

## 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 46— 10th December 2023

#### Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

Attached to our newsletter this week are the clergy Appointments for 2024 announced by Archbishop Paul Martin sm, last Friday afternoon. Two priests who are Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) are assuming pastoral responsibility for Star of the Sea Parish, Marlborough– Te Whetu O te Moana.

I know you will provide the same warm welcome to Fr. Simione Volavola MSC, Parish Priest, and his assistant Fr. Tavita Lemusu MSC, as you have for me.

My last weekend at Star of the Sea parish is 13-14th January, at the suggestion of Archbishop Paul Martin sm. Let us continue to pray for and with each other in this Season of advent, this wonderful Season of Grace and hope.

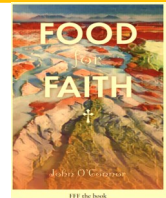


With every blessing in Christ, Michael McCabe

### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

**Anointing Masses:** Wednesday 13th Dec, 9.30am in Kaikoura, 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.



**Farewell for Fr Michael McCabe:** There will be a special cuppa after masses on the last 2 weekends of Michael's time in our parish, and will allow people the opportunity to say goodbye. These will be at 5pm Picton on 6th January, 8am Seddon and 10am Blenheim on 7th January, 5pm Blenheim on 13th January and 9.30am in Kaikoura on 14th January. Please bring a plate if you are attending any of those masses.

Hospital Chaplain 0.3FTE (Negotiable) **Wairau Hospital, Blenheim.** Te Whatu Ora o Nelson Marlborough. Closes: 4pm, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71871620> Could you please share this information with anyone who is interested and has enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology. N.B. All applications need to be submitted via the seek website. To be considered, please submit the following: CV, Cover letter, Application form

**BLENHIM CHORAL SOCIETY.** To help celebrate Christmas Blenheim Choral presents a selection of beautiful works including VIVALDI'S Gloria and the five beautiful pieces that accompany it. Excerpts from MESSIAH including Behold a virgin shall conceive, For unto us a child is born and the famous Hallelujah Chorus. The concert will conclude with a large selection of popular Christmas carols.

**Nativity Church at 7.30 pm on Saturday 16 December. Door sales only \$20 and \$5 for children.**

### 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

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### Sat 9th Dec

Picton- 5pm Mass & Rite III

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

#### Sun 10th Dec Immaculate Conception-Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese

Seddon- 8am Mass & Rite III

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-Mass & Rite III

#### Tuesday—12th Dec

Blenheim- 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 **Mass** and St Joseph's school prizegiving 7pm

#### Wednesday –13th Dec

Picton 10am Anointing **Mass**

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

Blenheim 12.05 **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

#### Thursday – 14th Dec

Blenheim 10am - **Anointing Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

#### Friday – 15th Dec

Kaikoura -9.30am -**W&C**

Blenheim -11am Exposition

Blenheim -10.45am **St Mary's School Final Mass. All welcome.**

**No Exposition or 12.05 Mass**

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

#### Sat 16th Dec

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**

#### Sun 17th Dec

Seddon **8am—W&C**

Picton **9am W&C**

Kaikoura **9.30am—Mass & Rite III**

Blenheim **10.00am—W&C**

### 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.**

**The Foodbank would like to thank all those who contributed to the Foodbank drive and throughout the year.**



## Readings for:

### 10-17 Dec 2023

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

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

2Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

#### Mon 11 Dec

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 5:17-26

#### Tues 12 Dec

Isaiah 40:1-11

Matt. 18:12-14

#### Wed 13 Dec

Isaiah 40:25-31

Matt. 11:28-30

#### Thurs 14 Dec-St John of the Cross

Isaiah 41:13-20

Matthew 11:11-15

#### Fri 15 Dec

Isaiah 48:17-19

Matt. 11:16-19

#### Sat 16 Dec

Ecccl. 48:1-4,9-11

Matt 17:10-13

#### Sun 17 Dec-3rd Sun, Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

1Thess 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28

### 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 –May they Rest In Peace

Mildred Williams-Timaru;  
Gloria Jagdon Edwards;  
Miriam Sullivan;  
Joan Ferguson;  
Geoff Robinson;  
Michael Veal;  
Nona Thomas;  
John O'Halloran,  
Gyula Mitribusz;

Richard Nichol;  
Gwenda & Eric Bishell Louis  
O'Leary, Hugh Byrne;  
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;  
Ray Hope- 90th

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: \$ 3,651.02

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, and for setting up an automatic payment.

### Quote from Pope Francis

'At times the yearning we feel toward the Lord is too weak and it almost seems that God is silent... Think about God's tenderness. God is not a bad father, an unkind father, no. He is tender. He loves us so much, like the Good Shepherd, who searches for the last member of his flock. It is love, and this is conversion: a grace of God. Begin to walk, because it is he who moves you to walk, and you will see how he will arrive. Pray, walk, and you will always take a step forward.' Pope Francis *Angelus* 6 December 2020

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