

YEAR OF JUBILEE

Diocean Art Trail

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, ŌKATO
36 CUMMING STREET, ŌKATO 4335

A LEGACY OF FAITH

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A PRAYER FOR VISITORS

Loving God,

As we step into this sacred space,
we give thanks for the generations who
have worshipped here,
and for the mission that continues to live in
this place.

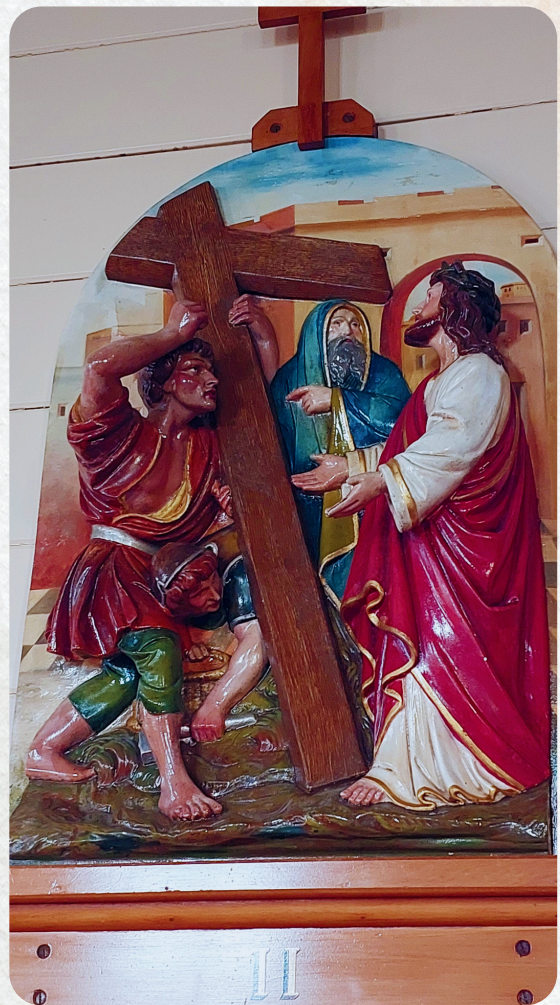
May your peace rest upon all who enter,
your light guide those who seek,
and your love embrace every heart.

St Patrick, pray for us.

Amen.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These sacred artworks were purchased in Germany in 1954 by Reverend Father McDermott. Their presence in our church is thanks in part to the generosity of parishioners, who contributed donations toward their cost.

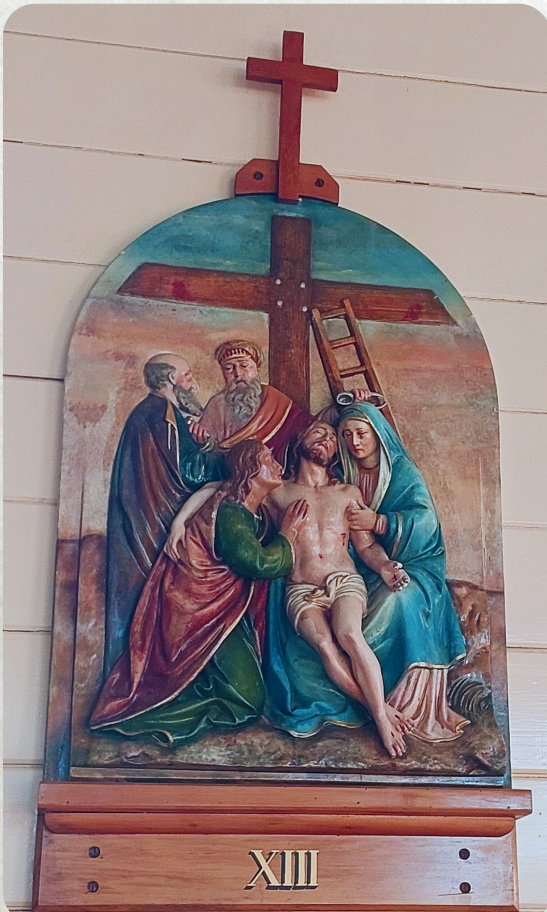
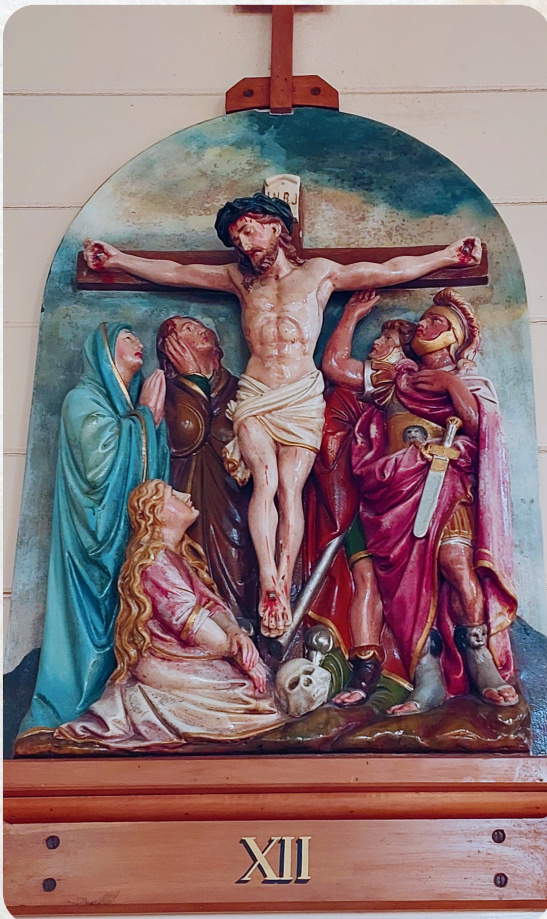






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