

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 08 17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

In our readings today the voice of God is clearly heard speaking to the Israelites in the Old and New Testament. God is not silent!! Rather God keeps on communicating with his people both then and now in word and deed. When the covenants were broken by the Israelites God still desired to re-establish the severed bonds by planting the seed of his law and love in people's hearts. Jesus – the very Word of God – whilst on earth came to proclaim the kingdom of God to all that he met and to replant that seed. His words are as real now as they were then. And every so often the voice of the Father was heard to confirm the Word (Jesus). However, not all those that heard it believed that it was actually God. Would you?

Today is the Feast of St. Patrick. His famous prayer 'St. Patrick's Breastplate' ends with: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

St Patrick, pray for us.

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

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

11.00am Tuesday 26th 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 year's Chrism mass followed by refreshments at Garin College. If you wish to carpool from Blenheim, contact Belinda Vavasour 021 774 858.

St Mary's Car Park Blenheim : We are finally getting the line marking redone in the car park this coming Tuesday, 19th March. This will be happening overnight, so the car park will not be available after 7pm. It is hoped that people will then park in the car park spaces and keep our pedestrians safe.



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.

Take a glimpse into the profound and multifaceted realm of theology in 2024.

These mini-courses A taste of Theology - Lecture series cover a range of topics including Scripture, dogmatic, moral and spiritual theology, Church history, Philosophy, pastoral and liturgical studies and Canon Law. Presenters are lecturers of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College.

General Information:

Courses will be online via Zoom on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM. Click the link(s) to register.

Fee for all courses is \$60 (one-off). You can register to all or as many as you want. Sessions will be recorded and made available to all registered participants.

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.

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Mass & Liturgy Schedules

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**

Tuesday-19th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 11am Mass- funeral for G Baxter

Wednesday-20th Mar

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 21st Mar

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday - 22nd 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

Palm Sunday

Sat 23rd Mar

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

Sun 24th Mar

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton 9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **W&C**

Readings for:

17-24 Mar 2024

Sun 17 Mar-5th Sun of Lent

Jeremiah 11:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Mon 18 Mar -St Patrick deferred

Jeremiah 1:4-9

Acts 13:46-49

Luke 10:1-2,17-20

Tues 19 Mar -St Joseph, husband of Mary

2Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16

Romans 4:13,16-18,22

Matt 1:16,18-21,24

Wed 20 Mar

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

John 8:31-42

Thurs 21 Mar

Genesis 17:3-9

John 8:51-59

Fri 22 Mar

Jeremiah 20:10-13

John 10:31-42

Sat 23 Mar

Ezekiel 37:21-28

John 11:45-57

Sun 24 Mar-Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Find peace in God's Word



St Mary's Church:

cleaners required. If you a hour to spare, would you be willing to vacuum a section of the church. It is divided into 3 parts and the roster has spots available for you! Contact Marie Spencer 022 635 9436



Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

Bruce Hill;
Genevieve Baxter;
Mere Peetiwaewa
Ngaporo;
Bob Rockford;
Annette Guthrie (Nlsn);
George Aldridge;
Joy O'Brien AUS;

Nona Thomas;
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;
Vince Smith;
Tilly van Dyke;
Graeme Daines;
Sophie Greening;
Moiria Dudding;
Fr. Christopher
Brady (Grymth);
Kath Maher;

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;

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 2,537.81

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.

Symbols of lent



Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: This month they will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 27th March. Feel free to bring a friend.



Quote from Pope Francis

'Precisely then, in trials and in solitude, while the seed is dying, that is the moment in which life blossoms, to bear ripe fruit in due time. It is in this intertwining of death and life that we can experience the joy and true fruitfulness of love, which always, I repeat, is given in God's style: closeness, compassion, tenderness.' Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 21 March 2021

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

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