

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.

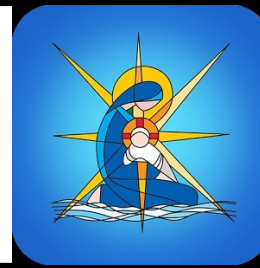
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Newsletter 05 25th February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

The Church offers the season of Lent annually as a time for conversion. One of the avenues to do this is encountering Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or *Confession* or *Penance*). The first gift bestowed by our Lord on the apostles on Easter Sunday is the power to forgive or retain sins (John 20:22-23). In the encounter with the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12) Jesus first pronounces forgiveness of the man's sins before granting physical healing to the man.

When asked why he chose to become a Catholic, G.K. Chesterton's reply was: "To get rid of my sins." The Church teaching is to go to confession at least once a year. Do give it some thought especially if it has been a while doing so.

Fr Alliston will hear reconciliation on Saturday 24 February between 9.30-10.30am in St Mary's Church, also 1/2 an hour before mass on the weekends of 24-25 February and by appointment.

During Lent The Foodbank baskets will be in the Foyer of St Mary's all the time, so you can contribute every week if you wish.



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Tongan Mass: 7pm, 24th Feb in the Mercy Chapel with Fr 'Akuila Taliaúli SVD followed by a meal in the Community Centre. All welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Blenheim : We are currently in need of volunteers for the Vinnies Shop in High Street. Shift hours are 10am- 12.30pm and 12.30pm-3pm Monday to Friday; 10.30am-1pm on Saturday. Please phone Lorraine 020 4118 8521 or email blenheim@svdp.org.nz for more information.

Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: This month they will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 28th February. Feel free to bring a friend.



Sycamore Lenten Programme: A "taster" session is being run on Sunday 18 February after Mass in the church at **Sacred Heart, Kaikoura**, Everyone is welcome. The 6 week programme is intended to start the week of 19 February (the day to be confirmed closer to the time).

On Wednesday 21 February the same Sycamore Programme will be held for the 6 weeks of Lent at the **Community Centre, Blenheim**. More details to follow.

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith, through a Catholic lens, and looks at its relevance for life today in 2024. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your faith and think about questions that really matter.

As Lent has just got underway, why not try something new to help with your prayer life. Here are a few websites that you might like to spend some time looking at that provide daily reflections, meditations and helping you pray the rosary:

<https://hallow.com/>; <https://www.wordonfire.org/>; <https://www.youtube.com/c/PauseforFaith>;

<https://stpaulcenter.com/exodus/>; <https://amenapp.org/refer/lent2024/invite>;

<https://www.passionists.com/daily-reflection/>; <https://christian.art/>

Some are totally free, others require a subscription and others are partly free; some have videos; others are podcasts; and others use the power of the written word. Enjoy!

Upright piano, well loved and looked after, to give away. Contact Sue 027 578 1940.

St Mary's School Gala- 23rd March: If you have items to donate, please take them to the school office between 8.30am-3.30pm, or ring the school if you have any other queries- 578 9494.

The First Reconciliation Program for Blenheim will commence on Sunday 25th Feb at 9am, then 9am on March 3rd, 10th & 17th with Reconciliation on Thursday 21st at 5.15pm. For registration forms and more information please contact Lorraine, email trukwalker@gmail.com ph 9273512 or 0276246264. 1st Reconciliation will be 10th March in Kaikoura and contact Sr Maureen.

[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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sat 24th Feb

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

Sun 25th Feb

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton 9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **W&C**

Tuesday-27th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday -28th Feb

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am **W&C**

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 29th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday - 1st Mar

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm -**Mass**

Picton 5pm—Stations of the

Cross

3rd Sunday of Lent-Day of

Prayer for Children

Sat 2nd Mar

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Picton -5pm **Mass**

Sun 3rd Mar

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass, Youth**

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 3180.76

Easter Dues: \$10.00

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, and for setting up an automatic payment.

Readings for:

25th Feb- 3rd Mar 2024

Sun 25 Feb-2nd Sun of Lent

Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Rom 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

Mon 26 Feb

Daniel 9:4-10

Luke 6:36-38

Tues 27 Feb

Isai 1:10,16-20

Matt 23:1-12

Wed 28 Feb

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Matt 20:17-28

Thurs 29 Feb

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 16:19-31

Fri 1 Mar-

Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28

Matt 21:33-43,45-46

Sat 2 Mar

Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Sun 3 Mar-3rd Sun of Lent -Day of Prayer for Children

Exodus 20:1-17

1Cor 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Find peace in God's Word



Every year over 100 former refugees from around the world settle into The Blenheim community as new New Zealanders.

The Red Cross works to support those people as they make the adjustment to 'Kiwi' living. We build a team of volunteers around each family to help with practical tasks like setting up the house, enrolling at school and exploring the supermarket.

Volunteers are well trained, The amount of time people give is very flexible. There are training opportunities in Blenheim this year in April, May, August and October.

We are keen to recruit new volunteers. To find out more email mi-gration.volunteers@redcross.org.nz or text John on 027 223 5972.



Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

George Cheesman and all our
Denis Patrick deceased
O'Neill; parishioners and
Peter Phillips; benefactors.
Peter Campbell;

Ana North;
Julie Forbes;

Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Rebecca Upton;
Donna Lippiatt;
Les McKay;
Barry Butcher;
Luke Clayton;
Sr Frances Anna;
Anne Haines;
Vince Smith;
Tilly van Dyke;
Graeme Daines;
Sophie Greening;

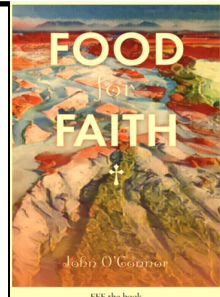
Maria Martin;
Charlotte Cagney;
Nancy Woolford-
Stayner;
Denise Eddowes;
Terry Price;
Steven Crundwell-
Nlsn
Lex & Mary Agnew;
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Helena Lord;

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March,
10am at St Andrews
Presbyterian church.
Starting with a
cuppa followed by
the Service at
10.30am.



**Columban
Calendars- \$16:**
are still available
till the end of
February, along
with Food for
Faith Reflections
—\$40 each.



Quote from Pope Francis

'Do we know how to recognize the light of God's love in our lives? Do we recognize it with joy and gratitude on the faces of the people who love us? Do we look around us for the signs of this light that fills our heart and opens it to love and service?'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 5 March 2023

Parish Priest: Fr Simione Volavola MSC— ParishPriest@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz (Yet to arrive)

Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Tavita Lemusu MSC- (Yet to arrive)

Pastoral Assist: Sr Maureen Connor SMSM — maureensmsm@yahoo.co.nz — 03 319 5385

Pastoral Assist: Sr Frances Anna SMSM - franciesmsm@gmail.com

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Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Blair McLean **Finance Committee Chair:** Tom Harrison