

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 36— 1st October 2023

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners

In today's gospel – Matthew 21:28-32 we have a further image of the vineyard. All of us are motivated by good intentions, most of the time. Despite these good intentions, however, we also know that we can have second thoughts and fail to follow up on these good thoughts.

As a result, our relationships with God, with others, and with our deepest selves can be damaged though neglect.

The eldest son has a change of heart in today's story – despite his initial, and adamant No!

May his change of heart bring us hope in all of our relationships.

Sincere thanks to Sister Catherine Jones for leading the workshops on safeguarding during the past two weeks in the parish and to all who were able to attend these.

Thank you also to Sisters Maureen and Frances and Belinda Vavasour for their hospitality to Sister Catherine.

Building a culture of care takes us into the very heart of ministry and these workshops have been a timely reminder of that.

We are asked to pray for the Synod in Rome that takes place during this month of October. As a local church, the Archdiocese of Wellington is familiar with the Synod process.

Let us pray each day for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit on those chosen to attend and on the discernment that has taken place already throughout the church in the world.

With every blessing in Christ

Michael McCabe

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Our Sacramental programme continues with preparation for First Holy Communion.

First Communion Sunday at Kaikoura is 19th Nov, at 9.30am Mass.

First Communion Sunday at Seddon Church is 26th Nov at 8am Mass.

First Communion Sunday at Blenheim is also 26th Nov @10.30 Mass.

Classes begin Sunday Oct 15th in Seddon and Blenheim, in Kaikoura during term four.

For further information contact Breanna Moller or Sr Maureen in Kaikoura ; Maria, Ryan or Virginia Hope in Seddon and Lorraine Walker in Blenheim. Further details next week.

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, more than ever before for all non-perishable food.

1st Sunday @ Blenheim

1st Sunday @ Kaikoura

All Sundays @ Picton

Season of Creation: Pope Benedict said: "Creation refers both to God's mysterious, magnificent act of creating this majestic, beautiful planet out of nothing and to the continuing result of that act, which we experience as an inexhaustible gift"



Weekday Mass/W & C will remain in the Mercy Chapel through the summer, with Friday Adoration, Mass to be in the Church.



SVdP Shop Blenheim is looking for a small radio CD player, if you have one you no longer use, please ph 5778378 to donate.

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 30th Sept

Picton 5pm Mass –change of time
Blenheim 5pm— **W&C**

Sun 1st October Celebration of the Venerable Suzane Aubert

Seddon 8am—**Mass**

Kaikoura –9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass (Live Stream)**

Tuesday—2nd Oct

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday –3rd Oct

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am **W&C**

Blenheim 12:05 **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 4th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm -**W&C**

Friday – 5th Oct

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm -**Mass**

Sat 7th Oct

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass (Live Stream)**

Sun 8th Oct

Seddon **8am—W&C**

Picton **9.30 W&C**

Kaikoura **9.30am—Mass**

Blenheim **10.00am—W&C**

St Mary's Preschool

We are fundraising towards an upgrade of the bathroom.

It's a raffle designed for a family, with beautiful items to suit Mum and Dad, as well as newborn items and gifts for toddlers. Tickets are \$2 Drawn on the 16th of October. After Mass or at Preschool.

Parish Survey

If you have completed a paper copy of the Parish Survey and not returned it to the Parish Office please do so as soon as possible.

Readings for:

1st Oct 8th Oct 2023

Sunday 1st Oct

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2;1-11

Matthew 20:1-16

Monday 2nd Oct

Exodus 23:20-23

Matthew 18:1-5,10

Tuesday 3rd Oct

Zechariah 8:20-23

Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday 4th Oct

Nehemiah 2:1-8

Luke 9:57-62

Thursday 5th Oct

Nehemiah 8:1-12

Luke 10:1-12

Friday 6th Oct

Baruch 1:15-22

Luke 10:13-16

Saturday 7th Oct

Our Lady of the Rosary

Acts 1:12-14

Luke 1:26-38

Sunday 8th Oct Day of Prayer to Support Life

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43



Find peace in God's Word

Notices from Tipipounamu & Joy

The Corinthians - who were they? with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm.

ZOOM. Fee: Koha.

[https://](https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/)

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Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video.

Bible Studies, Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations

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Remembering the Holy Souls—May they Rest In Peace

Gerald Sexton;
Kay McKellar;
Nancye Brunel;
Jean Wilson QSM;
Sarah Edgar;
Brian Bell;
Deceased members of the St Vincent de Paul Society;

Ossie Hickman
Victor Manawatu
and all our
deceased
parishioners
and benefactors.

Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Margaret Procter;
Rebecca Upton;
Donna Lippiatt;
Miriam Sullivan;
Les McKay;
Patsy Buttle;
Barry Butcher;
Rupert Laugesen;
Luke Clayton
Teresa Smith;
Sr Frances Anna

Maria Martin;
Peter Campbell;
Charlotte Cagney;
Nancy Woolford-Stayner;
Denise Eddowes;
Terry Price;
Steven Crundwell-Nlsh
Lex & Mary Agnew;

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

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.

Discerning your talents ! New Rosters will be due out at the end of November for Blenheim. Could you help with a cuppa after Mass, Proclaim the Readings, become a Eucharistic Minister, Mass Coordinator, Live Stream the Mass, bring up the offertory, tidy up after Mass to name a few? Can you serve if asked?

Quote from Pope Francis

'Conversion, changing the heart, is a process that purifies us from moral encrustations. And at times it is a painful process, because there is no path of holiness without some sacrifice and without a spiritual battle. Today's Gospel passage calls into question the way of living a Christian life, which is not made up of dreams and beautiful aspirations, but of concrete commitments, in order to always open ourselves to God's will and to love for our brothers and sisters.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 27 September 2020

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