

## 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 07 10th March 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

In his bestseller, *The Road Less Travelled*, M. Scott Peck defined love as: "The will to extend oneself for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth."

The Gospel reading this Sunday, reminds us on the manner God "extends" himself to show his love for us in the person of Christ. That faithful and total self-giving love is that despite being sinners God sent Jesus to demonstrate his love on the Cross and to thus bring about our reconciliation with him. There could not have been a more shocking manner than this to demonstrate his love.

Having just passed through the mid-way mark of our Lenten journey, let us reflect on the ways we have extended ourselves in areas of relationship with God, with neighbour and even with oneself. As Mother Teresa would say, "It is not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts."

A Big thank you to Fr Alliston Fernandes for spending time in the parish so that we might have mass. We wish him well on his return to the Diocese of Malta.

As you are aware there have been allegations regarding Cardinal John Dew. Please refer to the attached letter from the Archbishop of Wellington. Keep all those involved in your prayers.

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

### **Archdiocese of Wellington Top of the South Parishes Chrism Mass 2024:**

**11.00am Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Garin College Richmond, Hosted by Garin College and Our Lady of the Bays Catholic Parish.** Presider: Archbishop Paul Martin SM. Please join us for this years Chrism mass followed by refreshments at Garin College. If you wish to carpool from Blenheim, contact Belinda Vavasour 021 774 858.

**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](mailto:blenheim@svdp.org.nz) for more Information.

**Sycamore Lenten Programme:** The 6 week Lent programme is on every second Sunday, after Word and Communion in Sacred Heart Church, Kaikoura and will run until after Easter.

For Blenheim: Every Wednesday the Holy Spirit Sycamore Programme is being held for the 6 weeks of Lent at the Community Centre, Blenheim. This starts at 7pm.

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. There is a letter attached to the emailed newsletter detailing the activities leading up to the day. This letter is also on the Blenheim noticeboard.



### **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.**

# Parish Calendar, News & Notices

## Mass & Liturgy Schedules

### 4th Sunday of Lent

#### Sat 9th Mar

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

#### Sun 10th Mar

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton 9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **W&C**

#### Tuesday-12th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

#### Wednesday-13th Mar

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

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

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

#### Thursday - 14th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

#### Friday - 15th Mar

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 11.30am -

Reconciliation

Blenheim 12.05pm -**Mass**

Picton 5pm—Stations of the

Cross

Blenheim 3.30pm- Stations

run by Tongan Community

7pm- Stations of the

Cross

### 5th Sunday of Lent

#### Sat 16th Mar

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Picton -5pm **Mass**

#### Sun 17th Mar

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass**

## Symbols of lent



## Readings for:

**10-17 Mar 2024**

### Sun 10 Mar-4th Sun of Lent -

2Chron 36:14-16,19-23

Ephes 26:4-10

John 3:14-21

### Mon 11 Mar

Isaiah 65:17-21

John 4:43-54

### Tues 12 Mar

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12

John 5:1-3,5-16

### Wed 13 Mar

Isaiah 49: 8-15

John 5:17-30

### Thurs 14 Mar

Exodus 32:7-14

John 5:31-47

### Fri 15 Mar

Wisdom 2:1,12-22

John 7:1-2,10,25-30

### Sat 16 Mar

Jeremiah 11:18-20

John 7:40-52

### Sun 17 Mar-5th Sun of Lent

Jeremiah 11:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

## Find peace in God's Word



**Looking for work.** Open to anything. Must be 30 hours or more per week and great pay! Have experience in support work with mental health, adults with disabilities, admin, PA and reception, overseas missionary work.  
Call Brigid 0211463842



## Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

George Aldridge;

Joy O'Brien;

John Auld;

Peter Phillips;

Peter Campbell;

Richard Kaye

(Wgtn);

Merliza Palarao;

Chris Riordan;

Ossie Hickman,

John Costello,

Mary-Clare Mur-

phy, plus Relatives

and Friends of

Mary Hickman;

and all our

deceased

parishioners and

benefactors.

**Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.**

Richard Booker;

Rebecca Upton;

Donna Lippiatt;

Les McKay;

Barry Butcher;

Luke Clayton;

Sr Frances Anna;

Vince Smith;

Tilly van Dyke;

Graeme Daines;

Sophie Greening;

Moira Dudding;

Fr. Christopher

Brady ( Grymth);

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;

Vicki McLean

**Collections:** We are most grateful for your support.

### Last Week:

Total: \$ 3255.24

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 AP.

**Patricia Stretch:** We wish to thank you all for your prayers, love and support on the passing of our mum and nana, Tricia Stretch. Thank you for the many visits, phone calls, messages and baking during this time, it was greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you and God bless. The Stretch families.



## Quote from Pope Francis

'This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love, to his mercy full of tenderness and goodness, to his forgiveness.' Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 14 March 2021

**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