



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
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Newsletter No 12: 24 March 2019 3rd Sunday of Lent

Our Liturgy Plan

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

Blenheim

Tues: 9.30am Mass
Wed: 12.05pm Mass
Thurs: 9.30 am Mass
Except 1st Thurs:
Bethsaida **10.30am**
Fri: 11am Adoration
11.30 Reconciliation
12.05pm Mass
Sat: 9.30am Mass
Reconciliation to follow
Sat: 5pm Mass
Sun: 10am Mass
(2nd & 5th Sunday
Word & Communion)

Havelock

Sunday: 11am
(4th Sunday
Word & Communion)

Kaikoura

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

Picton

Wed: 9am Mass
Sun: 9am 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 ad-
vance.

Open Church

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



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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Hello Brother

These were the last words of the
first victim of last weeks shooting in the
Christchurch Mosque. These were ad-
dressed from the first victim to the
shooter.

Out of the tragedy of last Friday,
the world has embraced New Zealand.
We are not alone.

Hope is what the Lord wants for
us. For us to be Disciples of Hope.

Last Sunday we were reminded:

1. We are all the children of Abraham,
Jews, Christians and Muslims.
2. God sees us, all of us as his Sons
and Daughters.
3. We have to open our eyes and see
each other as Cousins, if not Broth-
ers and Sisters. We are One.

Universal Support

There has been an outpouring of
support across the globe for the people
of New Zealand and for the Victims and
their Families.

The NZ People have been so
generous in crowd funding.

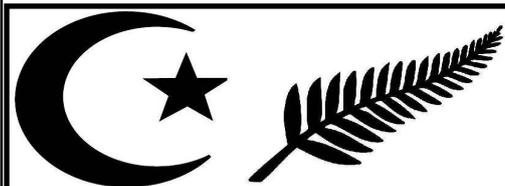
People are now standing up to
the bullies and racists. It's time for us to
be strong and to reclaim our voices.



What Would Jesus Do?

Always a great question when
we are stuck. And the answer might be
"Just what we are doing". Lets offer
support to one another now, or we will
be still asking the question: "Who is my
neighbour?"

John Pearce CP.



WE STAND AS ONE

Thoughts and Aroha going out to all
those affected by the tragic events in
Christchurch.

This is NOT OK in New Zealand
#westandtogether

Readings for Third Week of Lent (C)

Sun 24th: Third Sunday of Lent

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

Psalm Response: The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Mon 25th: Isaiah 7:10-14 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 **Annunciation**

Tues 26th: Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35

Wed 27th: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19

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

Fri 29th: Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34

Sat 30th: Hosea 5:15-6:6 Luke 18:9-14

Sun 31st: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 2Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Reflections After Christchurch

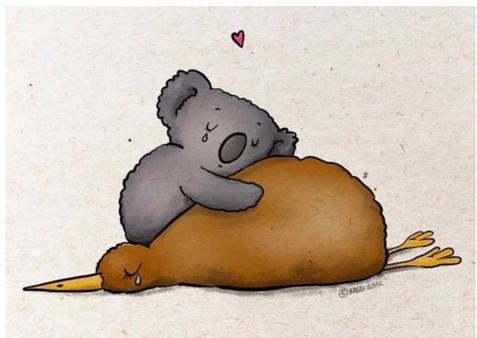


Joint Statement by New Zealand National Church Leaders 20 March 2019

The National Church Leaders gathered in Wellington today (Tuesday 19th March 2019) to express their profound horror at the terrible violence towards Muslim people in Christchurch mosques last Friday. We are deeply saddened by these tragic events and we strongly condemn these acts of racial hatred and murder. We feel very deeply for our fellow New Zealand faith community, which was so cruelly attacked as worshippers peacefully gathered for prayer.

We extend our prayerful and heartfelt sympathy to the Muslim community here in New Zealand, and around the world. The whole Christian church community in New Zealand is praying for the Muslim community: praying for the healing of the wounded, comfort for the bereaved, and for God's peace upon all who have been traumatised.

At this time of deep shock, grief, and anxiety, we ask and pray for all New Zealanders to stand united, to have great love and compassion, and to show unfailing respect and kindness for all people who live in this society of Aotearoa New Zealand, regardless of ethnicity or religious affiliation. We believe there is absolutely no room for racial hatred in our land, and we are determined that we must stand together as one people, united as human beings created by God, and as fellow New Zealanders. May goodness overcome evil, and peace and goodwill prevail.



Blenheim Vigil for Christchurch Mosque Victims

As Reported by *Stuff Blenheim*, 20 March 2019

Emotional Mayor Leads Blenheim Vigil for Christchurch Mosque Victims

Alice Angeloni 21:36, 20 Mar 2019 Photos
Ricky Wilson/Stuff

The people of Marlborough have become "the light", or "Al Noor", for the Marlborough Muslim community since "the horror of last Friday".

Kiwis cannot deny "intolerance and racism" exist in New Zealand, says Marlborough Mayor John Leggett.

Leggett was speaking at a vigil in Blenheim on Wednesday night, where "half of Marlborough" turned out to pay their respects to the victims of the Christchurch mosque shootings and their families.

"How can such a cruel act of human violence be directed against a city which had already suffered so much?" Leggett said.



Trying to make sense of the "horror of last Friday" at the Blenheim vigil.

"We can only hope the overwhelming response, national and international, goes some way to ease the pain that's being felt there."

Leggett was, at times, overcome with emotion as he spoke to the crowd gathered at Blenheim's Seymour Square, where they held a moment's silence.



Police at the Seymour Square clock tower during the Blenheim vigil.

"As a community, we should not tolerate those who express intolerance and racism. We cannot deny it exists, but we can do more to step up and challenge such behaviour.

"Whether it's in casual conversation, people in online comments or in more aggressive acts."

Marlborough Muslim Association president Zayd Ian Blissett said the "horror of last Friday" did

not represent the New Zealand that he knew and loved.



Supporting one another in Blenheim.

"The events of last Friday placed our community into the deepest pit of despair."

But the community had become "their light, their way out", he said.

As New Zealand mourned Friday's terror attacks in Christchurch, official and grassroots vigils were springing up across the country.



Thousands attend the vigil for Christchurch in Blenheim's Seymour Square.

A public vigil and 'march for love' was set for Christchurch this weekend. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said a national memorial would take place, and there would be a two-minute silence on Friday. A call to prayer would be broadcast nationally.

Tom Hatch spoke in Blenheim on behalf of Christian ministers of Marlborough and also represented the national church leaders of New Zealand.

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Marlburians show their support for the victims of Friday's Christchurch mosque shootings and their families.

"We feel deeply for our fellow New Zealand faith community which was so cruelly attacked as worshippers peacefully gathered for prayer."

Marlborough resident Josh Marshall, who made the Facebook event for the vigil, was amazed by

Reflections After Christchurch

the turnout.

"I just thought something needed doing," Marshall said. "Gave it a go ... three days later with half of Marlborough here."



Flowers and candles, a sign of sorrow and love.

People as Things: A New Story After Christchurch

Michael McVeigh. 19 March 2019. Eureka Street.

'People as things, that's where it starts.'

'Oh, I'm sure there are worse crimes'.
'But they starts with thinking about people as things ...'

[From *Carpe Jugulum*, by Terry Pratchett]

No one can walk into a mosque and kill 50 human beings.

Think about what that would involve. It would mean walking into a place of peace and community, taking in all of the life and hope and possibility of the people in that place, and making a decision to bring all of those lives to a bloody and abrupt end.

There's no human idea, no line of human logic, that leads to a person walking into a mosque and killing 50 human beings. Who could think that there's any human idea that might be given life amid such devastation? That any human person might be convinced of your truth after it led to such horror?

But a person can be taught not to see human beings in that mosque. That's how human beings have been committing such atrocious acts since the beginning of human history.

It takes communities where poisonous worldviews can be shared and reinforced. It takes leaders who propose solutions that come out of those poisonous environments. It takes media organisations lining up for or against those solutions, offering both allies and enemies to rally around.

All this can help convince a person that their hateful truths are widely and deeply shared. That their hateful solutions are not only acceptable, but necessary. It won't matter to them that others will react with horror. Only those who understand, only those in the circle of hate, matter.

In the wake of the Christchurch attacks, I'm not interested in learning how the person who killed those people was radicalised.



It's the oldest story in the world. It's what happens when you decide the humanity of a group of people no longer matters. I'm tired of that story.

What I need right now is a new story, one that focuses on the life-givers not the death-dealers. I need to refocus on our shared humanity, because that's the one idea that will expose the lies at the heart of this hateful act.

What I need is to feel a connection to the human beings whose lives have been taken from them. To mourn the loss of their life, their hope, their possibility. To feel diminished by the space that they will leave behind.

I need to open my heart to the courageous and inspiring people in these besieged Muslim communities, who will continue to hold onto their faith and humanity in the face of this hatred. I need to join the thousands of people who are showing their love and support in various ways to Muslim communities — visiting mosques, attending prayer vigils, standing in solidarity.

I need to encourage those leaders who used this tragedy to emphasise our shared humanity, those like New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern who called for 'sympathy and love for all Muslim communities'.

The story of renewal, of life sprouting out of the ashes of death, is another story that we've seen throughout history. In the wake of these Christchurch attacks, I dearly need that story to be told again.

I need that story to be told because I need to believe that someday we'll find an enduring place of peace and community, where we can live together as one human family, without having to worry about someone bringing it to a bloody and abrupt end.



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Prayers from the Community Vigil on Wednesday Night at Seymour Square

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Final Prayer

By John Pearce CP

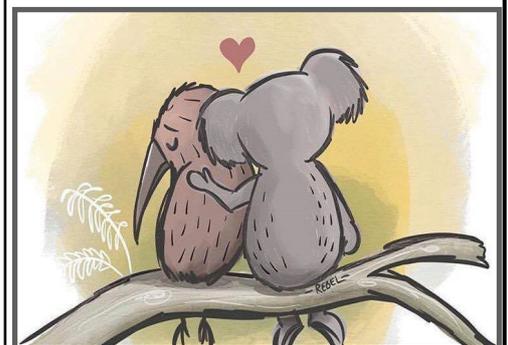
God of All Creation,
maker of the Universe,
You plant the seeds of Peace,
Joy and Love
in the Hearts of all people.

Draw near to your people
in New Zealand,
that Sadness and Fear
might be lifted,
and that Hope and Joy
might be restored.

May the blood of the martyrs
draw us together
to support all people at this time,
and to make this a land
where all people are welcome.

Manaakitia mai Aotearoa.
God defend New Zealand.

Good night. Thank you.
Go in Peace.
Now, say hello to your neighbours.
They're standing next to you.



Parish Matters

Weekend Mass Times

3rd Sunday of Lent (4)

Sat Mar 23

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Mar 24

Seddon (8am) Mass/**Fr Senele**

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John

Blenheim (10am) Mass/**Fr Senele**

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

Tongan C'ty (2pm) Mass/**Fr Senele**

Mon May 25

Tongan C'ty (7pm) .. Mass/Fr Senele
Reconciliation before

4th Sunday of Lent (5)

Fr Chris Skinner SM & Bev McDonald will offer Reflections Days from Marist Laity

Sat Mar 30

Kaikoura (9.30-2pm) Mass/Fr Chris Skinner

Reflection day with Fr Chris Skinner SM & Bev McDonald

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun Mar 31

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Chris Skinner

Reflection day with Fr Chris Skinner SM & Bev McDonald

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10) **W&C**

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr John

Parish News & Events

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new series of Planned Giving starts on the weekend of April 6-7, two weeks away. For those who give through envelopes, they are available at the Churches this weekend. For those on AP's (Automatic Payments) we hope to have that information available for you by Easter.

For those new to the parish, Gifting Cards are available if you are ready to join the Planned Giving Programme. You can chose weekly or monthly or annual envelopes, or, Automatic Payments.

Passionist Comings and Goings

Fr Denis finished his time of re-orientation with us a few weeks ago and has moved to his new appointment in Holy Cross Centre Melbourne. He has been appointed organiser for our July Provincial Chapter, and will be doing a variety of works in coming months. Next month he is leading a weekend retreat in Auckland, and coming to us the following week, when he will lead our weekend retreat April 5-6.

Thanks from St Vincent de Paul

Thank you to all the St Mary's parishioners that joined in the community BBQ on Sunday. It was wonderful to have people gathering and staying a while. We will make sure we have more sausages next time!

Mar 23: International Women's Night (7pm)

Saturday at the Marlborough Convention Centre, hosted by the Marlborough Multicultural centre. In the aftermath of last weeks tragic killings in Christchurch, lets support this event. Koha donation.



Mar 24: Flaxbourne A&P Show

Always a great day. If you see me there say hello (Fr John).

8.30am to 9pm

At The Domain, Ward

Mar 26: St Pats Old Boys AGM

6pm, following mass at 5.30pm. www.spcob.org.nz & Facebook. At the staff room of St Patrick's College, Wellington, Evans Bay Parade . The AGM will be followed by refreshments and a chance for attendees to catch up with other Old Boys.

Mar 27: Reconciliation Service @ St Mary's

Opportunity for Reconciliation for Lent with the children's Sacrament Group (Transferred from last Wednesday due to the Vigil for Christchurch). Service at 6pm.

Mar 29: Sacred Heart Kaikoura

Our monthly lunch is on Friday 29th March at midday at The Caves Restaurant. Ring to confirm numbers. Ursula 319 5229 All Welcome.

Mar 31 .. Picton Combined Church Service

The Quarterly Service is at the United Church at 6p, All Welcome. Please bring supper to share.

Parish Calendar

March

25 .. St Mary's Youth Committee

26 .. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

27 .. St Mary's Reconciliation

Parish Lenten Retreats

There have been requests for the Parish to provide Retreat Days. These are being offered over the next two weekends.

Please sign up this weekend on clip boards at Churches, or email Ginetta by Monday morning. They are open to members of other faith communities.

Mar 30th-31st: Fr Chris Skinner SM and Bev McDonald

The Marist Laity Team is offering these reflection days
Saturday: Kaikoura 10.30-2.30pm following 9.30am Mass.
Sunday: Picton 10-2.30pm Following 9am Mass.

Apr 5-6: Passion Reflections. Fr Denis Travers

Denis is coming to us for the weekend, coming from Auckland where he led a retreat to Passionist Companions the previous weekend.

Saturday: Blenheim, 9.30-1pm

Mass and following

Sunday: Kaikoura, 9.30-1pm

Mass and following

[Bookings at Parish Office.](#)

Lenten Reflection Groups:

Blenheim

Mon Eve, ph Alan 578 7463

Tues 1.30pm ph Heather 578 9440

Kaikoura

1.30pm Thurs, Church foyer

Stations of the Cross:

Kaikoura

7pm Wednesday (Rosary)

Picton 5.30pm Friday

Blenheim

6pm Friday, Multi Lingual. Followed by Lenten discussion group.

Service. First confession (6) 30-31 .. **Retreat Days with Marist Laity.** Bookings required by this Monday at parish office.

April

2 .. Wairau Stewardship Group

4 .. BLN Christian Ministers Assoc

5-6 .. **Retreat Days with Fr**

Denis Travers CP

(Bookings required by Monday at Parish Office.)

7 .. Sounds Stewardship Group

8 .. Kaikoura Stewardship Group

11 .. St Mary's Pre School AGM & Elections

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Trish Alderton (nee Maher, Chch)

Anniversaries: Please remember those parishioners who have passed away over the years and are noted in our memorial books at Blenheim, Kaikoura and Picton. People will be mentioned specifically each week if family notify the office of their loved ones anniversary.

March 24 Richard Spencer **27** Alison Mexted

Other Intentions:

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$3748.00

Envelopes: \$1225.50

Loose: \$ 922.60

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you!