

Parish Calendar

In line with the restrictions as they are at present, Mass will be celebrated online until we move to Alert Level 1. Fr Jacob will be bringing Mass at 9.30am Tuesday to Friday and on Sunday via our Facebook page and YouTube.

We have our own YouTube page. Below is the YouTube link to the Weekend Mass. You can **subscribe** to our YouTube page and get **instant alerts** when we schedule an event on the page <https://youtu.be/6WXoKtAZFYw>

For those not on the internet, you can go to Free-to-air Telecast, Freeview Shine TV, Channel 25 or Sky TV Channel 201, Vodafone Channel 700. It is 2pm every Sunday.

Signup to newsletter and updates: If you want the newsletter sent to your email address or any other Parish updates, you can log on to the parish website and click on the button that invites you to the newsletter mail out. Or contact the parish office and we will sign you up on your behalf.

For those not connected to the internet, we have printed newsletters outside the front door of the Parish Office.

PARISH ROLL: Have you moved house and/or discontinued your landline? If there have been any changes to your information, please contact the Parish Office and we will update your details.

If you generally give by envelope, you can either drop it into the Blenheim office or put it into the locked letterbox at the gate. Picton parishioners can drop it into the St Vincent de Paul shop.

Readings for 28th Week of Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer to Support Life

Sun 10 Oct Wisdom 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-20

Psalm: **Fill us with your love O Lord and we will sing for joy!**

Mon 11 Oct: Rom 1:1-7 Luke 11:29-32 *St John XXIII*

Tues 12 Oct: Rom 1:16-25 Luke 11:37-41

Wed 13 Oct: Rom 2:1-11 Luke 11:42-46

Thus 14 Oct: Rom 3:21-30 Luke 11:47-54 *St Callistus*

Fri 15 Oct: Rom 4:1-8 Luke 12:1-7 *St Teresa of Jesus*

Sat 16 Oct: Rom 4: 13,16-18 Luke 12:8-12 *Sts Hedwig, Margaret Mary Alacoque*

Readings for 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 17 Oct: Isaiah 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Paddy Norton, Margaret Cheyne, Cora Lambert, Sr Linley Trower RNDM, (Napier), Louise Clark (Chch)

Anniversaries: Sept 13 Morgan McSweeney, **15** Eileen O'Halloran, **16** Ellen Mc Sweeney, **19** Nora Holden

Other Intentions: Paul Harnett, Maria Martin, Dan Murphy, Peter Campbell, Steve & Kate Hayman, Rose Giddy, Fr Dave Gledhill, Beavon Undrill, Pat Stretch, David Mahoney, Diane Cagney

COLLECTIONS:

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

You can drop off your envelopes to the Parish Office or Picton SVdP shop

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 2,093.29
Envelopes:	\$ 459.80
Cash	\$ 7.70
Māori Pastoral Care	\$ 15.00

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.**
Blenheim | Kaikoura | Picton | Seddon

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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.**

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Newsletter 35—10th October 2021 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Support Life Sunday

In the Gospel for this Sunday Mark says, "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said," (Mk 10:21) very poignant text about how much Jesus is moved by frail and vulnerable situations and individuals. This Sunday we celebrate Support for life Sunday, the annual Respect Life Sunday event promoted each October by the Catholic Church, renamed to better reflect the active work Catholics need to do to help people facing significant life decisions here in Aotearoa. This year the focus is on supporting health carers, who are in the midst of actions and decisions which affect the life and death of many. Some are professional health care staff, others are family caregivers working in a less visible way. Our parish, schools and communities have people who are carers, who give themselves to care in love. Pope Francis on his message for International Nurses Day 2020 said: "Every day we witness the testimony of courage and sacrifice of healthcare workers."

This year more than ever the Pandemic has caused increasing challenges for health carers globally. They experienced higher workload, psychological distress, social exclusion/stigmatization, lack of incentives, absence of coordination, and proper management. Frontline healthcare professionals are particularly vulnerable during this pandemic owing to their commitment to contain the disease.

Consider the challenges to life in Aotearoa New Zealand. Apart from the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic that requires the ongoing effort of us all to protect the vulnerable; while healthcare workers are also on the frontline in terms of the legislative changes to New Zealand's abortion and euthanasia laws. Health carers are also witnesses to the ongoing impact on health and life of poverty, exclusion, attitudes towards disabilities, and addictions. "Support Life reminds us that we are all called to both uphold the dignity of all life and be active in the practical work needed to support people facing significant life decisions," said Bishop Lowe.

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We remember first responders and health-care workers, too often forgotten, until we and those we love, need their response and their care. They are indeed the word of God living and effective. Today we give thanks for their presence, their care and their inspiration and especially today we pray for them, for those they love, and for their intentions. Let's take this as an opportunity to acknowledge and support those who support life in our own Parish. Fr Giltus CP

Weekday Masses: These have started again and will follow the normal timetable. There is still NO adoration. Blenheim's masses will be in the church to allow social distancing. Please remember your mask and scan or sign in. Unfortunately there will be no mass on Saturday 9th October due to a funeral at 10am with a 100 person limit. AND there won't be a mass on Tuesday 12th October in Blenheim as Fr Jacob has been called to Wellington for a meeting. Normal Masses will resume on Wednesday. Also on 12th October the Cardinal will be reconsidering weekend masses and how they will look. When we know more we will let you know.

Priest Hospital & Retirement home Visitations during level 2. Unfortunately Priests can only visit at the request of Hospital & Retirement home staff.

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

The pandemic has highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour. A silent multitude of men and women, they chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family. Pope Francis *Message for the World Day of the Sick 2021*

Global Synod – For a Synodal Church Pope Francis is asking every baptised person to be involved in this international Synod, "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission".

On October 17th special Masses will be celebrated in New Zealand. This will be followed by the opportunity for every baptised person to prayerfully reflect on the themes, join/ or make up your own group to discern your shared wisdom or go to the online options to give us your feedback.

"I have come here to encourage you to take this synodical process seriously and to tell you that the Holy Spirit needs you... Listen to Him by listening to yourselves and do not leave anyone out or behind". (Pope Francis 'Discourse to the faithful of the Diocese of Rome 18th September 2021') Visit <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/> to see how you can participate.

Be inspired by Pope Francis's October 2-minute video <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Wellington Seminarian ordained as a Deacon Congratulations to Alfred Tong from Upper Hutt Parish, who was ordained a deacon for Wellington Archdiocese on Saturday. We pray for him as he continues on his journey to the priesthood. **PRAY, INVITE, ENCOURAGE...** Hayden Powick is being ordained as a Marist Priest in Nelson this weekend by Cardinal John Dew. Please remember him in your prayers. Many priestly vocations have grown

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from a tap on the shoulder, an encouraging word or a question to a man who you see has the qualities of a vocation to the priesthood.

WelCom October edition has been printed and is being distributed this week for Sunday 10 October.

A pdf copy is also available on our website at: https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_welcom/welcom-october-2021/

Contents include:

- Synod Assembly: For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission – Cardinal John Dew.
- Support Life Sunday, 10 October – 'Supporting and honouring health carers'.
- Fa'amalosi - Say it Right – Bishop Viard College students create app for correct name pronunciation.
- Mental health and wellbeing – Sir Patrick Lynch supports JK Foundation.
- Catholic Social Services Wellington – profiled.
- He Hīkoi Whakapono – The Catholic Parish of Plimmerton.
- 'Unmoored', Part 2 – by Bishop Peter Cullinane.
- Mission Sunday – 31 October. Plus more features, local and international news and views.

The next edition of WelCom will be **November 2021**. Content and advertising deadline is **Monday 18 October 2021**. They appreciate articles from readers about people, news and events in parish and school communities.

Please email articles (maximum 300 words) and photos to: welcom@wn.catholic.org.nz

Te Rōpu Tautoko

The group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission. Tautoko encourages survivors of abuse in the care of the Catholic Church to share their experiences the Royal Commission. If you or someone you know wishes to share

your experience please visit their website or phone the Royal Commission on 0800 222 727.

St Mary's Preschool has limited vacancies becoming available for 2022. For more information please email office@stmaryspreschool.co.nz or enquire via the website, <http://www.stmaryspreschool.co.nz>

St Vincent De Paul Meetings
Picton 2nd & 4th Monday of the month—10am St Joseph Place
Blenheim 2 & 4th Tuesday of the month 10am Mercy Room.

20th October She Connects 7.30pm 'SHE Plays' Connects Church Bever Road This is a social evening with games, food and fun along with a guest singer. \$5 entry

23 October Violin & Piano Recital Margarita Jackson & Josie Yau St Andrew's Presbyterian Church 2pm door sales \$20 Adults \$10 Students.

27th October CWCI Spring Tour 7pm Renwick Anglican Church Renwick \$5 entry fee

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Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need. This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

There is a desperate need at the moment.

We **Urgently** Need:

Canned Foods tomatoes, vegetables, spaghetti, baked bean, fish, Fruit.

Also

Flour, Pasta Sauce, Spreads (Jam etc), Long-life milk, Breakfast cereals, weet-Bix.

Please drop off items to the St Vincent De Paul Shop in High Street, Blenheim open 10am–4pm Monday– Friday