

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 9— 26th March 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners

We are very familiar with the raising of Lazarus from the dead, the last of our profound Lenten gospels.

In his beautiful booklet on the sacrament of Reconciliation, *Pardon in the Wilderness*, Craig Larkin, SM, gives us insight into the 'bandages' that bind our hearts.

He calls them the 'sins of the adult' – self-sufficiency; self-depreciation; anger; deception and fear.

In their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation the children of the parish have been reflecting on choices – choices that are good and give life, and choices that are poor. Often our choices are based on these five 'bandages.'

But - and it is an important but!

Let us not despair – rather let us listen to Jesus say to us, as he did to Lazarus, "Unbind him; unbind her, and let them go free!"

With every blessing in Christ
Michael McCabe

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Saturday 1st April St Marys Blenheim	Palm Sunday 5pm Word & Communion	Sunday 9th April Seddon Picton Kaikoura Blenheim	Easter Sunday 8am Mass 9am Mass 9.30am Word & Communion 10am Word & Communion
Sunday 2nd April Immaculate Conception Seddon St Joseph's Place, Picton Sacred Heart Kaikoura St Mary's Blenheim St Mary's Blenheim	Palm Sunday 7.30am Mass 9am Mass 9.30am Word & Communion 10.30am Mass 3pm—Rite 111 Reconciliation	10th—13th April	Easter Week No liturgies or Masses
Tuesday 4th April St Mary's Church Blenheim	Chrism Mass 11am Chrism Mass for South Island Parishes— Archbishop Paul Martin SM	Friday 14th April Blenheim Kaikoura	9.30 Mass 9.30am Word & Communion
Thursday 6th April St Joseph's School Kaikoura St Mary's School, Blenheim	Holy Thursday 9am Liturgy 11.10am Stations of the Cross	SYCAMORE Lenten Programme is on Monday night 7—8.30 pm in the St Mary's Community Centre all are welcome.	
Friday 7th April Immaculate conception Seddon St Mary's Blenheim Sacred Heart, Kaikoura	Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Youth-led Liturgy 3pm Stations of the Cross		
Saturday 8th April Sacred Heart Kaikoura St Mary's Blenheim	Easter Vigil 7pm Easter Vigil 7pm Easter Vigil		

[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 25th March

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Sun 26th March

Seddon **8am—W&C**

Picton **9am— W&C**

Kaikoura **9.30am** Mass

Blenheim 10am **W&C**

Tuesday—28th March

Blenheim 9.30am mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday – 29th March

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 30th March

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm W&C

Friday – 31st March

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Blenheim Rosary 3pm

led by Tongan community

Sat 1st April Palm Sunday

Blenheim 5pm –**W&C**

Sun 2nd April

Seddon **7.30am—Mass**

Kaikoura **9.30am— W&C**

Picton **9am— Mass**

Blenheim **10.30am-Mass**

Blenheim 3pm Rite 3 Reconciliation



Pray for Peace in the Ukraine and pray for the People of Turkey and Syria

Please Note: Planned giving envelopes including special envelopes are available in all church foyers this weekend. Tax receipts after Easter.

St Mary's Rosters:

Contact Lorraine Walker 9273512, 0276246264 trukwalker@gmail.com

Readings for 26th March—2nd April 2023

Sunday 26 March

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Monday 27th March

Daniel Ch. 13

John 8:1-11

Tuesday 28th March

Number 21:4-9

John 8:21-30

Wednesday 29th March

Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28

John 8:21-30

Thursday 30th March

Genesis 17:3-9

John 8:51-59

Friday 31st March

Jeremiah 20:10-13

John 10:31-42

Saturday 1st April

Ezekiel 37:21-28

John 11:45-57

Sunday 2nd April Procession of Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippian's 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27,66

Find peace in God's Word



Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week: Total: \$3,716.62

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

Murray Mills	John Stretch (Wgtn)
Shirley Tierney	Patrick Williams (brother of Cardinal Tom Williams)
Brent Sommerton	Margaret Collins
Ivy Jean Godsiff	Dorothy McElhinney
Marie Fredericks	Richard Spencer
Alison Mexted	John Romano
and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors	



Intentions please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Dominic Dawkins	Maria Martin
Belinda Vavasour	Peter Campbell
Sr Susanna Kraus RSM	Cardinal Tom Williams
Arlo Eygenraam	Charlotte Cagney
Donna Lippiatt	Michelle Parkin
Sr Frances Anna smsm	Brenda Price
Beavan Undrill	Nancy Woolford-Stayner
Marian Sullivan	Willie Manuel
Graham Check	Lex Agnew
Aloma Donnelly	Eileen McCarron
Les McKay	

Quote from Pope Francis

"Today, too, Jesus repeats to us: "Take away the stone". We are thus called to take away the stones of all that suggests death: for example, the hypocrisy with which faith is lived, is death; the destructive criticism of others, is death; insults, slander, are death; the marginalization of the poor, is death. The Lord asks us to remove these stones from our hearts, and life will then flourish again around us." Pope Francis, [Angelus 29/03/2020](#)

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