

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 37 – 8th October 2023

27th Sunday Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners

In the life of the church, October is a month containing many rich themes – the month of the rosary and respecting the gift and sanctity of life.

Just as she nurtured the life of Jesus, so are we called to do the same and to discover connections between the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

As Mother of the church and mother of life Mary enables our consciences to continually discover connections and to live by them.

For example, if we are aware of the connection between poverty and abortion, how do we support the life of the unborn and their parents?

And, if we are aware of the link between the social isolation of the frail and elderly and euthanasia, how do we advocate for ethical hospice and palliative care?

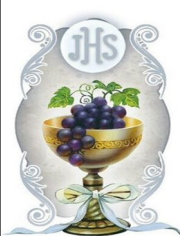
The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have recently released a teaching document on the Consistent Ethic of Life, called Te Kahu o te Ora.

It is very helpful in showing how everything is interconnected in the sanctity of life and our respect for it.

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, and in Kaikoura during term four.

All Blenheim classes will be held at 9am in the Community Centre, please contact

Lorraine @ trukwalker@gmail.com

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

Support Life Sunday: A story... *You may have heard of the gardener who was proudly showing a visitor around her garden. Towards the end of the tour the visitor commented on the wonderful creative work of God. The gardener quickly responded that God had nothing to do with it since (she added) you should have seen it before I came along and God was looking after it on his own! It's an insightful story since God is asking us, daily, to work with him to continue the work of creation. Therefore the decisions we make today need to be in harmony with the architect of creation and his intention for our earth and for ourselves.*

Filipino Mass: is this Sunday at 3pm at St Mary's Church, to honour the

Month of Our Lady.



A Reflection Day is being organised on 4th November in Blenheim.

SAVE THE DATE A Day of Reflection is confirmed for 26th November in Kaikoura. Further details coming soon.

Columban Calendars: are now available from the church foyers in Kaikoura and Blenheim, and the parish office. \$16 each.

[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 7th Oct

Blenheim 5pm – Mass (Live Stream)

Sun 8th Oct– Support For Life

Seddon 8am – W&C

Picton 9.30 W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am – Mass

Blenheim 10.00am – W&C

Blenheim 3pm – Filipino Mass

Michael McCabe away at The National assembly of Priests in Rotorua

Tuesday – 10th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday – 11th Oct

Picton 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 12th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am - W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Kaikoura 5.15pm -W&C

Friday – 13th Oct

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm –W&C

Sat 14th Oct

Picton 5pm Mass

Blenheim 5pm – W&C

Sun 15th October

Seddon 8am – Mass

Kaikoura –9.30am W&C

Blenheim 10am – Mass (Live Stream)



Readings for:

8th–15th Oct 2023

Sunday 8th Oct Day of Prayer to Support Life

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Monday 9th Oct

Jonah 1: 1-2:1,11

Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday 10th Oct

Jonah 3: 1-10

Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday 11th Oct

Jonah 4: 1-11

Luke 11:1-4

Thursday 12th Oct

Malachi 3:13-20

Luke 11:5-13

Friday 13th Oct

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Luke 11:15-26

Saturday 14th Oct

Joel 4:12-21

Luke 11:27-28

Sunday 15th Oct

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Find peace in God's Word



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.



Remembering the Holy Souls—May they Rest In Peace

Br Gererd Mahony (Auck)
Teresa Smith;
Gerald Sexton;
Kay McKellar;
Rod Wilkes, Tim Wilkes, Jack & Florence Maher;
Susan Robinson,
Lal Henderson,
Michael Wardrop;

Lott O'Halloran 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-Nlsn
Lex & Mary Agnew;

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 2440.90

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.

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?

The Corinthians - who were they?

with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>

Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video.

Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations, Bible Studies.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Quote from Pope Francis

'In any age, those who have authority, any authority, also in the Church, in the People of God, may be tempted to work in their own interests instead of those of God. And Jesus says that true authority is when one performs service; it is in serving, not exploiting others. The vineyard is the Lord's, not ours. Authority is a service, and as such should be exercised for the good of all and for the dissemination of the Gospel. It is awful to see when people who have authority in the Church seek their own interests.' Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 4 October 2020

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