

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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Newsletter 46 11th December 2022

3rd Sunday Advent

Dear Parishioners

John the Baptist is in prison, and he sends his disciples to ask Jesus a question that was at the heart of John's ministry:

'Are you the Messiah? The one who is to come?'

The response of Jesus is surprising – tell John what you can see and hear and feel. Sight is restored to the blind.

The deaf can hear again. The lame can walk again. Lepers are healed and welcomed back into the community...

The response of Jesus is surprising because it reveals a God who heals, not a God who punishes.

It reveals a God who restores all of creation and all of our humanity.

By way of response all we need to have is an open heart to recognize what Jesus has done and is doing for us.

With every blessing in Christ

Michael McCabe



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Wednesday 16 November:



Women's friendship group meet at Raupo from 10am. We would love for you to join us. This will be the last meeting for this year we will resume in February 2023

Blenheim Christmas Mass Ministries

To date there has been little response to our call for help with our ministries at the 5.30pm & 10am Christmas Masses. We need:

Greeters, welcomer, proclaimers, offertory, PowerPoint operator, Eucharistic special minister, setting up for Mass anything to help, please contact

Lorraine Walker 0276246264 / 9273512 or email

trukwalker@gmail.com



You are warmly invited to come and spend some time in prayer at the foot of the Nativity scene which is on display at the back of St. Mary's. This is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the wonder and splendor of the infant Jesus - especially with your tamariki and mokopuna. A special time is on Sundays 11 and 18 December 2022 between 11.15am to 12.30pm.

Christmas Mass & Liturgy Timetable

December 24th Christmas Eve (Saturday)



Blenheim @ 5.30pm
(Family Mass, Carols from 5pm)
Kaikoura @ 7.30pm
(Carols from 7pm)

December 25: Christmas Day (Sunday)

Seddon 8am
Picton @ 9am
Kaikoura @ 9.30am W&C
Blenheim @ 10.00am

New Year Day 1st January (Sunday)



Seddon @ 8am W&C
Picton @ 9am W&C
Kaikoura @ 9.30am Mass
Blenheim @ 10am W&C

Parish Office Christmas Break

Closes on 23 December 12 noon
And reopens on Monday 16th January.

A Warm Welcome to Our Parish Family of Marlborough

We are joy-filled missionary disciples: walking in Christ's light, growing in faith together, and taking the Gospel and the love of Jesus to the people of Marlborough and beyond.

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Mass & Liturgy Schedules

Sat 10th December

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**

Sun 11th December

Seddon **8am—Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30- **W&C**

Blenheim **10.am-Mass**

Picton **4pm— Mass**

Tuesday—13th December

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday – 14th December

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Kaikoura Mass 6pm

Thursday – 15th December

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am Mass (School EOY Mass)

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday – 16th December

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Sat 17th December

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**

Sun 18th December

Seddon **8am—Mass**

Kaikoura **9.30- W&C**

Blenheim **10.am—Mass**

Picton **9am— W&C**

Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$3,301.93

Christmas Dues \$20.00

Mission Sunday \$20.00

If you would like to contribute to the running costs of the Parish, here is our account number:

Star of the Sea Parish

02-0600-0154396-00

Please contact Ginetta at the Parish Office for a giving number, or for setting up an Automatic payment.

Readings for 11th—18th December

Sunday 11th December

3rd Sunday Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Monday 12th December

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17

Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday 13th December

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13

Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday 14th December

Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-26

Luke 7:19-23

Thursday 15th December

Isaiah 54:1-10

Luke 7:24-30

Friday 16th December

Isaiah 56:1-3,6-8

John 5:33-36

Saturday 17th December

Genesis 49:2,8-10

Matthew 1:1-17

Sunday 18th December

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Find peace in God's Word



Remembering the Holy Souls— May they Rest In Peace

Elizabeth Knight

Phil Mead

Tess Gill

Frances Connolly

Patricia Davis

Richard Nicol

Lynette Kilmartin

Doreen Smith

Nanny Kay Nukunuku

John Smart

John O'Halloran

Gyula Mitribusz

and all our deceased

parishioners and benefactors

Intentions please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Rose Giddy

Cardinal Tom Williams

Monica Nott

Arlo Eygenraam

Charlotte Cagney

Donna Lippiatt

Michelle Parkin

Sr Frances Anna smsm

Ken Trustrum

Marie Burrows

Linda Cheesman

Delia Climo

Fr John Crispin sm

Pray for Peace in the Ukraine

Annual School Stationery Drive:

The Marlborough Community Development (MCD) Trust is raising funds to purchase all the stationery for Blenheim and Mayfield Schools. There will be a stationery pack for every student plus some extra packs are provided so that students starting later in the year can be included. MCD is looking to raise \$7,000. The account for donations is: **12-3167-0177207-00 Reference** stationery. If you would like a donation receipt email your contact details to: office@mcdtrust.org.nz

St Vincent de Paul wish to thank our fellow parishioners and St Mary's school for all the support throughout the year. We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas. Our shop closes on 17 December and re-opens on Monday 9th January. (Week 2 volunteers)

Blenheim 5.30pm Christmas Eve

Mass, we would like some of our children to act out the Nativity story. There would be some practices beforehand. If this is something your children would like to be apart of phone Ginetta at the parish office or contact Rosie Lamain-lamain@actrix.co.nz

Quote from Pope Francis

"Brothers and sisters, in this Season of Advent, let us be shaken out of our torpor and let us awaken from our slumber! Let's try to ask ourselves: am I aware of what I am living, am I alert, am I awake? Do I try to recognize God's presence in daily situations..?" (Pope Francis, Angelus. Nov 27th 2022)

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