

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 06 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners, leaving a parish you have been a part of is never easy, perhaps especially so for a priest. In this way, I am deeply grateful to everyone who has made me feel so welcomed here in Star of the Sea parish. Today in New Zealand we celebrate 'Children's Day'. It's a time to remember how important it is to create a place of belonging for children in our families, homes, communities, schools, and society. Thank you! Each of you, as parishioners, you can be truly proud of who you are in creating this sense of belonging in your beautiful communities.

God Bless, Fr. Seph

During Lent The Foodbank baskets will be in the Foyer of St Mary's all the time, so you can contribute every week if you wish.



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Archdiocese of Wellington Top of the South Parishes Chrism Mass 2024:

11.00am Tuesday 26th March at Garin College Richmond, Hosted by Garin College and Our Lady of the Bays Catholic Parish. Presider: Archbishop Paul Martin SM. Please join us for this year's Chrism mass followed by refreshments at Garin College.

St Vincent de Paul Blenheim : We are currently in need of volunteers for the Vinnies Shop in High Street. Shift hours are 10am- 12.30pm and 12.30pm-3pm Monday to Friday; 10.30am-1pm on Saturday. Please phone Lorraine 020 4118 8521 or email blenheim@svdp.org.nz for more Information.

Sycamore Lenten Programme: A "taster" session was run on Sunday 18 February after Mass in the church at **Sacred Heart, Kaikoura**, Everyone is welcome. The 6 week programme is intended to be every second Sunday after Word and Communion.

Every Wednesday the same Sycamore Programme will be held for the 6 weeks of Lent at the **Community Centre, Blenheim**. This starts at 7pm. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith, through a Catholic lens, and looks at its relevance for life today in 2024. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your faith and think about questions that really matter.

As Lent has just got underway, why not try something new to help with your prayer life. Here are a few websites that you might like to spend some time looking at that provide daily reflections, meditations and helping you pray the rosary:

<https://hallow.com/>; <https://www.wordonfire.org/>; <https://www.youtube.com/c/PauseforFaith>;

<https://stpaulcenter.com/exodus/>; <https://amenapp.org/refer/lent2024/invite>;

<https://www.passionists.com/daily-reflection/>; <https://christian.art/>

Some are totally free, others require a subscription and others are partly free; some have videos; others are podcasts; and others use the power of the written word. Enjoy!

Upright piano, well loved and looked after, to give away. Contact Sue 027 578 1940.

St Mary's School Gala- 23rd March: If you have items to donate, please take them to the school office between 8.30am-3.30pm, or ring the school if you have any other queries- 578 9494. There is a letter attached to the emailed newsletter detailing the activities leading up to the day. This letter is also on the Blenheim noticeboard.



The First Reconciliation Program for Blenheim has commenced on Sunday 25th Feb and is 9am on March 3rd, 10th & 17th with Reconciliation on Thursday 21st at 5.15pm. For registration forms and more information please contact Lorraine, email trukwalker@gmail.com ph 9273512 or 0276246264. 1st Reconciliation will be 24th March, after mass, in Kaikoura and please contact Sr Maureen with any queries.

[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

3rd Sunday of Lent - Day of Prayer for Children

Sat 2nd Mar

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Picton -5pm **Mass**

Sun 3rd Mar

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass, Youth**

Tuesday-5th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday -6th Mar

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am **W&C**

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 7th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday - 8th Mar

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 11.30am -

Reconciliation

Blenheim 12.05pm -**Mass**

Picton 5pm—Stations of the Cross

Blenheim 7pm- Stations of the Cross

4th Sunday of Lent

Sat 9th Mar

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

Sun 10th Mar

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton 9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **W&C**



Looking for work. Open to anything. Must be 30 hours or more per week and great pay! Have experience in support work with mental health, adults with disabilities, admin, PA and reception, overseas missionary work. Call Brigid 0211463842

Readings for:

3rd-10th Mar 2024

Sun 3 Mar-3rd Sun of Lent -Day of Prayer for Children

Exodus 20:1-17

1Cor 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Mon 4 Mar

2Kings 5:1-15

Luke 4:24-30

Tues 5 Mar

Daniel 3:25,34-43

Matt 18:12-35

Wed 6 Mar

Deut 4: 1,5-9

Matt 5:17-19

Thurs 7 Mar

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Luke 11:14-23

Fri 8 Mar

Hosea 14:2-10

Mark 12:28-34

Sat 9 Mar

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Luke 18:9-14

Sun 10 Mar-4th Sun of Lent

2Chron 36:14-16,19-23

Ephes 26:4-10

John 3:14-21

Find peace in God's Word

Notices from Titipounamu & Joy:

Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sundays, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles

Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm. \$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

The Stations of the Cross - Reflections on Wood Carvings.

Available in English and Samoan. \$7 incl. postage

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/08/11/reflection-on-wood-carvings/>

For more information:

www.studyjoy.nz

Quote from Pope Francis

'We are called to always bear in mind those powerful words of Jesus: "you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade"... These words help us to reject the danger of also making our soul, which is God's dwelling place, a house of trade, by living in constant search of our personal interests instead of generous and supportive love. This teaching of Jesus is always timely, not only for Church communities, but also for individuals, for civil communities and for society as a whole.' Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 4 March 2018.

Parish Priest: Fr Simone Volavola MSC— ParishPriest@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz (Yet to arrive)

Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Tavita Lemusu MSC- (Yet to arrive)

Pastoral Assist: Sr Maureen Connor SMSM — maureensmsm@yahoo.co.nz — 03 319 5385

Pastoral Assist: Sr Frances Anna SMSM - franciesmsm@gmail.com

Youth Ministers: Maurice & Mieke Davies — stmarysyouthgroup@xtra.co.nz — 022 391 8584

Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Blair McLean **Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison**



Remembering the Holy souls
-May they Rest In Peace

John Auld;
George Cheesman
Denis Patrick
O'Neill;
Peter Phillips;
Peter Campbell;
Richard Kaye
(Wgtn);

Merliza Palarao;
Ana North;
Julie Forbes;

and all our
deceased
parishioners and
benefactors.

Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Rebecca Upton;
Donna Lippiatt;
Les McKay;
Barry Butcher;
Luke Clayton;
Sr Frances Anna;
Anne Haines;
Vince Smith;
Tilly van Dyke;
Graeme Daines;
Sophie Greening;
Moira Dudding;
Fr. Christopher
Brady (Grymth);

Maria Martin;
Charlotte Cagney;
Nancy Woolford-
Stayner;
Denise Eddowes;
Terry Price;
Steven Crundwell-
Nlsn
Lex & Mary Agnew;
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Helena Lord;

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 2874.19

Easter Dues: -

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, and for setting up an automatic payment.

