

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 10, 30th March 2025 4th Sunday of Lent

On the 6th of April next month will be the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Workers. This Jubilee is a special event focused on recognizing and celebrating the contributions of healthcare professionals and acknowledging the importance of caring for the sick. It offers an opportunity for reflection, spiritual enrichment, and solidarity within the healthcare community.

The Jubilee also aims to raise awareness about the challenges and rewards of working in healthcare, providing a platform to discuss important issues related to patient care, mental health support for healthcare workers, and the ethical considerations in medicine. It serves as a reminder of the compassionate and dedicated service that healthcare providers offer to society, often under demanding circumstances. Let us keep all those hard working people in our thoughts and prayers.

Jacob Kuman CP



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Bible Stories - What do they mean? with Beate Matthies. Sunday, 06 April 2025, 5-6pm (Zoom).
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-12/>

YouTube Recording - Snippets from Muffin Talks: The Prodigal Son & the Parables of Compassion - with the late Br Kieran Fenn:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/03/25/kieran-fenn-fms-snippets-from-muffin-talks/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering online webinars in 2025. This series features our current and past students who will inspire us as they talk about growing in faith, leadership in ministry, and their role in ministry. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

Planned Giving Envelopes: These are being distributed this weekend through the Mass centres. The annual Donation Receipts will be emailed out or in Church foyers mid-April.



YOUTH

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 this 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**, which is also Divine Mercy Sunday.

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

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Mass & Liturgy Schedules

4th Sun of Lent

Sat 29th March

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**
 Picton 5pm - **W&C**
 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

Tuesday-1st April

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

Wednesday-2nd April

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

Thursday-3rd April

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

Friday-4th April

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

5th Sun of Lent

Sat 5th April

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**
 Picton 5pm - **Mass with a**
finger food supper to follow
 Blenheim 6pm - **Stations** in
 the Mercy Chapel in the
 Way of the Cross

Sun 6th April

Seddon 8am - **Mass**
 Kaikoura 9.30am - **Mass**
 Blenheim 10am - **Mass**

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 nonperish-
 able goods, UHT
 Long-life milk, rice,
 pasta, Jam, tinned
 food & cereals.



Readings for:

30 Mar -6th April 2025

Sun 30 March-4th Sun of Lent
 Joshua 5:9-13
 2Cor 5:17-21
 Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Mon 31 March

Isaiah 65:17-21
 John 4:43-54

Tues 01 April

Ezek. 47:1-9,12
 John 5:1-3,5-16

Wed 02 April

Isaiah 49:8-15
 John 5:17-30

Thurs 03 April

Exodus 32:7-14
 John 5:31-47

Fri 04 April

Wisdom 2:1,12-22
 John 7:1-2,10,25-30



Sat 05 April

Jeremiah 11:18-20
 John 7:40-52

Sun 06 April-5th Sun of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Philippians 3:8-14
 John 8:1-11

Find peace in God's Word

SAVE THE DATE

After 5pm
 mass on 5th April there is to be
 a finger food supper. Please
 join us and bring a plate.

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

Gillian Smith;
 Michael Pratt;
 Patricia Clarke RSM
 (Wgtn);
 Hiram (Spud)
 Taylor;
 Barbara Millar
 Marie Fredericks;
 Dorothy
 McElhinney;
 Ragini Beale;
 Richard Spencer;
 Alison Mexted;
 John Romano;
 Mary Hope, Hope,

Pratt & McConway
 families;
 Ossie Hickman,
 friends and family
 of M Hickman.
 Also all our
 deceased
 parishioners and
 benefactors.

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: \$4,321.30

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

"The elder son needs mercy too. The righteous, those who believe they are righteous, are also in need of mercy. This son represents us when we wonder whether it is worth all the trouble if we get nothing in return. Jesus reminds us that one does not stay in the house of the Father for a reward but because one has the dignity of being children who share responsibility. There is no "bargaining" with God, but rather following in the footsteps of Jesus who gave himself on the Cross without measure." Pope Francis, General Audience, 11 May 2016.

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