

## 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 12, 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday

Several years ago I attended a meeting in Peru and while there, I noticed that the little brown donkeys used by the villagers for carrying heavy burdens down from the mountains all had striking, dark patterns of hair on their foreheads. When I remarked on this, the people told me that God gave this special mark to the breed of the donkey that was chosen to carry Jesus on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as He was joyfully welcomed by His followers. The villagers believed that their donkeys were its descendants. A quaint but strong and very real tradition held by these simple, faith-filled folk.

Palm Sunday seems to be the only time in His three years' of public ministry, that Jesus was shown such hero worship and exuberant faith. Yet we know just how quickly the scene changed to one of denial, deceit and utter cruelty. We, humans, can be so very fickle with God, and on our faith journey when we do not nurture God's gift and we rely on our own strength. We can quickly change our minds to suit our feelings and let others down in the process. Good people can so easily become a target and it is not easy to be the one to stand up for them.

When we gather with our faith Community to celebrate and share in the Mass, Prayer and Sacraments, we profess our assent to truth and our collective belief. We give each other witness and encouragement even in our gathering and praying together. We all need each other in the Body of Christ.

During the Liturgical Season of Holy Week we journey with Christ and our companions. We bring all our own joys and pains. We share in His outward triumph on Palm Sunday; we walk with Him through the Trial and on the journey to Calvary and we accompany Him to His Death on Good Friday. Our Pilgrimage as His loyal followers through Holy Week begins with today's Feast- Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. We journey in trust...

Maureen Connor smsm

### Parish Calendar, News & Notices


Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to encourage you to attend the **Chrism Mass with Archbishop Paul on Tuesday, April 15th, at midday**. This special Mass is a unique opportunity to witness the blessing of the holy oils, which are used in sacraments such as baptism, confirmation, holy orders, and the anointing of the sick. These oils are essential to our spiritual lives, symbolizing healing, strength, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Attending this Mass will deepen your understanding of these sacred rituals and their significance in our faith.

The Chrism Mass is also a powerful demonstration of unity within our archdiocese. Gathering together with fellow parishioners and clergy, we reaffirm our commitment to Christ and to one another. It is a time to celebrate our shared faith and to strengthen the bonds that unite us as a community. Archbishop Paul's presence will make this occasion even more meaningful, offering us a chance to connect with our spiritual leader and receive his blessing.


I urge you to make every effort to attend this important event. The Chrism Mass is a beautiful and inspiring celebration that will enrich your faith and bring you closer to God. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 15th, at midday, and join us as we celebrate this sacred tradition with Archbishop Paul.

Jacob Kuman CP

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

**Blenheim Women's Friendship Group:** Will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 4th Wednesday of the month and meet next on **23rd April**. Feel free to bring a friend.



 **Adoration:** is normally once a month, in the Mercy Chapel but will be replaced this month by 24 Hours for the Lord. The next date is **27 April**, which is also Divine Mercy Sunday.

#### Lenten Activities:

##### **Stations of the Cross:**

Picton- 5.15pm every Wednesday, Blenheim- 6pm every Friday in the Church; after 5pm Mass every Saturday in the Mercy Chapel in the Syro Malabar Rite.

##### **Links for helpful resources for the Lenten season:**

[Daily Reflection | The Passionists](https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading) <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

[CHRISTIAN ART | Daily Gospel Reading & Art Reflection](https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/) [Daily Gospel Reflections - Word on Fire](https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/)

<https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/> <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/>

### 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

### Palm Sunday

#### Sat 12th April

Blenheim 5pm – **Mass**  
 Picton 5pm – **Mass**  
 Blenheim – **Stations** 6pm in  
 the Mercy Chapel

#### Sun 13th April

Seddon 8am – **Mass**,  
 Kaikoura 9.30am – **Mass**  
 Blenheim 10am – **Mass**

#### Tuesday-15th April

Blenheim 12 noon **Chrism Mass**  
 Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

#### Wednesday-16th April

Picton 9.30am **Mass**  
 Kaikoura 9.30am W&C  
 Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**  
 Picton 5.15pm **Stations**

#### Thursday-17th April Holy

##### Thursday

Kaikoura 11am Scripture  
 Blenheim 7pm – **Mass**. The  
 Mercy Chapel will be open for 2  
 hours after mass for Adoration.  
 Kaikoura 7pm – **Mass**  
 Picton 7pm – **Mass**

#### Friday-18th April Good Friday

Blenheim – 9am Stations in  
 Community Centre in the  
 Way of the Cross  
 Picton 10am-stations  
 Kaikoura 10am Stations

#### Celebration of the Passion

Blenheim 3pm Led by the Youth  
 Kaikoura 3pm  
 Picton 3pm

### Easter

#### Sat 19th April

Blenheim 7pm – **Mass**  
 Kaikoura 7pm – **Mass**

#### Sun 20th April

Seddon 8am – **Mass**,  
 Kaikoura 9.30am – **Mass**  
 Blenheim 10am – **Mass**  
 Picton 10am – **Mass**  
 Blenheim 10pm – **Mass in the**  
**Syro Malabar Tradition**

**Help wanted:** A parishioner, in  
 the Dillon Street area, needs a  
 ride to and from 10am mass for  
 the next month as he isn't able  
 to drive. Please ring the office  
 with your contact details.

## Readings for:

### 13th-20th April 2025

#### Sun 13 April-Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40  
 Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Philippians 2:6-11  
 Luke 22:14-23

#### Mon 14 April

Isaiah 42:1-7  
 John 12:1-11

#### Tues 15 April- Chrism Mass

Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9  
 Apocalypse 1:5-8  
 Luke 4:16-21

#### Wed 16 April

Isaiah 50:4-9  
 Matthew 26:14-25

#### Thurs 17 April-Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14  
 1Cor. 11:23-26  
 John 13:1-15

#### Fri 18 April-Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
 Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9

#### Sat 19 April Easter Vigil

Exodus 14:15-15:1  
 Isaiah 55: 1-11  
 Romans 6:3-11  
 Luke 24:1-12

#### Sun 20 April-Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43  
 Colossians 3:1-4  
 John 20:1-9

**Collections:** We are most  
 grateful for your support.

#### **Last Week:**

Total: \$3,611.58  
 Vocation Sunday: \$25.00  
 Holy Places: \$30.00  
 Peter's Pence: \$5.00  
 Easter Dues: \$25.00

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 num-  
 ber so you can claim on your  
 donations each year.



## Remembering the Holy souls –May they Rest In Peace

Susan Duncan; Anthony Brady; Norma Armitage; Gillian Smith; Michael Pratt;	Patricia & Brian Stretch; Libby Laurent; John Romano; Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.
Norman Thronton; Denise Duncan; Mary O'Halloran;	

### 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;	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; Wilma Rutherford; Sharon North; and those un-named that need our prayers at this time.
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### 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  
 nonperishable goods, UHT  
 Long-life milk, rice, pasta,  
 Jam, tinned food &  
 cereals.



## Quote from Pope Francis

'How often we think back and lick the wounds that other people, life itself and history have inflicted on us. Today, Jesus teaches us not to remain there, but to react, to break the vicious circle of evil and sorrow. To react to the nails in our lives with love, to the buffets of hatred with the embrace of forgiveness.'

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), [CELEBRATION OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD](#) Sunday 10 April 2022.

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