

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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4th Sunday Advent

Dear Parishioners

This week we have witnessed two wonderful end of the School Year celebrations with our parish schools – Hato Hohepa and Hato Mere.

Children and parents, staff and members of the Boards of Trustees gathered in Kaikoura and Blenheim to celebrate the achievements of the school year.

And let us not forget the joyful Nativity play the Pre-School of Hato Mere put on recently to celebrate their year together.

Congratulations to these communities that bring so much life to our parish community.

The way the students and staff and Board of Trustee members were comfortable in speaking and singing in Te Reo was inspirational.

Similarly inspirational is the way the schools are so inclusive and welcoming of all the cultures that make up Marlborough.

In a week where we have read about our migrant workers being dishonoured the Christian values of the schools provided a witness to the gospel and a challenge to our parish community.

With every blessing for this last week of Advent and safe travels to all those visiting family and friends

Michael McCabe

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



On your own at Christmas?

If you're not being surrounded by friends and family on Christmas Day, you might like to join a few Blenheim Star of

The Sea Parishioners for a Christmas lunch in the Community Centre. This invitation is to all Star of the Sea Parishioners who might like to be part of this, but not to the wider community – we couldn't manage a big crowd! They say there is no such thing as a free lunch, but in this case they're wrong – this lunch is free! That's right, no cost. What we do need is the numbers of who might come, so if you're interested please put your name and contact details on the sheet in the foyer. Or phone Bill McElhinney 027 4242 836 Or Jenny McElhinney 027 4242 003
We look forward to seeing you



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.

Christmas Mass & Liturgy Timetable

December 24th Christmas Eve (Saturday) Family Masses

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



Dec 25: Christmas Day (Sunday)

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

New Year's Eve 31st Dec (Saturday)

Blenheim @ 5pm
New Year Day 1st Jan (Sunday)

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



Thank you for those who have volunteered for Christmas Ministries, if you would still like to help please phone Lorraine 0276246264

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 17th December

Blenheim 5pm -Mass

Sun 18th December

Seddon 8am—Mass

Picton 9am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30- Mass

Blenheim 10.am—Mass

Tuesday—20th December

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday – 21st December

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Thursday – 22nd December

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm

Friday – 23rd December

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Sat 24th December—Christmas Eve

Blenheim 5.30pm Mass (Carols from 5pm)

Kaikoura 7.30pm Mass (Carols from 7pm)

Sun 25th December—Christmas Day

Seddon 8am—Mass

Picton 9am— Mass

Kaikoura 9.30- W&C

Blenheim 10.am-Mass

Readings for 18h—25th December

Sunday 18th December

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Monday 19th December

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25

Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday 20th December

Isaiah 7:10-14

Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday 21st December

Songs 2:8-14 or

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Luke 1:26-38

Thursday 22nd December

1 Samuel 1:24-28

Luke 1:39-45

Friday 23rd December

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Luke 1:57-66

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62:1-5

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

Isaiah 9:1-7

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2:1-14

*Find peace in
God's Word*



Remembering the Holy Souls— May they Rest In Peace

Bill Fagan

Geoffrey Pearson (Wgtn)

Elizabeth Knight

Phil Mead

Patricia Davis

Richard Nicol

Lynette Kilmartin

Doreen Smith

McConway, Cheesemen & Hope families.

Gerard & Chris Riordan

Ossie Hickman

Norah, Moran, & John Costello

Nancy & Jack Hickman & relatives
& friends of the Hickman's.

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 ssm

Ken Trustrum

Marie Burrows

Delia Climo

Fr John Crispin sm

Linda Cheeseman



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: ofice@mcdtrust.org.nz

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Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,506.51

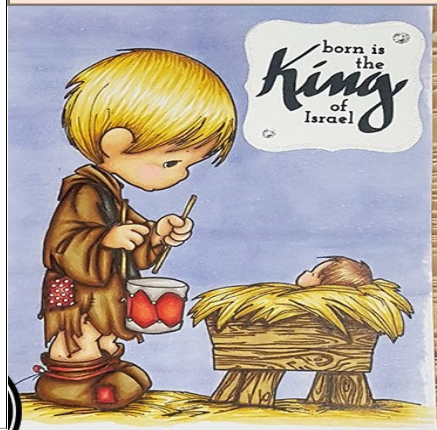
Christmas Dues \$50.00

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.



Quote from Pope Francis

Advent is a time in which, instead of thinking about gifts for ourselves, we can give words and gestures of consolation to those who are wounded, as Jesus did with the blind, the deaf and the lame. (Pope Francis, *ANGELUS*, December 2022)

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