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Newsletter 18, 26th May 2024 Most Holy Trinity

Every time we gather in prayer we invoke the presence of the Holy Trinity as we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross and say 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' We can sometimes do this in a haphazard way but today is an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the Holy Trinity.

It took the early Church Fathers many years to develop the doctrine of the Holy Trinity – Three persons in One God. Origen (185-245 AD) explained that each were distinctive and united in their relationship; Athanasius (296-373AD) counteracted the Arian heresy by proclaiming that the divine nature in Jesus was identical to that of the Father and that Father and Son have the same substance. The Trinity is part of the mystery of our faith. Complicated? It sure is. It is something that we believe but will never fully understand until we come face to face with them in Heaven.

But in the meantime the beautiful icon of the Holy Trinity by Rublev invites us to be part of the scene – to sit at the table and to enjoy the company of the Three and discern with our senses what they are saying to each of us.

Jesus commands us today to 'go and make disciples of all the nations.' As baptised Christians we ALL have a part to play in doing this – in our families, at school, at work, how we reflect Christ in our ordinary lives. St Francis of Assisi said, 'Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary use words.'

Let us continue to pray for our parish and to discern how to journey together and with the wider Church.

Vicky Raw- Chair of the Discipleship Group

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Vinnies Blenheim is in need of good quality second hand Linen. Sheets, all sizes and towels. If you are downsizing or changing colour schemes please consider donating to Vinnies, 63 High St or phone 5778378 for collection.

Thank you to those who gave their time for the 24 hours of adoration on Friday and Saturday. Surely God will hear our prayers.



Heather Phillips and family wish to thank the parish community for all their prayers, mass cards and messages of sympathy received at the time of Peter's passing. Your thoughtfulness and support was really appreciated.

Healing Seminar & service 8th June at St Christophers Church. The seminar is from 9.30-3pm, with the service at 3.30pm. Morning and afternoon tea supplied. Bring your own lunch or available from local cafes/bakery. This is a collaboration of St Christopher's Anglican church and the Order of St Luke the Physician. Check the poster on your notice board.



Youth Camps!! - Hanmer Springs retreat, 15-17 July. (2nd week of holidays) \$60. theme: Holy Spirit. For school years 8-13. If you are interested in this awesome retreat full of fun, faith and hot pools, then contact Mieke 0223918584 . Parents are needed for transport and help too, if you are able, please let us know. KAIKOURA YOUTH are welcome

to join us! We are hoping to have a group of youth from Kaikoura to join in with us, and would require adult chaperones to drive them there; please get in touch with Mieke if you are interested!!

Revolution camp - Woodend Christian Camp, 5-7 July \$135 (\$120 if paid before 7 June) For school years 7-9. This is run by the Chch diocese, and as it is the week before our own retreat, St Mary's youth group leaders won't be attending this one, but if you are willing to attend, we are able to help with the cost of your registration! Contact Mieke 0223918584

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

<u>Mass & Liturgy Schedules</u> <u>Most Holy Trinity</u> <u>Sat 25th May</u>

Picton- 4pm **Mass** Blenheim -5pm **W&C** Sun 26th May Seddon 8am - Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am- W&C Blenheim 10am - Mass

Tuesday-28th May Blenheim 9.30am Mass Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-29th May Picton 9.30am Mass then Reconciliation Kaikoura 9:30am W&C Blenheim 12.05pm W&C Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

<u>Thursday – 30th May</u> Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** Kaikoura 9.30am W&C Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday — 31st May Kaikoura 9.30am W&C Blenheim 11am Exposition Blenheim 11.30am Reconciliation

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass Body & Blood of Christ

Sat 1st June Blenheim 5pm -Mass Sun 2nd June Seddon- 8am W&C Picton- 9.30am W&C Kaikoura- 9.30am Mass Blenheim -10am W&C



Readings for: 25th May –2nd June 2024 Sun 26 May-Most Holy Trinity Deut 4:32-34,39-40 Rom 8:14-17

Matt 28:16-20 <u>Mon 27 May</u> 1Peter 1:3-9

Tues 28 May 1Peter 1:10-16 Mark 10:28-31

Mark 10:17-27

Wed 29 May 1Peter 1:18-25 Mark 10:32-45

Thurs 30 May 1Peter 2:2-5,9-12 Mark 10:46-52

Fri 31 May –Visitation of BVM Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-56

Sat 1 June-St Justin Jude 17:20-25 Mark 11:27-33

Sun 2 June-Body & Blood of Christ Exodus 24:3-8 Hebrews 9:11-15 Matt 14:12-16,22-26



Find peace in God's Word

<u>Collections:</u> We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week: Total: \$4898.80 Vocation Sunday: \$70.00

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 so you can claim on your donations each year.



<u>Remembering the Holy souls</u> <u>—May they Rest In Peace</u>

Hugh Vavasour; Alice Walker; Michael Wood; Rosemary Wood; Encarnacion Lixgcon; Allan Fairweather; Jack Hickman, Ossie Hickman, Family & friends of

and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Mary Hickman;

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; Kath Maher; Vicki McLean; Kalan Family;

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

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.

> 1st Sunday @ Kaikoura All Sundays @ Picton & Blenheim

Also in need of small bottles approx. 300ml clean with lids please. They can be left in the White Foodbank baskets at St Mary's church. Please consider donating non-perishable goods,

UHT Longlife milk, rice, pasta, tinned food & cereals.



Quote from Pope Francis

'Jesus' last message to his disciples is the mandate *to depart*: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). It is a clear mandate, not just an option! The Christian community is a community "going forth", "in departure". More so: the Church was born "going forth". ' Pope Francis, <u>Regina Caeli</u> 1 June 2014

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