

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.

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Newsletter 6— 5th March 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for your generous support for flood relief in Auckland, Northland, and Hawkes Bay. \$5000 was raised in the parish retiring collections and Saint Vincent de Paul, Blenheim have donated a further \$10,000 to Saint Vincent de Paul's National office for flood relief in these three communities. The \$5,000 raised by Star of the Sea parishioners will be forwarded to Saint Peter's Parish Wairoa to support parishioners in need.

In speaking with Father Robert Devlin SM parish priest of Wairoa he said this, "It is humbling that you have thought of us at the other end of what used to be the Archdiocese. Of course, I remember with fondness my short time in Marlborough nearly forty years ago. A special place. We are recovering well even with our few resources here in town ... many generous volunteers; even many from Gisborne bearing waterblasters and equipment and heaps of goodwill. The Wairua is alive... many thanks and blessings on you all down there at the top of the mainland. Peace, Rob Devlin sm."

Today's gospel tells us the story of the transfiguration – through our charity to our brothers and sisters in need we remind them and ourselves that we are all the "beloved daughters and sons of God" – the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

With every blessing in Christ

Michael McCabe

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

SYCAMORE

The Discipleship Group wishes to invite you to this informal 6-week Lent programme every Monday from 7pm to 8.30pm in St. Mary's Community Centre until Easter. Through videos and small discussion groups we will explore topics such as the existence of God, who is Jesus?, the Holy Spirit and the Church, the gift of faith, finding true freedom and the meaning of love. So come along. Why not bring a friend? For more information go to <https://www.sycamore.fm>

Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation

The Blenheim Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation will be run at St Mary's Community Centre. We welcome all baptized students from age 8 (Year 4) and up, to join us as they continue on this special part of their Faith Journey. The facilitators will be Rosie Lamain and Lorraine Walker.

The sessions will be held on a Sunday morning before 10.00am Mass, starting on Sunday 5th March. Parents and Caregivers are invited to join us for these sessions also. The programme for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will follow later in the year. Please register names and make contact via email Ginetta office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz Rosie rosie@stmb.school.nz

Kaikoura is running their sacramental programme on Sunday mornings after Mass/Word & Communion, also starting 5th March. Please Contact Sr Maureen or Breanna Moller if you would like to be involved.
Blessings on all participants

From Belinda Vavasour

I would like all parishioners of St Mary's Church, Star of the Sea Parish, to know that I am no longer compiling the rosters for the weekend liturgies. I am so grateful to those who have stepped up during the past eight years to help with the various ministries involved in the weekend liturgies. A huge thank you to all of you for your help and assistance. The new Coordinator is Lorraine Walker and I am sure you will support her as you have supported me. Lorraine Walker can be contacted on 927 3512 or 027 624 6264 or trukwalker@gmail.com



We would like to thank you Belinda for your 8 years of organizing the rosters. You have done such an amazing job. May God Bless you abundantly, thank you.

Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need.

The bins in our churches are cleared every week so donations can be made outside of the times listed.
There is a desperate need at the moment for all non-perishable food.

1st Sunday @ Blenheim
1st Sunday @ Kaikoura
All Sundays @ Picton

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 4th March

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**

Sun 5th March—Children's Day NZ

Seddon **8am—Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30— **W&C**

Blenheim **10.am-Mass**

Picton **4pm— Mass**

Blenheim Rosary **5.30pm** for Peter Hand

Monday 6th March

Blenheim 11.30am Requiem Mass for Peter Hand

Tuesday—7th March

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday – 8th March

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 9th March

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm W&C

Friday – 10th March

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Blenheim Rosary 3pm

led by Tongan community



Sat 11th March

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**

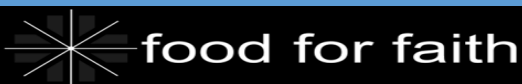
Sun 12th March

Seddon **8am—W&C**

Picton **9am— W&C**

Kaikoura **9.30— Mass**

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



Every morning of LENT 2023 for those seeking greater maturity of faith.

Sign up to receive daily emails at:

[Sign up - food for faith](#)

Readings for 5 -12 March 2023

Sunday 5th March

Genesis 12:1-4

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Monday 6th March

Daniel 9:4-10

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday 7th March

Isaiah 1:10-16-20

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday 8th March

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday 9th March

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 16:19-31

Friday 10th March

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13, 17-28

Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday 11th March

Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday 12th March

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

John 4:5-42

Find peace in God's Word



Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week: Total: 2,883.98
Flood relief Appeal: \$2440.40

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.



Remembering the Holy Souls— May they Rest In Peace

Peter Hand

Johnny Ireland (Fielding)

Tom Conroy (Ireland)

Susan Cacciopoli (sister-in-law of Fr Damian)

Chris Riordan

Anna Watts

Joy McCabe

and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors

Intentions please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Dominic Dawkins

Maria Martin

Belinda Vavasour

Sr Susanna Kraus RSM

Cardinal Tom Williams

Arlo Eygenraam

Charlotte Cagney

Donna Lippiatt

Michelle Parkin

Sr Frances Anna smsm

Peter Campbell

Brenda Price

Beavan Undrill

Nancy Woolford-Stayner

Marian Sullivan

Willie Manuel

Pray for Peace in the Ukraine Please keep the People of Turkey and Syria in your prayers.



Wednesday 15 March 2023

Blenheim Women's Friendship Group

meeting at Runway Café 10am
Please join us, love to see you there.

Quote from Pope Francis

"Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to Jesus. He speaks to us in the Word of God and through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and stories of those who are in need. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no generous effort will be lost.

"Pope Francis, [Twitter, 18/02/23](#)

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