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Newsletter 25, 14th July 2024 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's readings from Amos and Mark are about MISSION. But it is not just the prophets in the Old Testament and the Twelve who were sent out - it is for each of us to go out and actively proclaim Jesus' Good News just as they did. Jesus spoke to people, healed the sick and prayed with those that he met so we also need to do to the same. But this mission work is not to be done alone. Jesus sends us out with others, as a community, as friends and family. Through this we will find support, encouragement, consolation and joy. There is strength in numbers and the ability to do more than on our own.

Jesus is asking us to take nothing with us on this journey other than a staff and sandals. We don't need to carry a backpack filled with theology degrees, years of experience, books filled with the right words or money to help us through tough times. Jesus is asking us to let go of the all the unnecessary things that weigh us down, so that we are lighter and freer to go be able to go further. Is this a scary task? Yes it is as we will face rejection but that is not to deter us from doing what he asks of us.

Our ability to cast out devils, anoint the sick and cure them may come in many forms, in different places and at different times – using the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi is one way to make Jesus' mission come alive.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Vicky Raw, Chair of the Discipleship Group

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH !!! 16 St Mary's youth, plus leaders, parents and Fr Seph, head to Hanmer Springs this Mon - Weds for a Holy Spirit retreat. Please pray for safety, wellness and an experience of the Holy Spirit for all involved. Thank you for your support!



Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: For the winter they will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 4th Wednesday of the month and meet on 24 July. Feel free to bring a friend.



SVdP: Senior's finger-food luncheon 19 July after Mid-day mass, at the St Mary's Community Centre. All welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Blenheim helps those in need, giving a hand up to those in our community who are struggling. Are you empathetic, can you listen and offer practical advice with no judgement? Our next meeting is Tuesday 16th July at 10am in the Mercy Chapel, do join us.

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 15th Sun of Ord-Day of Prayer for Seafarers Sat 13th July Blenheim 5pm -Mass Sun 14th July

Seddon- 8am W&C Picton- 9.30am W&C Kaikoura- 9.30am Mass Blenheim -10am W&C Tuesday-16th July Blenheim 9.30am W&C Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday–17th July Picton 9.30am W&C Kaikoura 9:30am W&C Blenheim 12.05pm W&C Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 18th July Blenheim 9.30am Mass Kaikoura 9.30am W&C Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday-19th July Kaikoura 9.30am W&C Blenheim 11am Exposition 12.05pm Mass

16th Sun of Ord Sat 20th July Picton- 4pm Mass Blenheim -5pm W&C Sun 21st July Seddon 8am - Mass Kaikoura 9.30am- W&C Blenheim 10am - Mass



<u>Readings for:</u> <u>14 – 21 July 2024</u> <u>Sun 14 July-15th Sun of Ord-</u> <u>Day of Prayer for Seafarers</u>

Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13

Mon 15 July-St Bonaventure Isaiah 1:10-17 Matt 10:34-11:1

Tues 16 July Isaiah 7:1-9 Matt 11:20-24

Wed 17 July Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16 Matt 11:28-30

Thurs 18 July Isaiah 26:7-9 Matt 11:28-30

Fri 19 July Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Matt 10:16-23

<u>Sat 20 July</u> Micah 2:1-5 Matt 12:14-21



Sun 21 July-16th Sun of Ord Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34 Find peace in God's Word

Welcom Readership Survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PK66XNR This will help the Archdiocese improve how it communicates with parishioners. Please have your say.

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

Last Week: Total: \$7,316.77 Peter's Pence: \$69.00 Vocation Sunday: \$20.00

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. Community Foodbanks:

Remembering the Holy souls

Thomas Ryan;

Harleen Apperley;

Charlotte Nichol;

Richard Booker;

Rebecca Upton;

Donna Lippiatt;

Barry Butcher;

Luke Clayton;

Tilly van Dyke;

Kath Maher;

Bowen;

CHCH;

& Family;

Graeme Daines;

Jessica Jackson;

Michael Carmody

Matt & family in

Agnes McIlveney;

Les McKay;

Intentions: please keep these

parishioners in your prayers.

Norm Jones;

Michael Gill

(Watn):

—May they Rest In Peace

Carol Spencer;

Gerald Holden:

parishioners and

and all our

benefactors.

Maria Martin;

Stayner;

NIsn

Terry Price;

Peter Smith;

Anne Rundle;

Dan Murphy;

Charlotte Cagney;

Nancy Woolford-

Denise Eddowes;

Steven Crundwell-

Lex & Mary Agnew;

Margaret Searle;

Sophie Greening;

Jocelyn Cresswell;

deceased

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

Please consider donating non-perishable goods, UHT Longlife milk, rice, pasta, tinned food & cereals.



Quote from Pope Francis

' The second characteristic of the missionary's style is, so to speak, a *face*, which consists in the *poverty of means*... The staff and the sandals are the gear of pilgrims because that is what the messengers of the Kingdom of God are, not omnipotent *managers*, not irreplaceable officials, not celebrities *on tour*. ... but rather humble workers of the Kingdom. ' Pope Francis <u>Angelus</u>, 15 July 2018

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