

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

Thursday April 1st

Blenheim-7pm Mass of the last Supper
Kaikoura- 7pm Mass of the last Supper

Good Friday April 2nd

Havelock—9.30am Stations at St Peter's Anglican Church
Blenheim-10am Combined Service, ASB theatre

Kaikoura-10am Stations
Picton-11.30am Stations starting at Anglican Church

Blenheim- Liturgy Service 3pm
Kaikoura- Liturgy Service 3pm

Easter (1)

Easter Vigil April 3

Blenheim-7pm Mass
Kaikoura-7pm Mass

Sun Easter April 4 (remember

Clocks Move back)
Picton-9am Mass
Kaikoura-9.30am Mass
Blenheim-10am Mass

2nd Sunday of Easter (2)

Sat April 10

Blenheim-5pm Mass
Sun April 11

Seddon-8am W&C
Picton-9am W&C
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass
Blenheim-10am W&C
Cuppa afterwards
Havelock-No Mass

Apr 12-16.. Priests away at Clergy Assembly, Fr Jacob away from 7th April

3rd Sunday of Easter (3)

Sat Apr 18

Blenheim-5pm Mass
Sun April 19

Seddon-8am Mass
Picton-9am Mass
Cuppa after Mass
Kaikoura-9.30 W&C
Blenheim-10am Mass
Havelock-11am Mass
Renwick-5pm Mass

4th Sunday of Easter (4)

Sat April 24

Blenheim-5pm Mass
Sun April 25- ANZAC Day
Seddon-8am Mass
Picton-9am W&C
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass
Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-No Mass Parish News & Events

Communion to the Sick: If you have a family member housebound or in hospital and would like a priest to visit or someone to take Communion, please contact the Parish Office or Judith Kerridge 578 6209

A Message from Sr Elizabeth

Mary: I wish my friends and all in the parish of Star of the Sea my kind wishes to each and all for Easter peace and joy as another Resurrection Day arises.

Transport from Picton to Easter

liturgies: Anyone from Picton area who would like to attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Vigil liturgies in Blenheim and requires transport, please contact Leanne Cooper Ph 021 357 537 or kiwi.cooper@xtra.co.nz

Kaikoura Combined Churches

Easter Sunday Service Sunday 4th April 7pm Kaikoura Memorial Hall, The Esplanade

Weekday Masses BHM: These will move to the Mercy Room after Easter.

Fri 9 April St Bede's Open Day: 10am-12 Noon.

She Connects: Saturday 10th April Women's event at the RSA rooms Club of Marlborough \$15 check the notice board for more details.

Volunteers Required:

Red Cross require some drivers for Meals on Wheels 1 1/2 hours, once a month. Contact Belinda Vavasour 021-744-858

Planned Giving Envelopes:

These have been distributed to most Mass Centres and Blenheim's will be in the foyer this weekend. Donation receipts for the end of the Financial Year will be distributed over the coming weeks after Easter.

Sacramental Programme: This is starting in Blenheim on 2nd May with instruction for Confirmation & Reconciliation for children in Year 5 and over. If you wish to sign your child up there are forms at the Parish Office. For those wishing to be involved in Kaikoura, please see Sr Maureen.

Confirmation will be in Blenheim on 12th June and Kaikoura 13th June.

Parish Calendar

April

Apr 1.. Holy Thursday
Apr 2.. Good Friday
Apr 3.. Holy Saturday
Apr 4.. EASTER SUNDAY
Apr 6.. Wairau Stewardship (7)
Apr 11.. Sounds Stewardship (5)
Apr 12-16.. Priests away at Clergy Assembly
Apr 12.. Kaikoura Stewardship
Apr 13.. Review Group(5.30) followed by Parish Pastoral Council
Apr 20.. Finance & Property (7)
Apr 25.. ANZAC Day

May

May 2.. Blm Sacramental Programme starts
May 2.. Sounds Stewardship (5)
May 4.. Wairau Stewardship (7)
May 11.. Review Group(5.30)
May 18.. Finance & Property (7)

June



Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need. This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

Star of the Sea

Collects as follows:

1st Sunday @ Blenheim
We **Urgently** Need rolled oats, salt, sugar, baby food, spreads & jams, milk powder and other non-perishable foods

1st Sunday @ Kaikoura
All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock

COLLECTIONS:

We are most grateful for your support of our Parish of Star Of The Sea.

Last week:

AP's: \$ 2042.70
Envelopes: \$ 577.50
Cash: \$ 978.45
Easter Dues: \$ 50.00
Caritas \$ 403.20



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Bill Startup, Ted Maher (Northbank), Agnes Keating

Anniversaries: Mar 31 Dorothy McElhinney, **April 6th** Monica Palmer

Other Intentions: Deceased Members of the Fitzpatrick & Stretch Families, Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Flo Andrews, Diane Smith, Paula Schreuder, Lyn Buttle, Louise Clark



When a priest is not available, Word & Communion will be led by parishioners.

Blenheim

Tues: 9.30am Mass
Wed: 12.05pm Mass
Rosary: 5.30pm
Ph: 572 9067 or 5782507 for venue

Thurs: 9.30 am Mass
Except 1st Thurs: Bethsaida **10.45am**
Fri: 11am Adoration
11.30 Reconciliation
12.05pm Mass

Sat: 9.30am Mass
Reconciliation to follow
Sat: 5.00pm Mass
Sun: 10.00am Mass
(2nd & 5th Sunday
Word & Communion)

Havelock

Sunday: 11am
(4th Sunday
No Mass)

Kaikoura

Tues: 9.30am
Wed: 9.30am
Wed: 7pm Rosary
Thurs: 11am Scripture Group
Mass: 5.15pm
Fri: 9.30am
Sun: 9.30am
(1st & 3rd Sunday
Word & Communion)

Picton

Mon: Adoration 4-5pm
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Adoration & Reconciliation: 9.30-10.30am
Fri: 7.30pm Rosary - 24 York Street
Sun: 9.00am Mass
(4th Sunday:
Word & Communion)

Renwick

3rd Sunday 5pm Mass
Seddon
Sun: 8am Mass
(2nd & 5th Sunday
Word & Communion)

Ward

4th Sunday 4pm Mass
Baptisms
Celebrated during weekend Mass or other times.

Marriages

Marriages celebrated in all our Churches. Please contact the Parish Office well in advance.

Open Church

Our Churches at St Mary's & Sacred Heart, Kaikoura are open every day if you want a quiet place for prayer.

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. Seven Communities
Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward
Parish Office: 61 Maxwell Road, Blenheim | T. 03 578 0038
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A Warm Welcome to Our Parish Family of Marlborough

We the people of
Te Whetu O Te Moana,
Star of the Sea Parish,
are committed by our baptism in
Christ, to share our living faith,
and make God visible, in joyful union
with all people, by our actions
in the community.
(Parish Mission Statement)

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Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Greg Stretch

Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison

Newsletter No 09: 4th April 2021 Easter Sunday

Easter Joy – Hope for our World

This year we are blessed to be able to gather and celebrate the Holy Week services, and to gather as a Community on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Last year we were required to stay apart and at home.

We gather on Holy Thursday and listen and watch as Jesus washes the feet of his apostles and makes the First Eucharist.

He breaks bread – "This is my Body – given for you." He shares a cup of wine – "This is my Blood, the New Covenant, poured out for you."

Then we follow Jesus in the steps of the Passion – where we have seen cruel men beat him, condemn him unjustly, then give him into the soldiers' hands to be beaten and scourged. We follow him with the women on the road to Calvary, and we see our Beloved Saviour taken to the top of the hill to be crucified. Lastly, we see him hang upon the Cross between heaven and earth – given for our salvation! He has loved us to the very end! How grateful we can be! Let us turn away from sin and love him constantly and truly.

On Easter Sunday, we awake to a new day – Christ is Risen, triumphant from the tomb! We hear the angels tell the women – "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified; he has risen, he is not here." (Mark 16:6)

We too are to feel the joy and peace of the Risen Christ – this Easter.

The Church – his Community of disciples – men and women, youth and children – has been a faithful witness to the Risen Lord right on through the centuries to our own day. The Core of our faith is very simple: "Jesus is Lord, Risen from the dead." Let us share this Easter Joy with Christians in our own community and around the world. Let us be instruments of his joy, healing, good news, hope and peace to others!

Fr Jacob, Fr Julian Wagg, Sisters Maureen and Frances Anna, Ginetta and myself – we wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Pat McIndoe cp

We appreciate very much Fr Julian Wagg coming to help us in the Parish over Holy Week and Easter. Thank you so much, Julian.



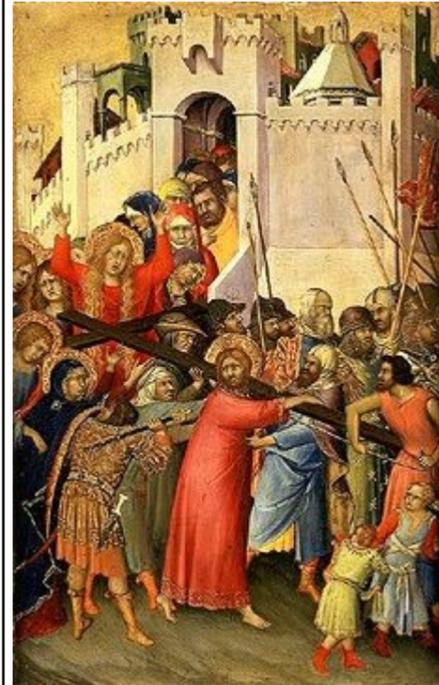
First Week of Easter Octave

Sun 4th	Acts 10:34, 37-43	Col 3: 1-4	John 20:1-9
Psalm:	This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.		
Mon 5th	Acts 2:14,22-33	Matthew 28:8-15	
Tues 6th	Acts 2: 36-41	John 20: 11-18	
Wed 7th	Acts 3: 1-10	Luke 24: 13-35	
Thurs 8th	Acts 3:11-26	Luke 24:35-48	
Fri 9th	Acts4:1-12	John 21:1-14	
Sat 10th	Acts 4:13-21	Mark 16:9-15	
Sun 11th	2nd Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 4:32-35	1John 5:1-6	John 20:19-31

Holy Week

Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass. The faithful sometimes craft portions of palm fronds into crosses. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burned. Traditionally, their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services.



Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him.

The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and especially on Holy Thursday.

After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. From this event comes inspiration for our practice of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, where we are invited to spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist; Body, Blood, and Divinity.

Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday.

The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord.

On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot.

Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accord with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath.

In our churches, the Tabernacle is left empty, to show that Christ is departed.

On Holy Saturday, there is no Mass. Parishes may hold services, but there is no distribution of Communion.

On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy.

This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.

COLLECTIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY AN EASTER MASSES

The Collection taken up at services on Good Friday is for the support of the Holy Places and the Easter Collection is for the support of the clergy, which includes the loose cash that comes in the collection basket. For those already giving by Automatic Payment or Direct Credit, you can also give to these Collections in the same manner, just note it in the reference, along with your Planned Giving Number.

Vatican commemorates 'extraordinary moment of prayer'



Published: 26 March 2021

Pope Francis leads a prayer service in an empty St. Peter's Square at the Vatican March 27, 2020. At the conclusion of the service the pope held the Eucharist as he gave an extraordinary blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world). The service was livestreamed in the midst of the corona-

virus pandemic. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

By: Carol Glatz

Date: March 24, 2021

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — One year ago, Pope Francis stood in a rain-drenched, empty St. Peter's Square praying for God's comfort as the world began experiencing the growing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Vatican is commemorating that event with a book of texts and images "encapsulating the meaning of that extraordinary moment of prayer," the Dicastery for Communication said in a March 24 press release.

The English version of the book titled, "Why are You Afraid? Have You No Faith?" is jointly published by the Vatican publishing house and Our Sunday Visitor.

The book includes Pope Francis' recent reflections about that evening and what was going through his mind.

He said he thought about "the empty square, people united at a distance," and about the sculpture in the square of a boat carrying migrants, which made him think how "we are all on the boat."

"The whole drama is in front of the boat: the plague, the loneliness, in silence," and he thought about how "everything was united: the people, the boat and everyone's suffering," he said.

Even though the square was completely empty of people due to the nationwide shelter-in-place order, he said, Jesus and Mary were present, which he wanted symbolized by displaying the "Miraculous Crucifix" from Rome's Church of St. Marcellus and the icon of "Salus Populi Romani" (health of the Roman people) from the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

And, he said, "I was in contact with the people. There was no moment I was alone."

When asked what gave him strength and hope during the intense moments of the hourlong prayer and blessing, the pope said, "Kissing the feet of the crucified Christ always gives me hope."

"He knows what it means to walk, and he knows all about quarantine because they put two nails there to keep him there," he said.

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost! Pope Francis: [Homily for the Easter Vigil, 2020](#)



Joseph saw Jesus grow daily "in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor." (Pope Francis, *Patris Corde*)

The 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the universal Church