

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 11, 6th April 2025 5th Sunday of Lent

Jesus is so very clever in turning what could be difficult questions into wonderful teachings and in today's reading we hear that once again the Scribes and Pharisees are setting a trap for Jesus with a difficult question this time about the woman caught in adultery. If Jesus pardoned the woman, he could be accused of encouraging people to break the law of Moses. However, if he agreed she should be stoned, he would lose his name for showing mercy. There is no more judgemental and condemnatory person than the self righteous. But there is more than adultery to talk about here. There is also the horrible way the scribes and Pharisees treated the woman. They exposed her to humiliating public shaming. They showed not the slightest regard for her feelings. She was just someone who could be used to entrap Jesus as they pursued their aim to get rid of Him.


What a difference then, between the way the Pharisees treated the woman and the way Jesus did. Jesus didn't condemn her, but he did condemn her sin. It's not that the sin didn't matter to him, it did. But he distinguished between the sin and the sinner. He corrected her, but so gently. And despite the way the Scribes and Pharisees behaved, Jesus dealt with *them* in a marvellously gentle and subtle way. He didn't condemn them, he didn't judge them. He invited them to judge themselves.

The story warns us about being too quick to take the moral high ground, for which of us is without sin? It's easy to condemn others, to talk about others faults and misdemeanours; the very act of condemning another involves a sin. There is surely a time to correct another; but there is an art in doing so. It consists of being totally kind and totally honest. We must be willing to extend to others the same compassion we would like to receive if we were in the same situation. For there is no more important thing in life than to show compassion for a fellow human being. The mission of the Church is to be a place of forgiveness so that those who fail - as we all do at some times - may experience the love and compassion of the One who refused to condemn. The Church ought to be a community of grace, a community free from condemnation, a community which will not condemn but which will love.


Belinda Vavasour

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

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 have been being distributed 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:** 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: Thank you to those that participated in the 24 hours for the Lord. There was a great turn out. 

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

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**

Tuesday-8th April

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

Wednesday-9th April

Picton 9.30am **Mass**
 Kaikoura 9:30am W&C
 Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**
 Picton 5.15pm **Stations**
 Blenheim 6.30pm Reconciliation Rite II

Thursday-10th April

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

Friday-11th April

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

Picton 6pm –Reconciliation Rite II

Palm Sunday

Sat 12th April

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

Sun 13th April

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

Easter schedule:

Chrism Mass –Tues 15th 12 noon at St Mary's.

Holy Thursday–7pm at Picton, Blenheim & Kaikoura

Good Friday– Stations 10am at Picton & Kaikoura.

Celebration of the Passion– 3pm at Picton, Kaikoura & Blenheim (led by the Youth)

Easter Vigil–7pm at Blenheim, & Kaikoura.

Easter Sunday– normal masses

Readings for:

6th–13th April 2025

Sun 06 April–5th Sun of Lent

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

Mon 07 April

Daniel 13
 John 8:1-11

Tues 08 April

Numbers 21:4-9
 John 8:21-30

Wed 09 April

Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28
 John 8:31-42

Thurs 10 April

Genesis 17:3-9
 John 8:51-59



Fri 11 April

Jeremiah 20:10-13
 John 10:31-42

Sat 12 April

Ezekiel 37:21-28
 John 11:45-57

Sun 13 April–Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40
 Isaiah 50:4-7
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Luke 22:14-23

Find peace in God's Word



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 Long-life milk, rice, pasta, Jam, tinned food & cereals.



Remembering the Holy souls

–May they Rest In Peace

Gillian Smith;
 Michael Pratt;
 Mary-Clare Murphy;
 John Romano;

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-Nlson;
 Lex & Mary Agnew
 Peter Smith;
 Margaret Searle;
 Anne Rundle;
 Francesca Perkins
 Marita Morrison;
 Aveera & Araylee Marsh;

and those unnamed that need our prayers at this time.

Help wanted: A parishioner needs a ride to and from 10am mass for the next month as he isn't allowed to drive. Please ring the office with your details.

Reconciliation Services for the Parish:

Blenheim- 6.30pm Wed 9th April.
 Picton- 6pm Friday 11th April.
 These will be as Rite II.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,913.90

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

"From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world." (Laudato Si' #99)

Action: Just as Christ was able to see beyond sin and condemnation, so we are called to look for the hidden depths at work in us and around us. Take some time this week to look for and find a hidden mystery at work in the natural world around you. Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 20 March 2022.

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