

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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FB. Star of the Sea Marlborough (708 followers)**



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 43—5 December 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent season mostly get stampeded. It eludes us because of the anticipated Christmas celebrations, shopping, decorations, gifts, parties, etc.. Likewise, one such thing that may have escaped us is "the year of St. Joseph" which begun on the 8th of December 2020 and will close on 8th December 2021. One of the vital symbols of the advent season is the advent wreath, this week's candle is called the 'Bethlehem candle' symbolizing the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Joseph's role in the Christmas story is as significant as that of Mary and others.

It is a good idea to pause for a moment and think of this man who in terms of the New Testament never said one word. As you know, there are people who never stop speaking who say nothing; and then there is someone who never says anything but says it all. Because he speaks in the attitude of his heart, the deeds, the depths of his soul. In the Gospel of John Jesus says, "If you do not believe me because of the words I speak, then believe me because of the works and deeds I do." Isn't this so reflective of Joseph? Think of some of the significant people in your life whom the world may have thought not so significant, who simply did a gesture in such a way that we were blessed, uplifted and encouraged.

In the gospel of Matthew, the birth of Jesus centres around the dreams of Joseph. A man who spent his whole life being devote and yet in the moment of crisis is able to move beyond the conventions and the comfortableness of his devotion to the radical openness of his heart? So contrary to all logic, to all economic investments Joseph would take Mary and her son into his house. Joseph is willing to lose anything in trying to protect Jesus and Mary. Where would Jesus have learned self-giving? Where did Jesus get the idea of suffering, dying and being lifted up on the cross, a love stronger than death and fear? May be from the dream of Joseph, when Joseph took that family over the border, held on to Jesus and Mary very tightly while the imperial powers were hunting for them?

Imagine revelation came in a dream, it was so significant and socially important that it radicalized the world. The mechanism by which Joseph hears the word of God is a dream. Do we dream? Dream of hope in a world that is in despair?

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Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Dream of a summer beyond the winter of life? Dream of light beyond the darkness? Dream of Justice where injustice prevails? Can we pause to dream as we light the second candle in the wreath this Sunday? **Fr Giltus Mathias CP**

Readings Second Sunday of Advent

Sun 5 Dec Baruch 5:1-9 Phil 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
Psalm: **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy**
Mon 6 Dec: Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26 *St Nicholas*
Tues 7 Dec: Isaiah 40:1-11 Matt 18:12-14 *St Ambrose*
Wed 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38
Thus 9 Dec: Isaiah 41:13-20 Matt 11:11-15 *St Juan Diego*
Fri 10 Dec: Isaiah 48:17-19 Matt 11:16-19
Sat 11 Dec: Eccl 48:1-4,9-11 Matt 17:10-13 *St Damascene*

Readings Third Sunday of Advent

Sun 12 Dec Zeph 3:14-18 Phil 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

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 Carolyne Strongman 5735416/0272785811



15th December St Marys Coffee Group

11.30am Meet at the "The vines Village Café for lunch. Bring a friend.

R.S.V.P. by 12th Dec to Jeanette Harris 0274239615.

Remember your My Vaccine pass

Parish to Parish for BnB changes.

From 1st September this year For one guest \$50 per.night, each additional guest, \$30 each, e.g.two guests would be \$80 for one night.Due to COVID-19 some hosts may not be available for guests, please respect their wishes, books are available \$15, Marie Anderson, phone 03 3595 541, email: Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

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

Livestream and Broadcast Masses:

Sunday 9.30am Our Lady of Kapiti livestream Mass

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC09bV8i1FYR3nRi8qvyQ5gg/videos>

Sunday 2pm Mass on Shine TV:

This Mass is broadcast on Free-to-air TV Channel 25 or Sky TV Channel 201.

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

During Advent, we could make a habit of saying, "Come, Lord Jesus." Only these words, but repeating them: "Come, Lord Jesus". This time of preparation leading to Christmas is beautiful: we think of the nativity scene and Christmas, so let us say from the heart: "Come, Lord Jesus".

Pope Francis: [Angelus 28 November 2021](#)

**Mass Schedules at Covid Traffic Light System for
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Commencing Friday 3rd December 2021**

at the Orange Level

Weekday Masses/Word & Communion Services will be Registered Masses for both Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated.

YOU MUST REGISTER as there is a limit in the number of people for these masses. Check your local church for a sign up sheet.

Regular Weekend services **You must have your Vaccine Pass**, no need for registrations and can be unlimited numbers.

If you don't have a pass, you can register online at:

[My Vaccine Pass | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

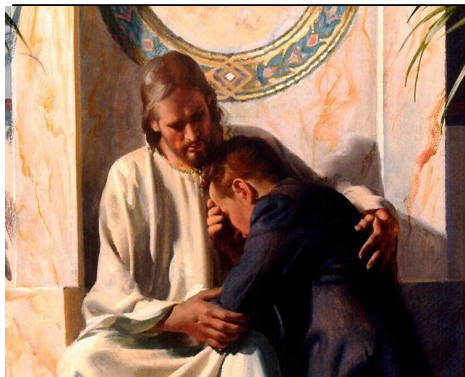
or Phone: 0800 222 478

Special services on Sunday at 5PM both in Blenheim and Kaikoura will be registered Masses for both Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated.

Visit Archdiocese of Wellington website **to register for the Blenheim Mass.**
[CLICK HERE](#)

Reminder: Please continue to wear your Masks at all times, sign in with the QR code and sanitise.

Please remember to be kind, gentle and patient, as we are all in this together.



Advent Reconciliation Liturgies

Kaikoura Sunday 12 December
7.30pm

Blenheim Wednesday 15th December
7pm

Reconciliation is available after all
weekday Masses
or by appointment

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

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

Parish Calendar
December

Dec 5..Sounds Stewardship (5)
Dec 7..Wairau Stewardship (7)
Dec 14..Review Group (5.30)
then Parish Pastoral Council
Dec 12..Reconciliation Liturgy

Kai-
koura (7.30)
Dec 15..Reconciliation liturgy Blenheim (7pm)
Dec 15..BHM women's friendship grp
At local café (10)
Dec 20..Finance & Property Com (7)

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Weekend Mass Times

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

Kaikoura -5pm Mass

Blenheim—5pm 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**

Kaikoura—5pm Mass

Blenheim—5pm **W&C**

4th Sun of Advent (3)

Sat Dec 18

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Dec 19

Seddon-8am

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura 9-30 **W&C**

Blenheim 10am

Kaikoura 5pm Mass/W&C

Blenheim 5pm Mass

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

Epiphany of the Lord (1)

Sat Jan 1st

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Jan 2nd

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am Mass

Kaikoura—5pm

Blenheim—5pm

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

Reconciliation

Available after all

weekday masses,

Reconciliation Liturgies

(listed on page 3)

and by appointment

Mass Registration Blenheim 5pm Sunday 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: Patricia Brown, Sr Irene
O'Neill (Mary Declan) rsm,

Anniversaries:

Other Intentions: Trish Rowe, Lucille Young
(Chch), Graeme Fletcher, Arlo Eygenraam, Paul Har-
nett, 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:	\$1,813.35
Envelopes:	\$ 411.40
Cash	\$ 186.83