

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

4th Sunday of Lent (2)

Sat Mar 13

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Mar 14

Seddon-8am W&C

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am W&C

Cuppa afterwards

Havelock-11am No Mass

5th Sunday of Lent (3)

Sat Mar 20

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Mar 21

Seddon-8am Mass

icton-9am Mass

Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 W&C

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

Renwick-5pm Mass

Palm Sunday (4)

Sat March 27

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun March 28

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

Ward- 4pm

Holy Week

TBA

Sat Easter Vigil April 3

Blenheim 7pm

Sun Easter April 4

Seddon-8am Mass TBA

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30

Blenheim-10am Mass

Parish News & Events

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (the 2nd rite) on:

Kaikoura 18th March

following 5:15pm Mass

Blenheim—24th March 7pm

(2 priests)

Picton 25th March 7pm

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

Lent: Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm in St Mary's Church until Easter.

CHRISM MASS 2021: Please join with Priests and parishioners from the parishes of the Top of the South For the 2021 Chrism Mass. Held this year at Garin College, 35 Champion Road in Richmond, Nelson. **Date and time:** Tuesday 30 March at 11.40am. Should accommodation be required please contact Jacqui Cleary on 027 3853383. If you intend going please also let the Parish Office know as we require someone to collect the oils on our behalf.

Blenheim Liturgy planning meeting

Wed 16th March 7pm Parish Admin meeting room.

Getting Married this Autumn?

There is still time to attend an Engaged Encounter weekend to build a solid foundation for your marriage. The next available weekend is on 20th and 21st March. There are other weekends in July and October 2021 (see our website www.cee-wellington.co.nz). Here's what one couple said after they attended "We have grown to love each other more....we had not thought this was possible. Thanks." For information or to register contact Simon & Kate **027 486 0700** (note the change of number)

Forgiven: a series of five Reflection evenings during Lent based around the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sessions will be on **Sundays at St Joseph's, from 5 – 6pm, beginning 28 February.** The evenings will include a video presentation from the "Forgiven" series produced by the Augustine Institute, time for private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and fellowship over a cuppa afterwards. This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Sacrament and spend some extra time with Our Lord during Lent.

A Fresh Look at Lent: A Lenten Retreat Weekend at the Magnificat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston with Columban Missionary, Fr Don Hornsey and Rex and Theresa Begley from 6.30 pm on Friday 19th March to 4.00 pm Sunday 21st March. Cost \$190. Registration required. Phone: 027 5456808 or 027 9672299 or rexandthere-sabegley@gmail.com

St Bede's Roadshow: The Head staff of the Boarding school will be in Blenheim 28 Mar, 5.30-730pm at Chateau Marlborough, and Kaikoura 29 Mar, 4.30-6pm (Present & Future), 6pm onwards, (Past) at the Lobster Inn Motor Lodge, to talk to parents about the opportunities they provide. Old boys are also invited to attend. They also have an Open Day on Fri 9 April 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.

Women's friendship Group

Meeting at Mercy Room Friday 19th March at 2pm All welcome.

Jessie 02108635235

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn. Monday 15, 22 March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christ-with-kieran-fenn-fms/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Parish Calendar

March 2021

Mar 13..St Mary's School Gala
Mar 18 Kaikoura Reconciliation (6)
Mar 24 Blenheim Reconciliation (7)
Mar 25 Picton Reconciliation (7)
Mar 16..Finance & Property (7)
Mar 30.. Chrism Mass, Garin College (11.40)

April

Apr 4.. EASTER SUNDAY
Apr Sounds Stewardship (5)
Apr 12..Kaikoura Stewardship
Apr 6.. Wairau Stewardship (7)



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Darren Wilkinson, Syd Nally, Mary Hogg, Margaret James

Anniversaries: Mar 6 Chris Riordan, **18** Nona Thomas

Other Intentions: Katheen Monica Smith, Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Flo Andrews, Diane Smith, Paula Schreuder, Lyn Buttle, Louise Clark

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 2303.94

Envelopes: \$ 860.20

Cash: \$ 584.21



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: 10am 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 week-

end 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.

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Marlborough Catholic Parish

From the Sounds to the Sea, the Mountains to the Plains

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Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward

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4th Sunday of Lent

John 3: 14 - 21 The Inside Story

How are we to look on the Cross of Jesus? Jesus gives us the 'inside story' of why he Died upon the Cross and Rose from the dead – the saving events we remember and celebrate at Easter. In today's Gospel it is rather like the pre-match interview with the Captain before the coming match, or the pre-race interview with the Skipper of an America Cup race. We hear how Jesus looks upon the climax of his life that is to come. He gives us the inside story.

Jesus explains to Nicodemus that " just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." Jesus refers to the time during the Exodus when the people had complained about being led into the desert, and they were afflicted with a plague of serpents which bit many who died. God then told Moses to put a bronze serpent on a staff and lift it up above the people. All who looked up at the bronze serpent were healed and restored to health.

So also Jesus predicts that he himself will be lifted up on the Cross – but not to condemn the world, but to save mankind and the whole world.

Jesus tells us that in God's mysterious ways, the Cross is a miracle of God's Love for all people.

'For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' Jn 3:16

This is a stupendous event that we remember with love and wonder at every Good Friday and Easter. Saint Paul of the Cross used to say: "The Passion of Jesus is the greatest and most overwhelming miracle of God's Love."

Today in our Eucharist or Service of Word and Communion, let us reflect on how you and me are each of us " a work of art", made so by the grace of Jesus.

None of us deserves that. God has freely and in great Love saved us and given us New Life in Christ – by his painful Death and Resurrection.

Let us continue to ponder with love and awe God's remarkable gift to us in Christ. "By his wounds we are healed." (Is. 53:5)

God bless you and your loved ones, Pat cp

Readings for the fourth Week of Lent

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Psalm: Let my heart be silenced if I ever forget you

Mon 15: Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54

Tues 16th Ezekiel 47:1-12 John 5:1-3, 5-16

Wed 17th Jeremiah 1:4-9 Luke 10:1-2,17-20 St Patrick

Thurs 18th Exodus 32: 7-14 John 5:31-47

Fri 19th: 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14,16 Matt 1:16, 18-21,24

St Joseph, Husband of Mary

Sat 20th Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-52

Anniversary of election of Pope Francis

5th Sunday of Lent

Sun 21st Feb Jer. 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

Fraternity is challenge for Iraq and whole world



Pope Francis reflects on his recent Apostolic Journey to Iraq during the weekly General Audience, and highlights a penitential sense he felt during his visit, as well as the joy of the Iraqi people at welcoming Christ's message.

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

"In the past few days, the Lord allowed me to visit Iraq, carrying out a project of Saint John Paul II," Pope Francis said. "Never before has a Pope been in the land of Abraham. Providence willed that this should happen now, as a sign of hope, after years of war and terrorism, and during a severe pandemic."

Pope Francis focused his catechesis during Wednesday's General Audience - the first after returning from his Apostolic Journey to Iraq - on his reflections on his four-day visit to the Middle Eastern nation from 5 - 8 March.

Gratitude

The Pope said his soul is filled with gratitude: first to God, and to all who made it possible - the president and government of Iraq, the Patriarchs and bishops of the country, as well as the ministers and the faithful of their respective churches.

He also acknowledged other religious authorities, beginning with the Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani, with whom the Pope had an "unforgettable" meeting at his residence in Najaf.

A hopeful church in spite of trials

"I strongly felt a penitential sense regarding this pilgrimage," said the Pope.

"I could not draw near to that tortured people, to that martyr-Church, without taking upon myself, in the name of the Catholic Church, the cross they have been carrying for years; a huge cross, like the one placed at the entrance of Qaraqosh."

Pope Francis explained that he felt this sense in a special way when he saw the still open wounds of the destruction, and even more so, when he met with and listened to the witnesses who had survived the violence and persecution.

However, at the same time, the Pope noted that he saw all around him, the "joy of welcoming Christ's message" and "the hope of being open to a horizon of peace and fraternity" which were summed up in Jesus' words expressed in the motto of his Apostolic visit to Iraq: "You are all brothers" (Mt 23:8).

This hope, the Pope insisted, he saw in the discourse of the Iraqi president, in the many greetings and testimonies, in the songs and gestures of the people, and on the luminous faces of the young and in the vivacious eyes of the elderly.

War destroys peace

"The Iraqi people have the right to live in peace; they have the right to rediscover the dignity that belongs to them," Pope Francis stated.

Recalling the country's religious and cultural roots which are thousands of years old, the Holy Father noted that Mesopotamia is the cradle of civilization.

Historically, he added, Baghdad is a city of primary importance, "hosting for centuries the richest library in the world."

"And what destroyed it? War!" the Pope lamented.

Fraternity is challenge for Iraq and whole world...continued

War, he explained, "is always the monster that transforms itself with the change of epochs and continues to devour humanity."

"But the response to war is not another war, the response to weapons is not other weapons... The response is fraternity," Pope Francis affirmed.

This, he insisted, is the "challenge not only for Iraq but for many regions in conflict and, ultimately, for the whole world." You are all brothers

Recalling his meeting with religious leaders in Ur during his Apostolic journey, Pope Francis said that Christians, Muslims and representatives came together to pray in Ur, where Abraham received God's call about four thousand years ago.

He further explained that Abraham is our father in faith because listening to God's voice promising him descendants, he left everything and departed. And at Ur, standing together under the same sky in which our father Abraham saw us, his descendants, the phrase "You are all brothers" seems to resound once again.

"God is faithful to his promises," the Pope said. He "guides our steps toward peace still today. He guides the steps of those who journey on Earth with their gaze turned toward Heaven."

Messages of fraternity: Baghdad, Mosul, Qaraqosh and Erbil

Further emphasizing the importance of fraternity, Pope Francis noted that a message of fraternity came from the ecclesial meeting in the Syrian Catholic Cathedral of Baghdad where forty-eight people, including two priests were killed during the celebration of Holy Mass in 2010.

He said that in that temple which bears the names of those martyrs inscribed in stone, the joy of encounter resounded as his "amazement at being in their midst mingled with their joy at having the Pope among them."

The Holy Father also launched another message of fraternity from Mosul and Qaraqosh, on the Tigris River, near the ruins of ancient Nineveh. There, the occupation of the so-called Islamic State caused several thousands to flee for their lives, including Christians and other persecuted minorities, in particular the Yazidis.

He noted that reconstruction efforts are underway and Muslims and Christians are working together to restore churches and mosques.

The Pope enjoined all to pray for them that "they may have the strength to start over." He also remembered the many Iraqi emigrants and reminded them, who have left everything like Abraham, to "keep the faith and hope" and be weavers of friendship and fraternity where they are.

Another message of fraternity came from the two Eucharistic celebrations in Baghdad and Erbil.

Pope Francis explained that "Abraham's hope, and that of his descendants is fulfilled in the mystery we celebrated, in Jesus, the Son that God the Father did not spare, but gave for everyone's salvation: through His death and resurrection, He opened the way to the promised land, to that new life where tears dried, wounds are healed, brothers and sisters are reconciled."

Prayers for Iraq, the Middle East

Concluding his remarks at the General Audience, the Pope praised God for the Apostolic Journey, and encouraged all to pray for Iraq and the Middle East where, in spite of the destruction and weapons, the palm trees, symbol of the country and its hope, have continued to grow and bear fruit.

"So it is for fraternity," the Pope said. "It does not make noise, but is fruitful and makes us grow."

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

When the old and the young come together, what happens? The old dream dreams, they dream of a future for the young. And the young can take those dreams and prophecy, make them reality. When old and young come together, we preserve and pass on the gifts that God gives.

Pope Francis: [Angelus, Church of Immaculate Conception in Qaraqosh, Iraq, 7 March 2021](#)



Each of us can discover in Joseph- the man unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."(Pope Francis, Patris Corde)

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