

## 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.

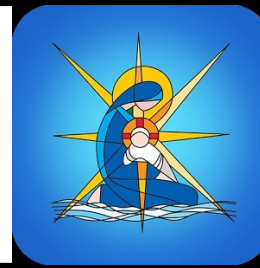
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### Newsletter 45— 3rd December 2023

#### First Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to Father Tim Duckworth, SM, celebrating the weekend masses this weekend. Father Julian Wagg arrives on Wednesday to help out before Christmas.

During the Season of Advent, we are reminded of the prayer we pray at every mass: "...graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin, and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We live between the first coming of Jesus, his birth, his ministry, his death and resurrection, and his second coming on the last day.

Today's gospel tells us how to wait in this in-between time.

The memory of Jesus is our life and when we share his gospel values we make him present to others.

Others, in turn, make Jesus present to us by their actions of charity and compassion and forgiveness.

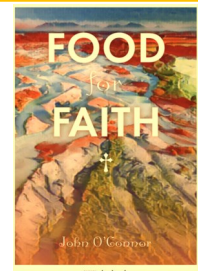
With every blessing in Christ, Michael McCabe



### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

**Anointing Masses:** Wednesday 13th Dec, 10am in Picton; Thursday 14th Dec, 10am in Blenheim. Finger food to follow at Blenheim Mass.

**Food for Faith:** a selection of Fr John O'Connor's reflections from the [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) website is now available as a book. It is offered as an encouragement for people who are seeking greater maturity of faith. To get a copy ask at any good bookstore, or visit the website to order. For more information, email [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz). Also available at the Blenheim parish stall for \$40 each.



#### Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life

The landmark bishops' teaching document *Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life* is now available online as an easy-to-read flip book, reached from a button on the NZCBC home page: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/> Or from here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/te-kahu/> *Te Kahu o te Ora* is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God. NZCBC President and Bishop of Auckland Bishop Stephen Lowe says the bishops want every Catholic to read *Te Kahu o te Ora*. More information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu-flip/>

**SYCAMORE** The Discipleship Group is excited to run the next series of this informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today, this time following the Advent pathway. The programme gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. It will run from Wednesday 22 November for 4 weeks at St Mary's Community Centre from 7 – 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome! It is the Discipleship Group's intention to still run a "Taster" session early in the New Year in Kaikoura, after a number of date clashes in October and November. More details closer to the time.

#### [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 2nd Dec

Blenheim 5pm – Mass (Live Stream)

### Sun 3rd Dec

Seddon 8am – W&C

Picton 9am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am –

Blenheim 10.00am – W&C

**Fr Michael away on retreat**

### Tuesday – 5th Dec

Blenheim- 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura-9.30am W&C

### Wednesday – 6th Dec

Picton 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Mass – Funeral for J Ferguson. All welcome

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

### Thursday – 7th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am - W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

### Friday – 8th Dec

Kaikoura -9.30am -W&C

Blenheim -11am Exposition

Blenheim -12.05pm W&C

### Sat 9th Dec

Picton- 5pm Mass & Rite III

Blenheim -5pm W&C

### Sun 10th Dec

Seddon- 8am Mass

Kaikoura- 9.30am Mass

Blenheim 10am-Mass & Rite III

## 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**

## Readings for:

### 3rd – 10th Dec 2023

#### Sun 3 Dec-1st Sun of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

1Corin1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

#### Mon 4 Dec

Isaiah 2:1-5

Matt 8:5-11

#### Tues 5 Dec

Isaiah 11:1-10

Luke 10:21-24

#### Wed 6 Dec

Isaiah 25:6-10

Matt. 15:29-37

#### Thurs 7 Dec

Isaiah 26:1-6

Matthew 7:21,24-27

#### Fri 8 Dec-Immaculate

#### Conception-Patronal

#### Feast of the Archdiocese

Gen 3:9-15,20

Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Luke 1:26-38

#### Sat 9 Dec

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26

Matt 9:35-10:1,6-8

#### Sun 10 Dec-2nd Sun, Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

2Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



*Find peace in  
God's Word*

## St Mary's Rosters:

Blenheim rosters have been emailed out, if you haven't received them please check the box in the foyer. Contact Lorraine Walker 9273512, 0276246264



**Columban Calendars-  
\$16 & Xmas Cards:**  
are now available.



## Remembering the Holy

## Souls in our November

## Masses—May they Rest In Peace

Miriam Sullivan;

Joan Ferguson;

Geoff Robinson;

Michael Veal;

Peter McGuiness;

Paul Shannahan

sm;

Mary Scanlon LCM

Aileen Scoon;

Bob Dean;

Chris Fredericks;

Kath Molyneux;

John Smart;

Nanny Kay

Nukunuku;

Fr. Jim Kershaw;

and all our

deceased

parishioners and

benefactors.

**Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.**

Richard Booker;

Rebecca Upton;

Donna Lippiatt;

Les McKay;

Barry Butcher;

Rupert Laugesen;

Luke Clayton

Sr Frances Anna;

Kathleen Middleton

Michelle Parkin;

Cohen Wards;

Terry Jordan;

Anne Haines;

Vince Smith;

Mary Griffiths;

Maria Martin;

Peter Campbell;

Charlotte Cagney;

Nancy Woolford-

Stayner;

Denise Eddowes;

Terry Price;

Steven Crundwell-

Nlsn

Lex & Mary Agnew;

Peter Smith;

Margaret Searle;

Anne Rundle;

Wilma Rutherford;

Terry Ryan;

Tilly van Dyke;

**Collections:** We are most grateful for your support.

### Last Week:

Total: \$ 2,267.81

Mission Sunday: \$150.00

Christmas Dues: \$ 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.

## Quote from Pope Francis

'The person who takes heed is the one who, amid the worldly din, does not let himself be overwhelmed by distraction or superficiality, but lives in a full and conscious way, with concern first and foremost for others. With this manner we become aware of the tears and the needs of neighbours and we can also understand their human and spiritual strengths and qualities... . It is a matter of having an understanding gaze so as to recognize both the misery and poverty of individuals and of society, and to recognize the richness hidden in little everyday things, precisely there where the Lord has placed us.'

Pope Francis [Angelus](#) 3 December 2017

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