

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 3—12th February 2023 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Reflection on Sunday Gospel – Matthew 5:17-37 By Sister Verna Holyhead, SGS.

"In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Nelson Mandela writes about the wardens who guarded him and the other prisoners and their essential humanity.

He believed that hostility towards them was self-defeating, and that everyone, even our enemies, can change.

On February 11, 1990, the day that Mandela was to be released from prison after twenty-seven and a half years, the crowd that gathered throughout the world who were watching TV became anxious as the time for his release was well past. Would he not walk free after all? But he did, and the reason for the long delay was because he was saying an emotional goodbye to his guards.

In his freedom speech that night, Mandela reminded the world that we can all imprison ourselves behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness."

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

- Nelson Mandela



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

World Marriage Day—12th February

"Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love." (AL #70)



Wednesday 15 February 2023 Blenheim
Women's Friendship Group meeting at Raupo Café 10am
Please join us, love to see you there.



Sunday 19th February

A Youth-led Mass is to be held in the grounds of St. Mary's on Sunday 19 February at 10am followed by a BYO picnic lunch. Come and join in the praise, worship and beauty of this liturgy. Bring a deck-chair or picnic rug to sit on.



Father Chris Skinner in

Concert St Francis of Assisi Church Songer Street—Stoke

Saturday February 25th 7.00pm. Door sales on the night and also available from: Richmond Mall Kiosk Desk, or

Margot: 027-4448-398. Chris has been invited from our Faith and Light group to come for a Celebration Concert.

Unwaged \$15 Single ticket \$20 Family \$30.

SYCAMORE

The Discipleship Group is excited to run this informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today, in our parish in 2023. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. A "taster" session is being run at St Mary's Community Centre on Monday 13 February from 7 – 8.30pm, Everyone is welcome, and following feedback from this session, we intend to run the 6 week Sycamore Lenten programme.



Statue renovation

Do you have a statue that needs some repair?

Contact Belinda Bryce 022-012-3315

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 11th February

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**

Sun 12th February

Seddon **8am—W&C**

Kaikoura **9.30— Mass**

Blenheim **10.am-W&C**

Picton **9am— W&C**

Monday 13th February

Kaikoura 9.30am whole School Mass all welcome.

Blenheim 11am School Mass in the Hall, all welcome.

Tuesday—14th February

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday – 15th February

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 16th February

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm W&C

Friday – 17th February

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Sat 18th February

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**

Sun 19th February

Seddon **8am—Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30— **W&C**

Blenheim **10.am-Mass Led by Youth**

Picton **4pm— Mass**

Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$1717.90

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 12th—19th February 2023

Sunday 12th February

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Monday 13h February

Genesis 4:1-15,25

Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday 14th February

Genesis 6:5-8,7:1-5,10

Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday 15th February

Genesis 8:6-13,20-22

Mark 8:22-26

Thursday 16th February

Genesis 9:1-13

Mark 8:27-33

Friday 17th February

Genesis 11:1-9

Mark 8:34-39,1

Saturday 18th February

Hebrews 11:1-7

Mark 9:2-13

Sunday 19th February

Levit, 19;1-2,17-18

1Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

*Find peace in
God's Word*



Intentions please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Sr Elizabeth Mary RSM

Cardinal Tom Williams

Monica Nott

Arlo Eygenraam

Charlotte Cagney

Donna Lippiatt

Michelle Parkin

Sr Frances Anna smsm

Marie Burrows

Peter Campbell

Brenda Price

Beavon Undrel

Pray for Peace in the Ukraine

Please keep the People of Turkey and Syria in your prayers.



**Remembering the Holy Souls—
May they Rest In Peace**

John Hayde (Hamilton)

David Mahoney

Maureen McGuinness

Mons. John Carde MBE

Josephine Walsh

Suzanne Anderson (nee Hall)

Robert Connor

Phillipa Teeling (Aust)

Don Irving

and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors



Caritas
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Earthquake Appeal

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday 6 February which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people.

Keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your prayers as they face widespread devastation and loss of life. We're in contact with our partners on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs at this time.

If you would like to donate, you can do so online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at this link:

www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online

(Please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake) Or donate via the Caritas bank account:

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(please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code.)

There will be a leaving collection for the next 2 Sundays.

Quote from Pope Francis

"Being a Christian is not just about following commandments: it is about letting Christ take possession of our lives and transform them." Pope Francis, [Twitter, 10 April 2013](https://twitter.com/PopeFrancis)

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