

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

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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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Cardinal's Newsletter

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Kia tau te Rangimarie ki a koutou, "**Yes, it is true, the Lord has risen.**" Luke 24:34

A few days ago, I read a wonderful reflection on Chapter 24 of Luke's Gospel, about the empty tomb, the angel's message, the road to Emmaus, Jesus appearing to the Apostles. As I reflected on it, I was struck by how like our current situation under Lockdown these Gospel stories are. The writer spoke of Chapter 24 being like a symphony in 3 major movements.

"In the first movement of the empty tomb (verses 1-12) God breaks open a helpless and hopeless situation. Jesus comes forth from the tomb, death could not hold him captive. During this time of the Covid 19 pandemic Jesus continues to come forth into our lives too. In these days of anxiety, questioning and challenge are we seeing him? Are we recognising him?"

In the second movement of the symphony (verse 13-35) God, in the person of Jesus accompanies two men on their journey through a time of death and despair. For those two men Resurrection was no more than a tale or a rumour. Within them was a deep yearning and a holy hunger. Intimately intertwined with their scepticism is their hope, and their need for God to be alive, vibrant and present. At this stage of the pandemic we too have a deep yearning and a holy hunger for God's presence. God is present in so many other people around us.

In the third movement of the symphony we see Jesus among his disciples (verses 36-53), where he leads them into an experience of community. Easter 2020 has seen us experiencing our faith communities in very different ways. We may have thought that we were alone in our Lockdown bubbles and far away from our usual places of gathering as communities of faith. However, technology has enabled us to tune in to Masses and other ceremonies and in some ways brought us together. Many have discovered new ways of pray-ing and reflecting on the Scriptures, families have been creative in praying grace and reflecting at the end of the day about where they have experienced the presence of Jesus among them. People have been helping one another, reaching out to those for whom the lock-down is very difficult as they struggle financially, or with helping children with schoolwork, or with overcrowded bubbles. Even during darkness and anxiety our gratitude has grown, and the grace of God's presence has been welcomed and treasured. Our communities have not abandoned us.

We are recognizing graced moments, for that we are grateful. As well as being grateful we can be like those first disciples, we can tell our stores about God's presence in our lives during Covid 19. Our challenge is always to be witnesses to the Good News of God's love. Maybe someone will write about us and say, ***"then they told their story about what had happened and how they recognized him....."*** Luke 24: 35

With every blessing
Naku noa
+ John

"Life is a journey by road. On the way we travel the dust is thick and shade is scarce but let us know how to select the best place to halt to bathe our eyes, to shake off the dust that covers us, and to wash our sore feet."

Venerable Suzanne Aubert

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Message from Fr Pat

Dear friends,

A few people have asked me about coming back to the Church for Mass or prayers. I realise that many would like to come to Church even in small groups as we move to Level 3 on Tuesday.

However, I do feel we must continue to follow the clear guidelines of the Government so that we can be safer in the long run.

The Government has stipulated that only in special circumstances, eg. for a Funeral or a Marriage may people gather in a group no larger than 10 people with a Minister or priest. I realise that this is painful for those who would like to gather in the Church, even with social distancing. However as many of our people are in their senior years, it is better we continue to pray or read the Scriptures prayerfully in our own homes, until we come to Level 2.

I am impressed by how much people are doing to care for one another and to reach out to others by phone or by prayer in the meantime. When we pray for others or for the needy, we are united in the bond of the Risen Christ.

That is a great spiritual reality and we can support each other mightily by our prayers or by saying the Rosary.

I hope that shortly we will be permitted to gather for Holy Mass or for Service of the Word and Communion, once we get through the next two weeks. Fr Jacob sends his very best wishes. We both hold you all in prayer each day. May our Risen Lord keep you and your loved ones safe in his keeping.

Sincerely,

Fr Pat McIndoe CP

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ANZAC DAY- 25th April

There will be Mass for Anzac Day Saturday 25 April at 9am from Viard House. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/MCSHWWellington>

There will also be Mass from Viard House for the Third Sunday of Easter 26 April at 9am.

The Island Bay ministers' association usually coordinate the community ANZAC service at Island Bay school. This year Steven (Baptist) was to lead, Joe Green, from Wellington was doing the

speech. they can't do that this year, and Mel Heaphy, gifted child and youth minister at the Presbyterian Church put this together.

ANZAC Service LINK: <https://youtu.be/AQ09nJAKsms>

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Pope shares his vision for COVID-19 aftermath

Pope Francis (CNS/Paul Haring)

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By Gerard O'Connell, America Magazine

Pope Francis has presented “a plan for the rising up again” of humanity in the midst of a global crisis that has brought the world’s peoples and the economy to their knees. He shared it in an exclusive meditation for Vida Nueva, the Spanish religious weekly, in which he reflects on the coronavirus pandemic in the light of the resurrection of Jesus.

“Un plan para resucitar” (“A plan for rising up again”) is the title he chose for the reflection. In it he does not conceal his concern over the crisis caused by a pandemic that has infected more than 2 million people, caused the deaths of over 140,000 and wreaked havoc on the world’s economy. In Spain alone 190,000 people have been infected and 19,600 have died.

Pope Francis says our experience today mirrors in many ways that of the disciples of Jesus after his death and burial in the tomb. Like them, “we live surrounded by an atmosphere of pain and uncertainty,” and we ask, “Who will roll away the stone [from the tomb?]”

He likens the stone that sealed the tomb of Jesus to the tombstones of the pandemic that “threatens to bury all hope” for the elderly living in total isolation, for families who lack food and for those on the front lines who are “exhausted and overwhelmed.”

He recalls, however, that the women who followed Jesus did not allow themselves to be paralyzed by anxiety and suffering. “They found ways to overcome every obstacle,” simply “by being and accompanying.”

He notes that many today are following suit, including “doctors, nurses, people stocking the supermarket shelves, cleaners, caretakers, people who transport goods, public security officials, volunteers, priests, women religious, grandparents, teachers, and so many others.”

But like the women, the pope said, they all ask: “Who will roll away the stone?”

Francis says many are participating in the passion of Christ today, either personally or at the side of others, and he reminds everyone: “We are not alone, the Lord goes before us on our journey, and removes the stones that paralyze us.” This is the hope that no one can take from us, the pope says.

Pope Francis says the disciples of Jesus discovered something that we are now learning: “No one is saved alone.”

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Indeed, today, “frontiers fall, walls crumble, and all the discourse of the fundamentalists [*integristas*] dissolve in the face of an imperceptible presence which shows the fragility of which we are made.” But, he says, “Easter calls us and invites us to remember this other discreet and respectful, generous and reconciling presence, so as to start that new life which is given to us.”

This presence “is the breath of the Spirit that opens horizons, sparks creativity and renews brotherhood and makes us say, ‘I’m present’ in the face of the enormous and urgent task that awaits us.”

He describes the present moment as a “propitious time” to be open to the Spirit, who can “inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible.” He recalls that the Spirit does not allow itself “to be closed in or manipulated by fixed or outmoded methods or decadent structures” but rather moves us to “make new things.”

At this moment in history, Francis says, “We have recognized the importance of joining the entire human family in the search for a sustainable and integral development.” We have also understood that “for better or worse all our actions affect others because everything is connected in our common home, and if the health authorities order that we remain confined in our home, it is the people who make this possible, aware of their co-responsibility in stopping the pandemic.”

He insists that “an emergency like Covid-19 is overcome in the first place by the antibodies of solidarity.” This lesson “breaks all the fatalism in which we have immersed ourselves and allows us to return to be the architects and protagonists of a common history,” he says, and it enables us “to respond together to the many evils that are affecting so many of our brothers and sisters across the globe.”

“We cannot allow ourselves to write the present and future history by turning our backs on the suffering of so many people,” he says. Quoting the book of Genesis, he writes that God himself is asking us, “Where is your brother?” He expressed the hope that our response would be marked by “hope, faith and charity.”

Indeed, he says, “if we act as one people, also in the face of the other epidemics that are hitting us, then we can have a real impact.”

In reference to these other epidemics, Francis raises a series of questions: “Are we capable of acting responsibly in the face of the hunger, suffered by so many in a world where there is in fact food for all? Will we continue looking the other way in the face of wars fueled by [the quest for] domination and power? Are we willing to change our style of life that submerges so many in poverty, by promoting and encouraging a more austere and human lifestyle that makes possible a more equitable sharing of resources? Will we adopt, as an international community, the necessary measures to stop the devastation of the environment, or will we continue to deny the evidence [of this devastation]? Will the globalization of indifference continue threatening and tempting our journey?”

Pope Francis expresses the hope that, in the light of the resurrection, “we would encounter the necessary antibodies of justice, charity and solidarity” to change the world. He calls for the building of “a civilization of love,” which he described as “a civilization of hope,” contrary to one marked by “anguish and fear, sadness and discouragement, passivity and tiredness.”

This civilization “has to be built daily” and requires “the commitment of everyone.”

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A quote sent through from **Ecology, Justice and Peace Office**

To everyone: let us not think only of our interests, our vested interests. Let us welcome this time of trial as an opportunity to prepare for our collective future, a future for all without discarding anyone. Because without an all-embracing vision, there will be no future for anyone.

Pope Francis: [Homily for the Second Sunday of Easter](#), 19 April 2020

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Fr Pat and Fr Jacob will be saying Mass and livestreaming it on our Facebook page this Saturday at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.

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Masses available on Television: Free to air telecast| Shine TV Freeview channel 25

Sundays from 4 April – 1.35pm

Please try and get this message out to parishioners who don't have emails or internet

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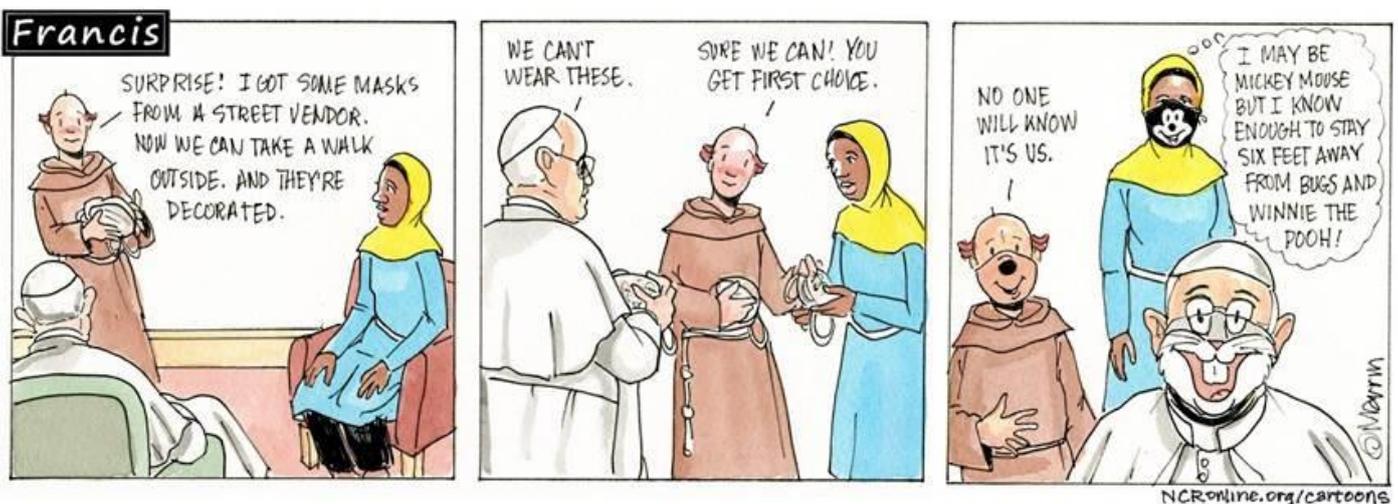
"Five Loaves and Two Fishes' by Archbishop Francis Xavier Thuan.

We will send a Chapter each week. It is by the Bishop who was in jail for 13 years and 9 of them in solitary confinement! This will come as another attachment with the newsletter.

This week is the Fourth Chapter. Again it is a most moving account of how the Bishop managed to still say Mass and help some of his fellow prisoners during his years of imprisonment.

Pat CP

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Good Shepherd Sunday (3rd May 2020) is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood.

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Planned Giving Receipts:

As we are in lockdown, not everything can be done at the correct time. One is Planned Giving Envelopes and Receipts. We will endeavour to get them out as speedily as possible once out of lockdown. And a big thank you to those who use online banking, either AP or DC to contribute your giving. This allows us to continue to pay our bills. If you wish to change from envelopes,

please email the office and Ginetta will be in contact with you.

Some people have put contributions in the letterbox, but we are unable to bank them as the local BNZ branch is closed. To keep everyone safe **please keep your envelopes at home** till after lockdown is lifted.

We have a Facebook Page, “Star of the Sea Marlborough”, where there are messages from the Cardinal and the Passionist Community as well as notes of inspiration and encouragement.

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Other links and information:

Below is a link to daily Mass in Christchurch with Bishop Paul Martin. This is a great resource as Mass is in our time zone!

<https://chchcatholic.nz/2020/03/mass-livestream/>

You don't have to watch it live - it is recorded.

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The Website for the Archdiocese of wellington has resources available

www.wn.catholic.org.nz and go to the top right corner and press on” resources”. AND they have a Facebook page, the Cardinal has one of his own as well. They upload reflections and resources on a regular basis.

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Visit Pleroma www.christiansupplies.co.nz for resources to help you through this time

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Vatican's Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJHI8bl0LWg>

Rome Reports

<https://www.romereports.com/.../live-popes-mass-at-santa-mar.../>

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Mental Health Line : 1737 (txt or phone) designed to meet the needs of anyone who 'wants to talk' to a counsellor.

<https://www.anxiety.org.nz/>

Parent Helpline: 0800 568 856.

Catholic Social Services: 021 374 373 Karen Holland or 027405546

Society of St Vincent de Paul: please ring the Parish Office 03 578 0038

Laudate App: “Laudate” offers several icons ranging from Prayers, Daily Readings, Liturgy of the Hours, and others. Some favourites are access to Liturgy of the Hours and some of the audio apps available. Under “Daily Readings” there are several icons offering meditations and audio recordings based on the day. There are also “Reflections” on the Mass Readings for the day which are either readings or audio recordings from selected ministries.

Another app is “Universalis” that has regular readings etc

National Liturgy Office have resources available on their website: www.nlo.org.nz

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Readings for 3rd Week of Easter

Sun 26th Apr: Acts 2:14,22-28 1Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24: 13-35

Psalm Response: Psalm 16

Mon 27th: Acts 6:8-15 John 6:22-29

Tues 28th: St Peter Chanel, Proto-martyr of Oceania, Patron Saint of New Zealand
Acts 3:44-52 John 15:12-17

Wed 29th: Acts 8:1-8 John 6:35-40 St Catherine of Siena

Thurs 30th: Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51 St Pius V

Fri 1st May: Acts 9:1-20 John 6: 52-59 St Joseph the woodworker

Sat 2nd: Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69

4th Sunday of Easter (Vocations Sunday)

Sun 3rd: Acts 2:14,36-41 1Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

3-10 May National Vocations Awareness Week

Recently Deceased: Ian Newman, Leo Garrett (ex KK), Marie Van der Geest, John Romano, David Swindells. David Nott Snr (PN), Margaret Waite (Waiuku), Marjorie O'Byrne (Nlsn), Michael Prendegast (Nlsn), Colin McKay

Anniversaries: April 23 June Lacey.