

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 09 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

Today, Palm Sunday, we officially begin holy week. Palm Sunday is the remembrance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in which he is honoured as the Messiah. It is a procession full of expectant hope and jubilation. As it is portrayed in the gospels it is reminiscent of King David's victory procession into Jerusalem where people placed palms on the ground in front of him. Our own procession with palms reminds us how this celebration is tinged with sadness in the light of Jesus' passion. Faith in the resurrection acknowledges human complicity in the condemnation and crucifixion of Jesus. What we celebrate in Holy week is not a historical, step-by-step re-enactment, but a placing of ourselves within the living drama of the passion. As church we celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising as a **present** reality of God's forgiving love. Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery is a reminder to us of his call to model his love.

The world at the moment seems to have had more than its share of suffering and deeply painful issues to contend with. As a people of faith we are called to trust in God through Jesus Christ. We are called, human frailties and vulnerability included, to be Christ's love and hope. I invite you to take the opportunity this week of being part of the Easter ceremonies that join us with Jesus in his com-*passion* for the world. God Bless, Fr. Seph.



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Timetable for Holy week

Monday 25th March

Blenheim 9am- Holy Week Liturgy with St Mary's School in the Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

11am—House Parable competition at St Marys; All welcome

Tuesday 26th March Chrism Mass –11am at Garin College, Richmond, Nelson, Carpool available, with Belinda Vavasour 021 774 858

Thursday–28th Mar– Holy Thursday

Blenheim 7pm - **Mass**

There will be no Thursday liturgies, at any church.

Friday – 29th Mar Good Friday

Blenheim 3pm –Liturgy led by the Youth

Kaikoura 3pm –Stations of the Cross

Picton 3pm-Stations of the Cross

Easter

Sat 30th Mar

Blenheim—10-11am **Reconciliation**

Kaikoura- 6pm **Mass**

Blenheim -7pm **Mass**

Sun 31st Mar

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Picton 9am- **Mass**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass**



St Mary's School Gala- 23rd March: Thanks to those who volunteered for this major fundraiser for our school and thanks to those who attended and made it a fun day out.



[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

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**

Tuesday-26th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-27th Mar

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday-28th Mar- Holy Thursday

Blenheim 7pm - **Mass**

Friday - 29th Mar Good Friday

Blenheim 3pm -Liturgy

Kaikoura 3pm -Stations of the Cross

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No weekday liturgies for the week following Easter

Readings for:

24-31st Mar 2024

Sun 24 Mar-Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Mon 25 Mar

Isaiah 42:1-7

John 12:1-11

Tues 26 Mar

Isaiah 49:1-6

John 13:21-33,36-38

Wed 27 Mar

Isaiah 50:4-9

Matthew 26:14-25

Thurs 28 Mar-Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

1cor 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Fri 29 Mar- Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Sat 30 Mar-Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Exodus 14:15-15:1

Isaiah 55:1-11

Romans 6:3-11

Mark 16:1-8

Sun 31 Mar-Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9



Find peace in God's Word

Accommodation wanted:

a two bedroom rental unit close ..if possible to St Mary's school for a mum and 5 year old returning to Blenheim to live. Contact 0276590666.

Greenery required for decorating St Mary's Church and altar of repose in the Mercy Chapel. If you can help, please Contact Belinda Bryce 022 012 3315



Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

Ian Barnes; Moirra Dudding; Bruce Hill; Genevieve Baxter; Mere Peetiwaewa Ngaporo; Bob Rochford; Annette Guthrie (Nlsn); George Aldridge;	Joy O'Brien AUS; and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.
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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; Fr. Christopher Brady (Grymth); Kath Maher; Mary Hope;	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;
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Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 2,830.57

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.



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

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

"In this historical and social situation, what is God doing? He takes up the cross... And we? What should we do?... Along the daily way of the cross, we meet the faces of so many brothers and sisters in difficulty: let us not pass them by, let us allow our hearts to be moved with compassion, and let us draw near. At first, like the Cyrenian, we might think: "Why me?". But then we will discover the gift that we have received, without our own merit.' Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 28 March 2021

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

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