

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 15— 7th May 2023 5th Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners

The Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard once said, that while we live our lives forward, we understand them backwards. In other words, very often, we do not understand the significance of some particular event or moment whether it be joyful or sad, full of wonder, or regret. It is only later that we discover the seeds of wisdom and understanding within a particular personal, family, or communal moment.

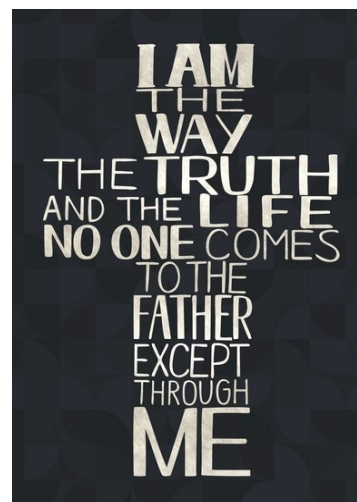
Scripture scholar Sister Verna Holyhead builds on Kierkegaard's insight when she says, "all of the New Testament authors wrote out of a faith that looked back to Christ's life, death, and resurrection." They did so in order to enable their communities to focus on the hope of eternal life – the hope of reaching our true home with God.

It is this hope that makes today's gospel of John 14:1-12 so very popular at Catholic funerals as it acknowledges God as our origin as well as our destination.

To bring hope and meaning to others inevitably brings hope and meaning to ourselves and the faith communities to which we belong.

With every blessing in Christ

Michael McCabe



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

St Vincent De Paul Society

Can you Help?

A family that lost everything in a fire last year now has a house and there is a desperate need for these Items:

Beds both double & single

Washing machine, plus any other household items.

If you can help please contact Margaret Schultz, 021-026-07468.

Sunday 7th May



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 the times listed. There is a desperate need at the moment for all non-perishable food.

1st Sunday @ Blenheim & Kaikoura,

All Sundays @ Picton

Thursday 18th—28th May

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Isaiah 1: 17

Do good, seek justice



New Principal at St Mary's School, Blenheim.

With Mr Paddy Dowling leaving at the end of the second term, there will be a new Principal of St Mary's School. We would like to congratulate Mrs Bridget Comer who is to take up the role of Principal, beginning in Term 3 2023.

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 6th May

Blenheim 5pm—Mass

Sun 7th May

Seddon 8am—W&C

Picton 9am—W&C

Kaikoura -9.30am Mass

Blenheim 10am W&C

Tuesday—9th May

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday – 10th May

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 11th May

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm W&C

Friday – 12th May

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Sat 13th May

Blenheim 5pm –W&C

Sun 14th May—Mother's Day

Seddon 8am—Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am— W&C

Blenheim 10.00am-Mass

Picton 4pm— Mass

Notices from

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Mary in the Scriptures Mondays 19/26

June & 03/10 July 7-8.30pm zoom

Focus on Target - Draw Fresh

Momentum with Laetitia Puthenpadath

Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30

-1.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or

\$70/4 sessions.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/>

Readings for

7th –14th May 2023

Sunday 7th May

Acts 6:1-7

1Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Monday 8th May

Acts 14:5-18

John 14:21-26

Tuesday 9th May

Acts 14:19-28

John 14:27-31

Wednesday 10th May

Acts 15:1-6

John 15:1-8

Thursday 11th May

Acts 15:7-21

John 15:9-11

Friday 12th May

Acts 15:22-31

John 15:18-21

Saturday 13th May

Acts 16:1-10

John 15:18-21

Sunday 14th May

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

*Find peace in
God's Word*



Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,215.78

Holy Places: \$20.00

Easter Dues: \$70.00

Vocation Sunday: \$220.00

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.



Remembering the Holy Souls—May they Rest In Peace

Tim Wakefield
Father Michael Lloyd
Mary Gordon
Aloma Donnelly
Mary-Claire Murphy,
Sr Susanna Kraus RSM,
Valda Armstrong,
Murray Mills,
Shirley Tierney,
Brent Sommerton,

Hope, McConway & Cheesman families
Peter Hope,
Ellen Millar
Denis Harnett
Tim Wakefield
Jim Kilmartin
Rodney Reid
and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors



Intentions please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Dennis Hannon
Margaret Collins
Dominic Dawkins
Arlo Eygenraam
Donna Lippiatt
Miriam Sullivan
Graham Check
Willie Manuel
Eileen McCarron
Sr Maureen
Connor smsm

Maria Martin
Peter Campbell
Cardinal Tom Williams
Charlotte Cagney
Michelle Parkin
Brenda Price
Nancy Woolford-Stayner
Margaret Procter
Mary Norton



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

Please Note:

Tax Receipts are in the church foyers for those who don't have email addresses

Quote from Pope Francis

"When we resort to violence, we show that we no longer know anything about God, or even about others. We lose sight of why we are in the world and even end up committing senseless acts of cruelty. We see this in the folly of war, where Christ is crucified yet another time. Christ is once more nailed to the Cross in mothers who mourn the unjust death of husbands and sons. He is crucified in refugees who flee from bombs with children in their arms. He is crucified in the elderly left alone to die; in young people deprived of a future; in soldiers sent to kill their brothers and sisters. Christ is being crucified there, today." Pope Francis, [Homily 10/04/2022](#)

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