

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 44—12 December 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Advent is about the possibility of surprise. It not just about our own expectation, but a dawning awareness that my life as I know it is only a shadow of what it is meant to be. It was exactly, around this time two years ago, I was asked if I would accept to be the Parish priest of Star of the Sea and I said an empathic 'YES' in a heartbeat leaving the 'golden state' of the USA completely unaware of what it would become; a wait of two long years ending with the heartbreaking news of the Passionists leaving the parish. Personally, it is hard to even think that I will have to let go of my dream of being there; learning, working and growing with you that I had been waiting and praying for the last two years in particular. It has proved extremely difficult to gain necessary documents to come across and the possibilities of the same becoming more remote. I can't but be grateful to you all for your expectant waiting, sharing and journeying with me while navigating the complexity of what has been and is unfolding around you. I'm also grateful to Fr.Pat and Fr.Jacob who along with other priests of the archdiocese, including Mons. Burns, the various committees and the office staffs for sharing the uncertainties with you and carrying the extra responsibilities for the last two years.

Last week's announcement may have shocked you but we are encouraged by the news of Fr. Michael McCabe being assigned as the new Parish Priest of Star of the Sea. I've personally not met Fr. McCabe but I've heard said many wonderful things about him. I'm personally thrilled for the parish as we will have one less uncertainty to deal with and have the much-needed stability we long for. I personally like to welcome Fr. McCabe on behalf of the Parish community and wish him an exciting and fruitful time. I also like to mention with gratitude the services of Sisters at Kaikoura; Wednesday, 8th of December marked their arrival 4 years ago.

This weekend Cardinal John will be visiting our parish and will confirm 8 of our young people in Blenheim. How exciting! I pray that the same spirit that filled the Apostles with hope and vigour, as they were locked in fear and anxiety about the uncertainty around them, fill us as we look to our future.

Fr Giltus Mathias CP

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Readings Third Sunday of Advent

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

Psalm: Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Mon 13 Dec: Num 24:2-7,15-17

Matt 21:23-27 *St Lucy*

Tues 14 Dec: Zeph 3:1-2,9-13

Matt 21:28-32 *St John of the Cross*

Wed 15 Dec: Isaiah 45:6-8

Luke 7:1-23

Thus 16 Dec: Isaiah 54:1-10

Luke 7:19-23

Fri 17 Dec: Gen 49:2,8-10

Matt 1:1-17

Sat 18 Dec: Jer 23:5-8

Matt 1:18-24

Readings Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sun 19 Dec Micah 5:1-4

Heb 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

Christmas Masses



Date	Church	Time	Vaccination Pass Required	Registration Required
24th Dec Christmas Eve	St Mary's Blenheim	5.30pm	Yes	No
	Scared Heart Kaikoura	7.30pm	Yes	No
	St Mary's Blenheim	9.00pm	Yes	No
25th Dec Christmas Day	St Mary's Blenheim	9.00am	Yes	No
	St Joseph's Picton	9.00am	Yes	No
	Scared Heart Kaikoura- (Word & communion)	9.30am	No	Yes
	St Mary's Blenheim	11.00am	No	Yes

Thank You

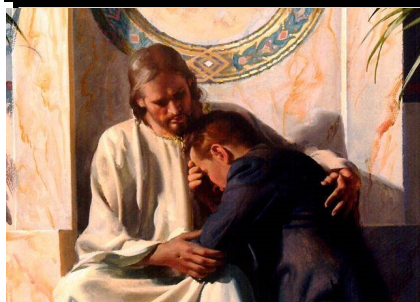
_Fr Marlon Soriano is leaving us this week to go back to his own parish, Thank you, Fr Marlon for being here with us, to support Fr Jacob and the parish community.

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

Do you want to do something new in life? Do you want to stay youthful? Then don't settle for posting a few tweets. Don't settle for virtual encounters; look for real ones, especially with people who need you. Don't look for visibility, but for those who are invisible in our midst. Pope Francis: [Meeting with Young People in Athens](#), 6 December 2021

Mass Schedules at Covid Traffic Light System for Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Masses Word & Communion	Vaccination Pass Required	Registration Required
Weekday Mass & Word & Communion	No	Yes
Regular weekend Services	Yes	No
Sunday 5pm Blenheim & Kaikoura	No	Yes



Advent Reconciliation Liturgies

Kaikoura Sunday 12 December 7.30pm
 Blenheim Wednesday 15th December 7pm
 Reconciliation is available after all weekday
 Masses
 or by appointment

To the following recipients of the Fitzgerald
 Award presented at Mass on the
 5th December

Paul Harnett Kaikoura

Terry & Gwen Costello Seddon

Alan & Neroli Kay Blenheim

Congratulations!



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 12 Dec to Jeanette Harris 0274239615. Remember your Vaccine pass

CAN YOU HELP? Do you have a few

hours to spare? Crossroads is looking for a few extra hands to assist in the busy lead up to Christmas, so if you are able to make a cuppa, do dishes, peel potatoes, make sandwiches or sweep floors, we would love to have you join our team. A sense of humour and double vaccination are

the only qualifications required. Email crossroads.marlborough@gmail.com or phone 021 681 583 for further information.

Parish Calendar

December

Dec 14..Review Group (5.30)
 then Parish Pastoral Council
 Dec 12..Reconciliation Liturgy
 Kaikoura (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)
 Dec 22.. Last newsletter of the year
 Dec 24-16 Jan Office Closed

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

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

Listed on page 2

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

The Baptism of the

Lord (2)

Sat Jan 9

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Jan 10

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

Picton-9am

Kaikoura-9.30

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Kaikoura-5pm Mass

Blenheim-5pm **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 of Love"

Rosary group. Belinda

Bryce 0220123315

Reconciliation

Available after all

weekday masses,

Reconciliation Liturgies

(listed on page 3)

and by appointment

Mass Registration for Blenheim 5pm Sunday

9am Wed-12pm Friday.

[Mass Registrations | Archdiocese of Wellington \(catholic.org.nz\)](http://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

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Patricia Brown, Sr Irene O'Neill (Mary Declan) rsm,

Anniversaries: **Dec 8** Eric Hanley, **11** Lynette Kilmartin, **15** Nona Thomas, Deceased members & Friends of Squire, Logan & Hanley Families

Other Intentions: Margaret Squire, Laurie Squire, Mollie Hanley, Eileen Hanley, Kathleen Logan, Alec Logan, rish Rowe, Lucille Young (Chch), Graeme Fletcher, Arlo Eygenraam, Paul Harnett, Peter Campbell, Kate Hayman, Fr Dave Gledhill, Beavon Undrill

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$2,743.39

Envelopes: \$ 761.20

Cash \$ 308.77