

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 42—28th November 2021 1st Sunday of Advent

This week we begin the season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year. The Advent liturgy is shot through with a great longing for Christ. Waiting is one of the hardest things for us. We live in an instant age — instant food, instant this, that and the other. We even speed up nature: with artificial light we fool the hens to lay two eggs a day! We are in too much of a hurry in having every possible experience too early in life. The speed of our world today is full of contradictions. We rush to save time in order to be able to waste it! But Advent is a four-week course on waiting.

The pandemic has in a way forcefully put a break into otherwise our busy lives. We face the same fears, same uncertainties, same insecurities and we long and hope for an answer. Our lives have been changed. The course of history has sifted, whose significance we still have to understand. Now it may not be a time to make a New Year resolution but maybe it is time to take a look at life differently, what we value most? We began the pandemic with a spirit of cooperation and a willingness to work together but unfortunately this is wearing thin. We are beginning to express our fears in ways sadly, not very encouraging or healthy.

Maybe it is time to listen more deeply, wait patiently to welcome one another, to celebrate our differences rather than hate. I take the comfort in knowing that 'God writes straight with crooked lines,' God can somehow take the messes we make out of our life and turn them in to moment of grace and new beginnings. We have been surrounded by uncertainty and fear that has helped us to imagine some of the worst things. May be somehow our waiting during this advent season becomes an opportunity for God to write straight with crooked lines once again in our lives.

The most important things in life cannot be rushed and require patient waiting. Patient waiting is required from the mother to bring the child to birth, and then from babyhood to adulthood; the teacher requires it with the slow learner; the politician requires it not to give up on the peace process, and everybody requires it to build loving relationships. We wait not mournfully, but in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Giltus Mathias CP*

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Readings First Sunday of Advent

Sun 28 Nov Jeremiah 33:14-16 1Thessalonians 3:12-4-2 Luke 21:25-36

Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

Mon 29 Nov: Isaiah 2:1-5 Matt 8:5-11

Tues 30 Nov: Rom 10:9-18 Matt 4:18-22 *St Andrew Apostle*

Wed 1 Dec: Isaiah 25:6-10 Matt 15:29-37

Thurs 2 Dec: Isaiah 26:6-10 Matt 7:21,24-27

Fri 3 Dec: Isaiah 29:17-24 Matt 9:27-31 *St Francis Xavier*

Sat 4 Dec: Isaiah 30:19-26 Matt 9:35-10 *St John Damascene*

Readings Second Sunday of Advent

Sun 5 Dec Baruch 5:1-9 Phil 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

Blenheim

Parishioners. Our ability to hold masses each week relies on volunteers for all ministries, however, during these Covid 19 restrictions we need more volunteers to help with en-

sureing we are complying in order to keep everyone safe.

Currently, normal ministry rosters have been suspended. This coming week will see us move to a traffic light system as a country, and this will potentially place further demands on us in terms of safely celebrating mass each week. We are incredibly grateful to all those who have already stepped up to help in recent weeks. However, we need more people to volunteer please; from checking people in before mass, to ushers, to cleaning after mass. Please fill your name in on the clipboard in the foyer if you are willing to assist. If you are happy to continue to do your normal mass ministry, please contact Belinda Vavasour directly. As Catholics, there is no substitute for the Sunday mass, however we all need to play our part to make this a weekly reality in these uncertain times. Thank you.

The Sacramental programme

starting with confirmation kicks off this weekend 21st November after the 10am Mass 11am in the Mercy Room. There are some notices available in the foyer.



Working Bee

27th November—St Mary's
10am—1pmish Clean front of church, windows, gardening



5th December Havelock shift—we are moving the chattels to Picton at 11am and would love some help with moving the pews and statues. Contact Caroline Strongman 5735461

2022 Columban Calendars are available at the Parish Stall \$12 also available at the Parish Office

Parish Stall - Please remember to be socially distanced when making purchases from the stall

We have a new phone system at the office. When you phone in there will be new options to choose from.

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

Never stop seeking the light amid whatever darkness we may often bear in our hearts or see all around us.

Pope Francis: [Homily 21 November 2021](#)

GLOBAL SYNOD: THE TIME IS NOW

Pope Francis wants to hear from you! The diocesan phase of the global Synod has begun, and we have until **30th April 2022** to make our voices heard. Contact your parish to find out how you can join or lead a Synod Reflection Group. Get together with friends and family, reach out to those who no longer feel connected to the Church and invite them to take part. Pope Francis really wants to hear from them too. Individual submissions are also welcome. Visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod

Jesse Tree symbols

A Jesse Tree is a centuries-old way of illustrating how God's story leads to Jesus. A series of ornaments/symbols that represent important people and events in God's Big Story. Each day in Advent you hang another symbol on a tree and explore the story behind it through devotional readings and activities. - Below are the symbols for the first week of advent.

Stump with branch—Jesse Tree represents Jesus family tree
Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-2

Sun, moon, stars—Creation God made the world and everything in it.
Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

Apple—Adam and Eve made a promise to obey God, but when they broke their promise they had to leave the beautiful garden.

Scripture: Genesis 3

Noah's Ark—Noah built an ark to save his family and animals from a huge flood.

Scripture: Genesis 6:11-14; 7:17-8:3; 9:8-13

Abraham looking at stars—Abraham was obedient to God and God told Abraham that his descendants would be as many as the stars in heaven. **Scripture:** Genesis 15:1-6

Rams' head—God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac and Abraham was prepared to obey, but then God provides a ram as a sacrifice.
Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14

Ladder Jacob dreamed of a ladder going from heaven to earth.
Scripture: Genesis 28:10-22

FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

With the End-of-Life Choice Act

coming into effect last 07 November and NZCBC issuing guidelines for ministering with people contemplating assisted dying, we are running an online event entitled "Catholic Responses to the End-of-Life Choice Act" on Wednesday 01 December 6:00-7:00pm presented by Dr John Kleinsman (Director of the Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics) and Rev Dr Mervyn Duffy (CTC Degree Programme Head). We would like to invite you to participate and also request that you invite people especially those who are ministering to the sick.

To register click on the link below
Registration details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>
[register/tZUud-
mspjMqG9ZusLZTVvsxmoW_xu_3Pt0V](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451234567)

Parish Calendar

November

December

Dec 5..Sounds Stewardship (5)

Dec 7..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Dec 14..Review Group (5.30)

then Parish Pastoral Council

Dec 15..BHM women's friendship grp

At local café (10)

Dec 20..Finance & Property Com (7)

Dec 22.. Last newsletter of the year

Dec 24-16 Jan Office Closed

January 2022

Jan 1-16... Parish Office Closed

Jan 17—Parish office Opens

Jan 28.. First newsletter of the year.

No parish meetings this month.

Jan 30..Renwick Combined Churches

Service 11.30am



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Weekend Mass Times

1st Sun of Advent (4)

Sat Nov 27

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Nov 28

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am Mass

2nd Sun of Advent (1)

Sat Dec 4

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Dec 5

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura 9-30 **W&C**

Blenheim 10am Mass

3rd Sun of Advent(2)

Sat Dec 11

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Dec 12

Seddon-8am Mass **W&C**

Picton-9am

Kaikoura-9.30

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

4th Sun of Advent (3)

Sat Dec 18

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Dec 19

Seddon-8am

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura 9-30 Mass

W&C

Blenheim 10am

Holy Family (4)

Sat Dec 25

Blenheim-5pm No Mass

Sun Dec 26

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura- 9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Blenheim

Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9.30 Mass

Wed 12.05 Mass

Fri: 12.05 Mass

Fri 11am Adoration

Kaikoura

Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.30 W&C

Thurs: 5.15 W&C

Wed: 7pm Rosary

Thurs: 11am Scripture

Picton

Wed 9.00 Mass

After Mass Adoration

Wed: Scriptural Rosary: 5.30pm Ph: 5729067 or 5782507 for venue.

Weekly "Flame or Love"

Rosary group. Belinda

Bryce 0220123315

Under the present

level restrictions:

Reconciliation is by appointment.

Mass Registration Blenheim

9am Wed—12pm Friday.

Mass Registrations | Archdiocese of Wellington (catholic.org.nz)

OR

To book by phone Contact Belinda Vavasour
5782628 or 021774858 by 11am Friday.

When you arrive at Church you need to state that you have booked in. It's important to arrive in plenty of time for the Mass, as once Mass has started your seat may be given to someone else.

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Brian Brunel, Rev Fr Cirilo Edgar V Ebona (Philippines)

Anniversaries: Nov 25 Kathleen Molyneux, **Dec 2**

Cecile Williams

Other Intentions: Graeme Fletcher, Nancy Brunel, Yvonne Brunel, Arlo Eygenraam, Paul Harnett, Maria Martin, Peter Campbell, Kate Hayman, Fr Dave Gledhill, Beavon

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$1,896.95

Envelopes: \$ 353.65

Cash \$ 327.14