

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 45—19 December 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

This year has been a roller coaster year, we have made many great plans for this year and beyond. We want to forget this year, 2021, and begin next year, 2022, on a very high note and forget this year. We have gone through a tough year where everything seems to come to a standstill. But it seems like this year is no better than last year where we had too many restrictions to our freedom. We can't celebrate weddings, birthdays, anniversaries or any other special events with freedom and have large gatherings without any form of restrictions on the number of people that can gather for that celebration. Life and freedom as we know have changed drastically so much that we don't know what will happen tomorrow. We live one day at a time, knowing the plans we make today can change tomorrow without any warning. These restrictions on freedom of movement and gatherings have caused a great disunity and upset among so many of us. There is brokenness in family life, in community, in society and the country. People seemed to be upset with the government, or with people who have a bit of authority in the community or workplace.

As Christians we are supposed to be people who care for each other and love each other unconditionally regardless of color, creed or nationality. But our attitudes during this pandemic period has left a lot to be desired. Instead of caring for each other we become frightened and distance ourselves from others. We even go as far as creating division within ourselves. But during this Advent season as we wait for the Lord to come into our hearts and bring peace and joy, we as Christians are asked to share the love, peace and joy with our fellow human beings. Where there is hatred, love, where there is sadness, joy, and help to heal the wounds that are caused by this pandemic.

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Christmas is a joyful season, let us not let this Christmas pass by without experiencing any form of joy. Let us share the PEACE, JOY and LOVE, Christmas brings by being more kind, more forgiving, more compassionate, more loving, and more gentle. After all, we are supposed to build up a community of people (believers) who are Christ like, in our approach to people around us. Let us reflect the face of Christ to all people based on Love!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr Tom Rouse Columban who will be with us for a month. Welcome!

Fr Jacob Kuman CP

Readings: Fourth Week of Advent

Sun 19 Dec Micah 5:1-4 Heb 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44

Psalm: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Mon 20 Dec: Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38

Tues 21 Dec: Zeph 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-45 *St Peter Canisius*

Wed 22 Dec: 1Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56

Thurs 23 Dec: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 Luke 1:57-66 *St John of Kanty*

Fri 24 Dec: 2Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16 Luke 1:67-79

Christmas Day

Sat 25 Dec: Isaiah 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 John 1:1-18

Readings; The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sun 26 Dec Ecc 3:2-6,12-14 Col 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52



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

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

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

Let us ask ourselves: what should we do concretely in these days as we draw near to Christmas? How can I do my part? Let's choose something concrete, even if it is small, that is adapted to our situation in life, and let's continue doing it to prepare us for this Christmas. For example: I can call a person who is alone, visit that elderly person or that person who is ill, do something to serve a poor person, someone in need. Even still: maybe I need to ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt. Perhaps I have neglected prayer and after so much time has elapsed, it's time to ask the Lord for forgiveness. Brothers and sisters, let's find something concrete and do it! May the Madonna help us, in whose womb God took on flesh.

Pope Francis: [Angelus 12 December 2021](#)



Wanted—space to store dry kindling for St Vincent De Paul.

If you can help, please call Vernon Price
022-018-8614



A Message from Elizabeth Mary.

Greetings of peace and joy to friends and parishioners as we once again, wait with

Mary and Joseph to greet Emmanuel in our midst.

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 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

February 2022

Feb 8.. Review Grp then Parish Council
Feb 15..Finance & Property Com (7)
Feb 16..BHM Women's Friendship Grp
at local café (10)

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Weekend Mass Times 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

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Sun Dec 26

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am Mass

Epiphany of the Lord(1)

Sat Jan 1st

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Jan 2nd

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am -Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

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

2nd Sun Ord Time (3)

Sat Jan 15

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Jan 16

Seddon-8am

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura 9-30 **W&C**

Blenheim 10am

Kaikoura 5pm Mass/W&C

Blenheim 5pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Blenheim

(Weekday Masses, Tues-Fri, 9am during Jan)

Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9.30 Mass

Wed 12.05 Mass

Fri: 12.05 Mass

Fri 11am Adoration

Sat 9.30am

Kaikoura

Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.30 W&C

Thurs: 5.15 W&C

Wed: 7pm Rosary

Thurs: 11am Scripture

Picton

Wed 9.00 Mass (not during January)

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, and by appointment

New link for Mass Registration for Blenheim 5pm Sunday 9am Wed-12pm Friday.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/227360008907>

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.

Anniversaries: Dec 6 John Smart,
8 John O'Halloran, **11** Gyula Mitribusz **24th**
Gwenda Bishell. Deceased members & Friends of
Hancock, O'Leary, Hope, McConway, Cheeseman,
Pratt Families.

Other Intentions: Arlo Eygenraam, Paul Harnett, Peter Campbell, Kate Hayman, Fr Dave Gledhill, Beavon Undrill, Harvey Howard

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$1,343.65
Envelopes: \$ 417.06
Cash \$ 425.20
Christmas Dues: \$ 50.00