Reconciling Love of God freely given to us.

On the evening of that first Easter Day, Jesus comes and stands among his disciples. He proclaims Peace: "Peace be with you." Now that Jesus has Risen, he has forged a great inseparable link between God and humanity. As he said to Mary Magdalene: "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

By his death on the Cross, he has nailed the debt of our sins to the Cross, and released for us an ocean of God's Mercy.

He also makes this plain by his gift of the Holy Spirit.

"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This is given firstly to people by Baptism when they are forgiven their sins and are reborn as a son or daughter of God. But it is also assured in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here we are so gifted to being able to find Mercy when we avail ourselves of Confession or Reconciliation.

God's loving Mercy too reaches us when we attend Mass with a spirit of faith. Christ pours from his wounds fountains of grace to wipe away our sins. His Peace and Mercy are lavishly given when we approach Jesus in his Church as St. Thomas does: "My Lord and my God."

We do not see Jesus with our eyes, but we are blessed if we believe.

Pat McIndoe cp

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you. -Taken from *The Divine Mercy Website*



Jesus, I trust in You

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Father Giltus has returned to Sydney after a short stint in Tasmania. He is still as keen as ever to come to us. Cardinal John is trying to assist his coming. Let us pray that these efforts will bear fruit, and that he can soon come to take up his appointment. Remember he is on an Indian passport, so it is not as easy as you might imagine. He will likely still need a Visa to come.

Planned Giving Envelopes:

These have been distributed to most Mass Centres and Blenheim's will be in the foyer this weekend. Donation receipts for the end of the Financial Year will be in some church foyers this weekend.

Sacramental Programme: This is starting in Blenheim on 2nd May with instruction for Confirmation for children in Year 5 and over. & Reconciliation and for year 4 and over. If you wish to sign your child up there are forms at the Parish Office. For those wishing to be involved in Kaikoura, please see Sr Maureen. Confirmation will be in Blenheim on 12th June and Kaikoura 13th June.

11 April –Star of the Sea Cultural Committee 7pm Parish Centre

—An invitation is extended to interested people to attend a meeting of the star of the Sea Cultural Committee. If you are passionate about the importance of diversity and inclusion in parish events and activities please come along. Contact Margaret Western Phone 0211584426 for further information.

11 April Divine Mercy: 3-4pm at St Mary's Church. Contact Belinda Bryce 022012315

15 April Flame of Love Movement: based on the spiritual diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann—new Rosary Prayer group 7pm 27 Burleigh Rd. Contact Belinda 0220123315

18 April—Altar Server training, After 10am Mass—Any children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to go on a roster for Altar Serving please stay after Mass to discuss the role and training with Blair McLean. If you are unable to attend please phone the Parish Office to register your interest.

1 May Piano Favourites 2-3pm St Andrew's Church Aaron Epstein, Piano featuring such favourites as Debussy's "Clair de Lune," Saint-Saens' Chopin, Beethoven, Bach. Tickets (cash sales): \$25 at the door.

1 & 2nd May Family Pilgrimage 9am St Joseph Church Mt Victoria Wellington. – Join the Family Pilgrimage with Mary in honour of St. Joseph to pray for the needs of families starting with Mass, followed by a trip to other churches dedicated to St. Joseph. Visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or email psison@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more information

Communion to the Sick: If you have a family member house-bound 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