

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.

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Newsletter 4—19th February 2023 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

Limitless love Jesus' style

Matthew's Sermon on the Mount contains challenging teaching, that's for sure!

Love with all your heart, soul, and neighbour.

The call is to be perfect (holy) just as your heavenly Father is perfect (holy)!

We all love a dare, don't we? But just how daring is our response to God's call to love?

What hinders us from taking the path of Love?

It goes beyond an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth etc. There's no bargaining or "I'll do this if you do that" etc...

We are quick to say that we can never be as holy as God is!

However, if we dedicate ourselves to God in a very personal way and try to exhibit divine behaviour, for example love of neighbour, then by such action we are bearing witness to the reality of our holiness!

To imitate divine love is as easy as that!

Roll on the season of Lent...

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Sunday 19th February

A Youth-led Mass is to be held in the grounds of St. Mary's on Sunday 19 February at 10am followed by a BYO picnic lunch. Come and join in the praise, worship and beauty of this liturgy. Bring a deck-chair or picnic rug to sit on.



Monday 27th February The Discipleship Group wishes to invite you to this informal 6-week Lent programme starting on **SYCAMORE** Monday 27th February from 7pm to 8.30pm in St. Mary's Community Centre. Through videos and small discussion groups we will explore topics such as the existence of God, who is Jesus?, the Holy Spirit and the Church, the gift of faith, finding true freedom and the meaning of love. So come along. Why not bring a friend? For more information go to <https://www.sycamore.fm>

Leaving Collection For The Auckland/Northland flood relief. after all weekend services over the next two weeks.

For parishioners wishing to support the **Turkey/Syria Earthquake** appeal please make you donation to Caritas bank account: 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code.)

21 February Order of St Luke Healing ministry at St Christopher's Church Lounge Blenheim. 1.15pm—2.30pm. Guest speaker Christina Naseri Contact Rev Kevin Gwynne PH 0212697954

25 February Liturgy Workshop based on Desiderio Desideravi
The National Liturgy Office are running a workshop based on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*. **Venue** Ss Peter & Paul Church, Lower Hutt. Sat. 25th Feb.2023. 10.00am – 3.00pm **Attendees:** Anyone involved in liturgies or interested in learning about key liturgy components. For more info and to register please contact Christine on 496-1706 or email c.walker@dine@wn.catholic.org.nz

Father Chris Skinner in

Concert St Francis of Assisi Church Songer Street—Stoke

Saturday February 25th
7.00pm. Door sales on the night and also available from: Richmond Mall Kiosk Desk, or

Margot: 027-4448-398.

Chris has been invited from our Faith and Light group to come for a Celebration Concert.

Unwaged \$15 Single ticket
\$20 Family \$30.



Statue renovation

Do you have a statue that needs some repair?

Contact
Belinda Bryce
022-012-3315

A Warm Welcome to Our Parish Family of Marlborough

We are joy-filled missionary disciples: walking in Christ's light, growing in faith together, and taking the Gospel and the love of Jesus to the people of Marlborough and beyond.

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Mass & Liturgy Schedules

Sat 18th February

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**

Sun 19th February

Seddon **8am—Mass**

Picton **9am— Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30- **W&C**

Blenheim **10.am-Mass Led by Youth**

Tuesday—21st February

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Lent Commences

Wednesday – 22nd February

Ash Wednesday

Kaikoura **9:30am Mass**

St Joseph's School Liturgy **11am**

All welcome

Blenheim **9.30am Mass**

St Mary's School Liturgy (Hall) **11am**

All welcome

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 23rd February

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm W&C

Friday – 24th February

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Sat 25th February

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**

Sun 26th February

Seddon **8am—W&C**

Picton **9am— W&C**

Kaikoura **9.30- Mass**

Blenheim **10.am-W&C**

Engaged Encounter

is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends for 2023 are 18 & 19 March, 19 & 20 August, and 25 & 26 November. Venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. Registrations close 2 weeks before. For more details go to <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/>

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Readings for 19th–26th February 2023

Sunday 19th February

Levit, 19;1-2,17-18

1Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Monday 20th February

Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10

Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday 21st February

Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11

Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday 22nd February

Joel 2:12-18

2Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday 23rd February

Deut. 30:15-20

Luke 9:22-25

Friday 24th February

Isaiah 58:1-9

Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday 25th February

Isaiah 58:9-14

Luke 5:27-32

Sunday 26 February

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Find peace in God's Word



Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week: Total: \$2,348.55

If you would like to contribute to the running costs of the Parish, here is our account number:

Star of the Sea Parish
02-0600-0154396-00

Please contact Ginetta at the Parish Office for a giving number, or for setting up an Automatic payment.



Remembering the Holy Souls— May they Rest In Peace

John Hayde (Hamilton)

David Mahoney

Maureen McGuinness

Mons. John Carde MBE

Josephine Walsh

Suzanne Anderson (nee Hall)

Robert Connor

Phillipa Teeling (Aust)

Don Irving

Christine Eves

and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors

Intentions please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Belinda Vavasour

Peter Hand

Sr Susanna Kraus RSM

Cardinal Tom Williams

Monica Nott

Arlo Eygenraam

Charlotte Cagney

Donna Lippiatt

Michelle Parkin

Sr Frances Anna ssm

Marie Burrows

Peter Campbell

Brenda Price

Beavon Undrel

Pray for Peace in the Ukraine Please keep the People of Turkey and Syria in your prayers.

24-26 March

"Receive Holy Spirit Power."

Through the Holy Spirit you come to know God and experience His Love; enabling love of God, yourself and others. Current of Grace Conference 2023 at El Rancho. 24-26th March.

For more details

www.currentofgraceconference.info



Quote from Pope Francis

"Today let us choose love, whatever the cost, even if it means going against the tide. ... Then we will be true Christians and our world will be more human." Pope Francis, [Homily, Visit to Bari, 23/02/2020](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/homilies/2020/02/20200223-homily-visit-to-bari.html)

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