

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 48 25th December 2022

Christmas Day

Dear Parishioners

Once a year we all pause to reflect on the deeper meaning of Christmas

– the Word made flesh – the child looking up at us

With wonder and blessing and unconditional love

With gratitude and with renewed hope.

Together with the parish staff and parish leaders a sincere thank you for all that you have done during the year

By way of building up the Body of Christ here in Marlborough – in ways that have been notable and courageous. And in ways that have been gentle, voluntary, hidden, and unknown.

The beautiful Irish blessing capturing the spirit of Christmas is our heartfelt prayer for you and your loved ones:

“Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you.

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.”

A blessed Christmas

Michael McCabe



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

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

Parish Office Christmas Break

Closes on 23 December 12 noon

And reopens on Monday 16th January.

The last newsletter for the year is 24/25th

December and the first Newsletter for the year is 28/29 January 2023



My good wishes and Christmas blessings as Emmanuel remains with us, to friends and parishioners of Star of the Sea! Elizabeth Mary RSM

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.

The **Blenheim** shop closes on 17 December and re-opens on Monday 9th January (Week 2 volunteers)
The **Picton** shop closes on 23rd Dec, open 27-31st Dec then 4th Jan onwards.



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.

(Special thanks to one of the St Mary's family for this photo)

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.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Mass & Liturgy Schedules

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 **10am—Mass**

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th Dec no masses at any centre

Sat 31st December

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 1st January

Seddon **8am—W&C**

Picton **9am W&C**

Kaikoura **9.30- Mass**

Blenheim **10.am—W&C**

Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th Jan no masses at any centre

Epiphany of the Lord

Sat Jan 7

Blenheim-5pm **W&C**

Sun Jan 8

Seddon-8am **Mass**

Picton-9am **Mass**

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am **Mass**

2nd Sun Ord Time

Sat Jan 14

Blenheim-5pm **Mass**

Sun Jan 15

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Kaikoura 9-30 **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **W&C**

Picton-4pm **Mass**

3rd Sun Ord Time

Sat Jan 21

Blenheim 5pm **W&C**

Sun Jan 22

Seddon-8am **Mass**

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am **Mass**

Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: 6751.70

Christmas Dues: \$70

Peters Pence: \$5

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

Readings for 25th December- 1st January 2023

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

Isaiah 9:1-7

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2:1-14

Monday 26th December

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59

Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday 27th December

1John 1:1-4

John 20:2-8

Wednesday 28th December

1John 1:5-2:2

Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday 29th December

1John 2:3-11

Luke 2:22-35

Friday 30th December

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Saturday 31st December

1John 2:18-21

John 1:1-18

Sunday 1st January 2023

New Years Day

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

*Find peace in
God's Word*



Intentions please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Rose Giddy

Cardinal Tom Williams

Monica Nott

Arlo Eygenraam

Charlotte Cagney

Donna Lippiatt

Sr Frances Anna smsm

Marie Burrows

Delia Climo

Fr John Crispin sm

Linda Cheesman

Pray for Peace in the Ukraine



Remembering the Holy Souls— May they Rest In Peace

Please keep Frances Murphy in your prayers, her father died in an accident in the North Island on Saturday

Heather Dixon (Chch)

Michael Blissett (UK)

Bill Fagan

Geoffrey Pearson (Wgtn)

Elizabeth Knight

Phil Mead

Patricia Davis

Richard Nicol

Brian Stretch

Libby Laurent

Stretch & Fitzpatrick families

Julie Forbes

Gwenda Bishell

Lynette Kilmartin

Doreen Smith

McConway, Cheesman & Hope families.

Gerard & Chris Riordan

Ossie Hickman

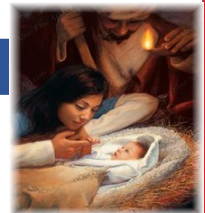
Norah, Moran, & John Costello

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

Ethel & Thomas McHugh & deceased members of McHugh & Dalton Families

and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors

Joy
hope
Love
PEACE
Christmas



Quote from Pope Francis

“May the child of God born in Bethlehem fill each of you, your families and those you help with love.”

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