

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 33— 10th September 2023

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Mary's yes, our blessing

Pencil Preaching for Thursday, September 8, 2022

by Pat Marrin

"All things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Matt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

The glory of Jesus lights up his entire family tree. Everyone participates in the mystery of his Incarnation, from Abraham reaching back even to Adam. St. Paul exults in his Letter to the Romans at how God created the world to prepare for his Son, Jesus, who is the firstborn of the New Creation. Mary, the mother of Jesus, holds a place of honor in this genealogy, and today's feast celebrates her birth as penultimate to his birth, when divinity is united with our humanity, suffusing it with glory and giving us all a divine destiny.

Today's Gospel completes the long trajectory of the promise made to Abraham with Mary's betrothal to Joseph of the house of David, while reserving the identity of her Son to his divine conception by the Holy Spirit. Thus, the hand of God is revealed in a series of impossible and improbable conceptions included in his history. Abraham and Sarah are too old, Judah commits incest with Tamar, Ruth is a foreigner, David and Bathsheba are adulterers, yet they are all part of the family of Jesus. Grace overcomes sin from the start.

Joseph, the humble and totally silent linchpin of the genealogy, conceives of Jesus, as it were, in a dream. An angel tells him, "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her." Joseph is granted naming rights to call the child Jesus, Yeshua Ben Yosef, son of Joseph, and like his namesake Joshua, a savior. News of his birth gives joy to his maternal grandparents, by tradition Joachim and Anne, and the whole family circle enters Christian popular devotion for good.

All of this helps bring this mystery closer to us, for the Good News is not that God has done something for us from afar, a glorious intervention, but has appeared among us from within our human estate, including our sinfulness. Jesus is one of us, like us in all things except sin, sharing every aspect of the human struggle, embracing our sufferings and temptations, subject even to death. His humble birth among the poor was only the beginning of his downward mobility, a refugee from kings, rejected, pursued, outcast, crucified.

We celebrate Mary because she gave birth to Jesus and then shared his human journey all the way to his death. She was called according to God's purpose and said "Yes," because everything works together for good for those who love God. We are called to say "Yes" to that same purpose, which makes us all part of the family.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Come and hear Kaylene Subritzky from Dove Ministries at St Ninians Church, Alabama Road, at 7pm next Tuesday, September 12. Kaylene is being hosted by Blenheim Women's Aglow. She is inviting people to be touched by the Holy Spirit and be inspired to dream again! Men welcome too. A light supper to follow.

Reminder: monthly Ladies Coffee morning on 20th September at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre from 10am. Bring a friend.



Safeguarding workshops: The parish invites all volunteers in ministries in the parish involved with children and vulnerable adults to workshops on Safeguarding as we practice it in the Archdiocese. Safeguarding builds on gospel values of respect, dignity and justice in protecting the vulnerable from harm, and building a new culture of safeguard in our churches where all feel welcome and safe. These workshops are conducted by Sr Catherine Jones, smsm, Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor. Sr Catherine will be in our Parish of Star of the Sea from 21-29 September. Kaikoura Sept 22-24; Picton & Blenheim Sept 25-29. Meeting times to be announced next week.



A HUGE thank you!! To Tom O'Regan for the donation of Peony rose tubers as a **fundraiser** for St Mary's Youth group!! We have been selling a lot of them, and if anyone else is keen for the last of them, please give Maurice a call or text

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 9th Sept

Blenheim 5pm – Mass (Live Stream)

Sun 10th Sept

Seddon 8am – W&C

Picton 9.30am – W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am – Mass

Blenheim 10.00am – W&C

Tuesday – 12th Sept

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday – 13th Sept

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 14th Sept-

Blenheim 9.30am - Mass

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm -W&C

Friday – 15th Sept

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm – Mass

Sat 16th Sept

Picton 4pm – Mass

Blenheim 5pm – W&C

Sun 17th Sept

Seddon 8am – Mass

Kaikoura – 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 10am – Mass (Live Stream)

Please participate in the
Church Life Survey.

Our church is part of this nationwide survey of church attenders. This is a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church and be heard by our leaders. Can you take 10-15 minutes to fill it out by 26 September?

QR code:



OR this link:

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01GZD4FNEVNN6FAH6C005SVWD0/en-rc>

There are paper copies available but we prefer you to fill this out online.

Readings for:

10-17 September 2023

Sunday 10th September

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Monday 11th September

Colossians 1:24-2:3

Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday 12th September

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday 13th September

St John Chrysostom

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 6:20-26

Thursday 14th September- Exaltation of the Cross

Numbers 21:4-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Friday 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 19:25-27

Saturday 16th September- Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

Timothy 1: 15-17

Luke 6:43-49

Sunday 17th September

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



*Find peace in
God's Word*

Season of Creation: Fashion is routinely described as the world's second most polluting industry, and is the third most climate-damaging industry on earth.

Everyone needs clothes and dressing sustainably can be complicated. Think long term - short use of garments is harmful to the environment. Buy better, buy less.



Remembering the Holy Souls – May they Rest In Peace

Jen Wilson QSM;
Patricia Prendeville;
Roger Good -Napier
John O'Brien-
Chch;
Nancy Brunel-Chch
Sutherland, Hope &
McConway families;

and all our
deceased
parishioners
and benefactors

Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker
Margaret Procter
Arlo Eygenraam;
Rebecca Upton;
Donna Lippiatt;
Miriam Sullivan;
Les McKay;
Colleen O'Grady
(Auckland);
Patsy Buttle;
Barry Butcher;
Lex & Mary Agnew

Maria Martin;
Peter Campbell;
Charlotte
Cagney;
Nancy Woolford-
Stayner;
Christine O'Grady
(Auckland);
Denise Eddowes;
Terry Price;
Steven Crundwell
-Nlsn

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 3340.22
Maori Pastoral Care: \$ 135.00
Peter's Pence: \$ 50.00
Vocation Sunday: \$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.

SVdP Blenheim have a king single electric bed to give away. Please contact Pat Cairns 578 1358

Quote from Pope Francis

'Jesus asks us to be present to those in need of help, regardless of whether or not they belong to our social group... the Good Samaritan became a neighbour to the wounded Judean. By approaching and making himself present, he crossed all cultural and historical barriers. Jesus says: "Go and do likewise"... he challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked. I should no longer say that I have neighbours to help, but that I must myself be a neighbour to others.' Pope Francis, [Fratelli Tutti](#), 84.

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