

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 46—25 December 2021 Christmas Day

Each year, it feels like Christmas begins sooner. Lately, people I talk with feel disconnected and unready for the season and many want to move on from this past year, where our lives were deeply affected. The days are moving faster, but the season isn't feeling any merrier.

I recall on a November day hearing one of the favourite Christmas carols, "Silent Night, Holy Night". The words from this classic hymn were lost by the noise of the world and a hectic shopping mall. I knew it was there and my heart stirred once again. The song always seems to set the mood for a quiet, peaceful scene where people of faith sit in wonder at the birth of the Christ Child. In this season, no matter what is happening in the world around us, we all wait with hope for the fulfillment of God's promise. In the familiar refrain from the prophet Isaiah, we will sing together another hymn of thankful praise: "For unto us a child is born, a son is given." Let us Rejoice!

As we look to this Christmas and beyond, I'm particularly moved by the words of Howard Thurman, and I hope it would help you as well.

*"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,*

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*To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart."*

Let the work of the Christmas being. Let's begin it together. Wishing you all a wonderful and joyful Christmas.

Fr Giltus, Fr Jacob, Sr Maureen Sr. Frances Anna

This is the last Newsletter for the Year. The First one for 2022 will be the last weekend in January.

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
Psalm: Blessed are those who live in your house, O Lord			
Mon 27 Dec:	1John 1:1-4	John 20:2-8	<i>St John Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Tues 28 Dec:	1John 1:5-2:2	Matt 2:13-18	<i>Holy Innocents</i>
Wed 29 Dec:	1John 2:3-11	Luke 2:22-35	<i>St Thomas Becket</i>
Thus 30 Dec:	1John 2:12-17	Luke 2:36-40	
Fri 31 Dec:	1John 2:18-21	John 1:1-18	<i>St Sylvester</i>
New Years Day			
Sat 1 Jan:	Num 6:22-27	Gal 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21 World Day of Peace
Readings; Epiphany of the Lord			
Sun 2 Jan:	Isaiah 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3,5-6	Matt 2:1-12



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

Dear brother, dear sister, if your hands seem empty, if you think your heart is poor in love, this night is for you. *The grace of God has appeared*, to shine forth in your life. Accept it and the light of Christmas will shine forth in you. Pope Francis: [Homily 24 December 2019](#)



To the Tongan Community for helping clean up around SM Church last Weekend

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 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



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.



Wanted—space to store dry kindling for St Vincent De Paul. If you can help,

please call Vernon Price

022-018-8614

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



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Weekend Mass Times

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

Blenheim-5pm 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 Lord (2)

Sat Jan 9

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Jan 10

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

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Kaikoura-5pm

Blenheim-5pm Mass

2nd Sun Ord Time (3)

Sat Jan 15

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Jan 16

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura 9-30 **W&C**

Blenheim 10am Mass

Kaikoura 5pm

Blenheim 5pm

3rd Sun of Ord (4)

Sat Jan22

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Jan 23

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am Mass

Kaikoura 5pm

Blenheim 5pm

4th Sun of Ord (5)

Sat Jan 29

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Jan 30

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

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Kaikoura-5pm

Blenheim-5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Blenheim

Weekday Masses, Tues

-Fri, 9am during Jan

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)



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:

Anniversaries: Dec 23 Bob Dean, **24** Doreen

Smith **25** Jim Mason, Johnstone and Forsyth families

Other Intentions: Hugh Byrne & Byrne family, 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: \$1,256.20

Envelopes: \$ 515.07

Cash \$ 286.49

Christmas Dues: \$ 30.00