

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 11 7th April 2024 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe (John 20:27)

Believing, seeing touching. They're all intertwined. "Seeing is believing" is true to a certain extent, but it has to be balanced by the reverse. If we do not believe, we will not see. Believing is what keeps us looking for something we are sure is there but can't see yet.

Where does touch come in? Thomas insists that he will only believe that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who appeared to the disciples if he sees the mark of the nails in Jesus' hands. Not only that—if he is to believe that the one his fellow disciples claim to have seen is actually the Lord, he must put his finger into the nail marks and his hand into his side.

When Jesus appears to his disciples a week later, he tells Thomas to do exactly what Thomas said he would have to do if he was to believe—touch Jesus' pierced hands and side.

When Thomas utters his great profession of faith in Jesus as his Lord and God, Jesus replies, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Notice that Jesus does not say, "Blessed are those who have not touched and believed." Why not? Perhaps it is because those who came to believe—continue to believe—in Jesus without see in him are still invited to touch him. To touch him in the Eucharist and the other sacraments, yes, but also to touch him in the wounded people we see all around us.

Touching is such an important element of Catholic worship and practice because in Jesus, God became flesh. As Pope Francis said "Love is being able to take a hand that is dirty and the ability to ability in the eyes of those who are in distress and say, "For me, you are Jesus." Think of and give thanks for the many ways you have been touched by God and have been able to extend God's touch to others.

Excerpt from Daily reflections from Easter to Pentecost-Rejoice And Be Glad 2024"

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Bible Stories - What do they mean? Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sundays, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles: Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm. \$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

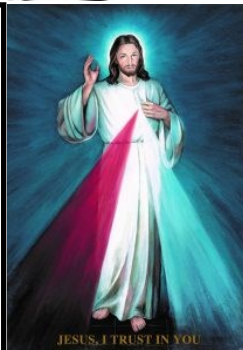
Daylight Saving ends this weekend.

Please check the mass timetable for any changes.



Come and join us for the celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy at 3pm Sunday 7th in St Mary's Church.

Quote from Jesus to St Faustina: ' On that day are opened all the divine flood-gates through which graces flow....my mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout eternity.'



Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need.

The bins in our churches are cleared every week so donations can be made outside of the times listed.

There is a desperate need at the moment for all non-perishable food.

1st Sunday @ Blenheim

1st Sunday @ Kaikoura

All Sundays @ Picton

[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

2nd Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy

Sat 6th April

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

Sun 7th April

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton- 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim -10am **W&C**

Blenheim -3pm Prayer liturgy
for Divine Mercy

Tuesday-9th April

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday-10th April

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

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

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 11th April

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday - 12th April

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 11.30am

Reconciliation

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sat 13th April

Picton- 4pm **Mass**

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Sun 14th April

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim -10am **Mass**

Readings for:

7-14 April 2024

Sun 07 April-2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35

1John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Mon 08 April -Annunciation

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

Tues 09 April

Acts 4:32-37

John 3:7-15

Wed 10 April

Acts 5:17-26

John 3:16-21

Thurs 11 April-St Stanislaus

Acts 5:27-33

John 3:31-36

Fri 12 April

Acts 5:34-42

John 6:1-15

Sat 13 April

Acts 6:1-7

John 6:16-21

Sun 14 April-3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

*Find peace in God's
Word*



Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,876.89

Easter Dues: \$1,555.90

Holy Places: \$620.40

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. **Donation Receipts will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.**



Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

Alice Blissett; Michael Drummond Snr; Mary Hope; Marie Harnett (Ash John Landon- Wgtn; Ian Barnes;	members of the Hickman family; Marie Fredericks; and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.
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Mary-Clare Murphy
& deceased

**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; Vicki McLean;	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; Tom Harrison
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Accommodation wanted:

a two bedroom rental unit close, if possible, to St Mary's school for a mum & 5 year old returning to Blenheim to live. Contact 027 659 0666.

Seeking accommodation: A 3 -bedroom rental house for a couple with 4 children (3 girls and 1 boy) preferably in central Blenheim or Springlands. Please call: 021 454 482.



Quote from Pope Francis

'For God, no door is ever completely closed. As the Gospel tells us, he loves to enter precisely, as we heard, "through closed doors", when every entrance seems barred. There God works his wonders. He never chooses to abandon us; we are the ones who keep him out. But when we make our confession, something unheard-of happens: we discover that the very sin that kept us apart from the Lord becomes the place where we encounter him.'

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), 8 April 2018

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

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