

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 14, 27th April 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

On Monday evening, we heard the sad news that Pope Francis had died. It seemed all the more sad because the day before, Easter Sunday, he had gathered enough strength to appear on the balcony and wave to the crowds below. I have heard one commentator remark that Pope Francis chose to die serving the people; and how inspiring he was to be still blessing babies being brought to him as he was driven in his popemobile through the mass of people in St Peter's Square. Imagine being one of those babies growing up knowing that they were blessed by the Pope only hours before he died.

What a legacy he leaves. Whilst his outspoken views often riled leaders from around the world, those same leaders have paid tribute to his moral and spiritual leadership. Throughout his papacy, Francis championed the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized, defended social justice, the rights of migrants and repeatedly called for action against climate change. Pope Francis has given us the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" for the 2025 Jubilee year, encouraging us to renew ourselves saying: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."Rest in Peace, Pope Francis

One year Pope Francis reflected on the Transfiguration with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square on the second Sunday in Lent and this is what he said: "That feeling of Peter that "it is well that we are here" must not become *spiritual laziness*. We cannot remain on the mountain and enjoy the bliss of this encounter on our own. Jesus himself brings us back to the valley, among our brothers and sisters and into daily life. We must beware of spiritual laziness: we are fine, with our prayers and liturgies, and this is enough for us. No! Going up the mountain does not mean forgetting reality; praying never means avoiding the difficulties of life; the light of faith is not meant to provide beautiful spiritual feelings. No, this is not Jesus' message. We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere. Igniting little lights in people's hearts; being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope: this is the mission of a Christian."



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

ANZAC Day, April 25, commemorates New Zealanders killed in war and honours returned and serving servicemen and women. Our National Day of Remembrance now tends to promote a wide sense of unity. We no longer glorify war or view war as an "awfully big adventure" – a chance to leave home and join up to fight for King and Country. The People whose politics represent either right or left; who are anti war or a little "hawkish"; whose beliefs and aspirations are widely different; are able to share a genuine sorrow at the loss of so many lives in war. There is too, a real respect for those who have endured conflict on behalf of the country we live in. Throughout there are still wars raging. The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law monitors 110 armed conflicts; among the 110 conflicts is Myanmar, Ukraine, Palestine, Sudan and Ethiopia.

Just a fortnight ago the Ukrainian city of Sumy was hit by missiles, as people made their way to church to celebrate Palm Sunday. There were 34 victims. We must remember these areas of conflict and whilst we can do little from the bottom of the world where we lives, we *can* pray for these people who are being so severely tested. Jesus has said while there are two or three gathered together in my name, I am with you. So let us pray for those whose lives are being threatened by war or who are in the midst of conflict. God of mercy, send forth your Spirit of peace to our world as we ask you to grant our prayers for those who have fallen in war.



To those who were involved with organising the Easter ceremonies, thank you for your support and commitment. And many thanks to those parishioners who attended.



Planned Giving Envelopes: These have been being distributed through the Mass centres. The annual Donation Receipts will be emailed out or in Church foyers late-April.



Adoration: is normally once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am-2pm. The next date is **27 April**, which is also Divine Mercy Sunday. There will also be adoration in St Mary's Church at **3pm** in honour of Divine Mercy Sunday.

[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

Thursday 24th April

Kaikoura 5pm Mass
Blenheim 7pm Mass for the late Pope Francis.

Friday-25th April-ANZAC Day

Kaikoura 9:30am Mass
Blenheim 9.30am Mass

2nd Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat 26th April

Blenheim 5pm -Mass
Picton 5pm-Mass

Sun 27th April

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

Tuesday-29th April

Blenheim 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-30th April

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

Thursday-1st May

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

Friday-2nd May

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C
Blenheim 11am - Exposition
Blenheim 12.05pm -Mass

Easter

Sat 3rd May

Blenheim 7pm -Mass
Kaikoura 7pm-Mass

Sun 4th May

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

Readings for:

27th April-4th May 2025 Sun 27 April-2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16
Apocal 1:9-13,17-19
John 20:19-31

Mon 28 April-St Peter Chanel, Patron Saint of Oceania

Acts 13:44-52
John 15:12-17

Tues 29 April-St Catherine of Sienna

Acts 4:32-37
John 3:7-15

Wed 30 April

Acts 5:17-26
Luke 3:16-21

Thurs 01 May

Acts 5:27-33
John 3:31-36

Fri 02 May-St Athanasius

Acts 5:34-42
John 6:1-15

Sat 03 May -Sts Philip & James, Apostles

1Cor 15:1-8
John 14:6,9

Sun 04 May-3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:127-32,40-41
Apocal 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

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 non-perishable goods, UHT Long-life milk, rice, pasta, Jam, tinned food & cereals.



Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

Pope Francis; parishioners and Sir Roger Clifford benefactors. (CHCH);

Thanksgiving for special favours;
Also all our deceased

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;
Mary Norton;
Glenn Ormsby;
Graham Check;
Craig & Viv Grant;
Maria Martin;
Charlotte Cagney;
Nelissa & Baby
Nika A Cabuag;
Poppy Rundle;

Terry Price;
Nancy Woolford-Stayner;
Steven Crundwell-Nlsn;
Lex & Mary Agnew
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Francesca Perkins
Marita Morrison;
Aveera & Araylee
Marsh;
Pat Cairns;
Sharon North;
and those un-named that need our prayers at this time.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2464.92
Holy Places: \$702.80
Easter Dues: \$2601.95
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 before starting online banking so you can claim on your donations each year.



Quote from Pope Francis

' Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies and with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, "I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it". Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: "Christ is Risen".'

Pope Francis Easter Sunday Mass, 16 April 2017

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