

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, 16th March 2025

I love the changes that we make as a church during Lent; from the liturgy to personal goals of fasting and prayer, there is a palpable difference that doesn't seem to occur any other time in our church's calendar, and with it builds this sense of anticipation! Something has changed, and something is coming! A season of hope. While our fasting bellies are grumbling, and we die a little to ourselves every time we watch others eat, drink or use the thing we 'gave up' for lent, we can look past that suffering knowing that the greatest joy in our year is just around the corner.

Our ministry has the privilege of giving youth the opportunity to serve the parish at this extra special time, with the Good Friday service. We have also kicked off a new Teen Focus Group after Sunday Mass every 2-3 weeks, where prayer will be an important element. Prayer and support for young people is so crucial; for them to deepen in their own prayer life, but also for them to be prayed for. If dedicated prayer is one of your commitments this Lent, please consider a special focus to pray for our youth. They need it so much, with so many issues prevalent in their lives, many of which we never had to deal with growing up. Our youth ministry is always so grateful for the support of all of you!

Mieke Davies.

Youth group Co-ordinator, St Mary's Youth Group

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: Will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 4th Wednesday of the month and meet next on **26th February**. Feel free to bring a friend.

Youth Mass this Sunday at 10am Mass and a sausage bbq afterwards. Bring your spare change for a fabulous sausage provided by the great team at Meaters.

Pleroma Christian Supplies seeks a dedicated and enthusiastic Manager to oversee the daily operations of [Pleroma](#) in Ōtāne, Central Hawkes Bay. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the store, leading a team of dedicated staff, and fostering a welcoming environment for our customers, online, by phone and face-to-face. If you have a passion for Christian resourcing and a strong desire to serve the community, this is a fantastic opportunity for you. Apply online at [Pleroma - Seek](#) or directly to The Trust Board Chair, Chris Duthie-Jung, c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz

Children's Liturgy: We are in need of a coordinator for 10am mass on a Sunday, who is willing to bring together a team who will look after this valuable ministry. Resources will be provided. Contact Mieke 022 391 8584



Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope: There will be 24 Hours of Adoration on Friday 28 March starting at 1pm in the Mercy Chapel. There will also be the opportunity for reconciliation 7-9pm on Saturday. All are welcome to come and spent some time with the Lord. Two people must be rostered on for each hour. Sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer of St Mary's church this weekend.

Lenten Activities:

Stations of the Cross:

Picton- 5.15pm every Wednesday, Blenheim- 6pm every Friday in the Church; after 5pm Mass every Saturday in the Mercy Chapel in the Syro Malabar Rite.

Links for helpful resources for the Lenten season:

[Daily Reflection | The Passionists](#) <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

[CHRISTIAN ART | Daily Gospel Reading & Art Reflection](#) [Daily Gospel Reflections - Word on Fire](#)

<https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/> <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/>

[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

2nd Sun of Lent

Sat 15th March

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**
 Picton 5pm - **Mass**
 Blenheim - **Stations** 6pm in
 the Mercy Chapel

Sun 16th March

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,
 Kaikoura 9.30am - **Mass**
 Blenheim 10am - **Mass led**
by the Youth

Priests away Tues- Fri at
Clergy gathering in
Wellington

Tuesday-18th March

Blenheim 9.30am **W&C**
 Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**
 Kaikoura 11am school Miha at
 Takahanga Marae

Wednesday-19th Mar

Picton 9.30am **W&C**
 Kaikoura 9:30am **W&C**
 Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**
 Picton 5.15pm **Stations**

Thursday-20th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am - **W&C**
 Kaikoura 9.30am - **W&C**
 Kaikoura 11am Scripture
 Blenheim 7pm Mass in Syro
 Malabar tradition

Friday-21st Mar

Kaikoura 9.30am - **W&C**
 Blenheim 11am - Exposition
 Blenheim 12.05pm - **W&C**
 Blenheim 6pm **Stations in**
Church

1st Sun of Lent

Sat 22nd Mar

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**
 Picton 5pm - **Mass**
 Blenheim 6pm - **Stations** in
 the Mercy Chapel in the
 Way of the Cross

Sun 23rd Mar

Seddon 8am - **W&C**
 Kaikoura 9.30am - **Mass**
 Blenheim 10am - **W&C**



Readings for:

16-23 Mar March 2025

Sun 16 March-2nd Sun of Lent

Gen 15:5-12,17-18
 Phil 3:17-4:1
 Luke 9:28-36

Mon 17 March-St Patrick

Jeremiah 1:4-9
 Acts 13:16-49
 Luke 10:1-2,17-20

Tues 18 March

Isaiah 1:10,16-20
 Matt 23:1-12

Wed 19 March-St Joseph, Husband of Mary

2Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16
 Romans 4:13,16-18,32
 Matt 1:16,18-21,24

Thurs 20 March

Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Luke 16:19-31



Fri 21 March

Gene 37:3-4,12-13,17-18
 Matt 21:33-43,45-46

Sat 22 March

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
 Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Sun 23 March-3rd Sun of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15
 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12
 John 13:1-9

Find peace in God's Word

Jubilee year of the sick and
Health workers- April 6th.
We will also mark the 5th
anniversary of COVID enter-
ing NZ.

If you have a loved one that
you want to remember, that
died during this time, please
send or bring a photo to the
parish office. There will be a
PowerPoint at the liturgies
that weekend.



Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

Carl Tabak;
 John Maurice;

Also all our
 deceased
 parishioners and
 benefactors.

Ian Barnes;
 Dan Murphy;

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
 Donna Lippiatt;
 Luke Clayton;
 Tilly van Dyk;
 Graeme Daines;
 Lyn Turner;
 Nancy Spatz;
 Jim West;
 Phil Best;
 Esme Murphy;
 Eileen Moreland;
 Nola Tanner;
 Mary Norton;
 Glenn Ormsby;
 Graham Check;
 Craig & Viv Grant;
 Maria Martin;
 Charlotte Cagney;

Terry Price;
 Nancy Woolford-
 Stayner;
 Steven Crundwell-
 Nlsn;
 Lex & Mary Agnew
 Peter Smith;
 Margaret Searle;
 Anne Rundle;
 Francesca Perkins
 Marita Morrison;
 Aveera & Araylee
 Marsh;

and those un-
 named that need
 our prayers at this
 time.

Collections: We are most grateful
 for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$3,286.00

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.



Quote from Pope Francis

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves whether we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. Pope Francis, [Message for Lent](#) 2025.

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