

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, 23rd March 2025

Living Out the Spirit of Lent – Learning Through Empathy and Service

The Third Sunday of Lent invites us to reflect on themes of renewal, compassion, and spiritual growth – themes beautifully reflected in the recent learning experience, at St Mary's School, between Room 7 and Room 1A. Lent encourages us to open our hearts to others and extend God's love through acts of kindness and service. The students' exploration of empathy through the life and work of Suzanne Aubert embodies these Lenten values in a meaningful and practical way.

Suzanne Aubert's legacy of compassion – sharing food, welcoming the lonely, and offering support – mirrors the Lenten call to serve others and deepen our connection with God. Just as Lent encourages us to look beyond ourselves and care for those in need, the students demonstrated this spirit by creating cups and saucers as a symbol of hospitality and by preparing hot chocolates to share with one another. Their actions reflect the core Lenten message of giving and receiving with an open heart.

The mindfulness practice of blowing on hot chocolate to focus on breathing also ties into the Lenten theme of inner reflection and renewal. Lent is not just about external acts of charity but also about creating space for God's presence and peace within us.

Through this heartwarming experience, the students not only learned about empathy but also put it into action, demonstrating care, service, and connection – the very heart of our Lenten journey. May their example inspire us all to seek renewal through compassionate action and thoughtful reflection this Lent.

The school looks forward to joining you next week at Mass on Sunday the 30th of March.

Ngā mihi nui,

Bridget Comer, Principal St Mary's School

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 March**. Feel free to bring a friend.



Good Friday, (18th April) service practices: for young people wanting to participate in this important service, please stay after church this Sunday for a brief meeting, to sign up to join in. Practices will be in the church every Sunday leading up to Good Friday.

Teenage Catholic Ninja Disciples (TCND) : the new name for our teen focus group! Our next meeting is next Sunday 30th March, at 12pm in the youth rooms, after the Good Friday practice.

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 spend some time with the Lord. Two people must be rostered on for each hour. Sign-up sheets are still available in the foyer of St Mary's church, with a couple of gaps to fill for this to happen.



Adoration: is normally once a month, in the Mercy Chapel but will be replaced this month by 24 Hours for the Lord. The next date is **27 April**.

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

3rd 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**

Tuesday-25th March

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**
 Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-26th Mar

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

Thursday-27th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am - Mass
 Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C
 Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday-28th Mar

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

4th Sun of Lent

Sat 29th March

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**
 Picton 5pm–**Mass**
 Blenheim –**Stations** 6pm in
 the Mercy Chapel

Sun 30th March

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,
 Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**
 Blenheim 10am– **Mass led**
by St Mary's School

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

Please consider donating nonperishable goods, UHT Longlife milk, rice, pasta, Jam, tinned food & cereals.

Readings for:

23-30 Mar March 2025

Sun 23 March-3rd Sun of Lent

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

Mon 24 March

2Kings 5:1-15
 Luke 4:24-30

Tues 25 March-Annunciation

Isaiah 7:10-14
 Hebrews 10:4-10
 Luke 1:26-38

Wed 26 March

Deut. 4:1,5-9
 Matt 5:17-19

Thurs 27 March

Jeremiah 7:23-28
 Luke 11:14-23

Fri 28 March

Hosea 14:2-10
 Mark 12:28-34

Sat 29 March

Hosea 5:1-6:6
 Luke 18:9-14

Sun 30 March-4th Sun of Lent

Joshua 5:9-13
 2Cor 5:17-21
 Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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 entering NZ.

If you have a loved one that you want to remember, that died during this time, not necessarily of COVID, 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

Patricia Clarke RSM (Wgtn); Hiram (Spud) Taylor; Barbara Millar (Aus); Nona Thomas; Dos Fredericks;	Marie Fredericks; Valentine Petersen; Ron & Ellen Millar; Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.
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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-Nlson; Lex & Mary Agnew Peter Smith; Margaret Searle; Anne Rundle; Francesca Perkins Marita Morrison; Aveera & Araylee Marsh; Gillian Smith; and those unnamed that need our prayers at this time.
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Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,870.00

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

Jesus knows that conversion is not easy. He knows that we often repeat the same mistakes and the same sins; that we become discouraged, and perhaps it may seem that our commitment to do good is useless in a world where evil appears to rule. Thus he encourages us with a parable that tells of the patience of God. He offers the comforting image of a fig tree that does not bear fruit during the accorded season, but is not cut down. More time is given to it, another possibility.

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 20 March 2022.

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