

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 47— 16th December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners

Monsignor Gerard Burns, Vicar General has forwarded this message giving a short background for the two Missionaries of the Sacred Heart who have been appointed to Star of the Sea Parish from next year. Currently they are completing Visa requirements. Monsignor Burns has assured me that there will be a priest to look after the parish until Fathers Simone and Tavita arrive. Father Alliston Fernandes will look after the parish initially after I leave on 14 January.

Father Simone Volavola, MSC, the new parish priest, originates from Fiji and has ministered in Pennsylvania, USA, for 16 years and has American citizenship.

He has also taught Liturgy and Systematic theology at the Pacific regional seminary in Suva.

Father Tavita Lemusu, MSC, originates from Samoa and has served in parishes in Fiji and Samoa.

Blessings on our school staff and students for a safe holiday and our sincere thanks for their beautiful end of the year liturgies in the past week.

With every blessing in Christ, Michael McCabe

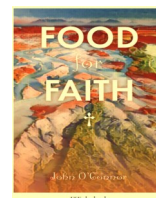


Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Parish Office Closure: Please note the Parish Office is closed from midday, 22nd December to 8am, 15th January.

Next week will be the last newsletter of the year, restarting on the last weekend in January.

Food for Faith: a selection of Fr John O'Connor's reflections from the 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. 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 17th 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

BLenheim 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

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**

Tuesday—19th Dec

Blenheim- 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Wednesday –20th Dec

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

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

Blenheim 12.05 **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 21st Dec

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday – 22nd Dec

Kaikoura -9.30am -W&C

Blenheim -12.05pm **Mass**

No Exposition till end of Jan

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat 23rd Dec

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

Sun 24th Dec

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton 9am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-**W&C**

Christmas Eve

Sun 24th Dec

Blenheim 5.30pm **Family Mass—**

Carols at 5pm

Kaikoura 5.30pm **Family Mass—**

Carols at 5pm

Seddon 7.30pm **Family Mass—**

Carols at 7pm

Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day

Picton 9am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10.30am **Mass**

Parish office Closed 12noon 22nd

December– 8am 15th January

Readings for:

17-24 Dec 2023

Sun 17 Dec-3rd Sun, Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

1Thess 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28

Mon 18 Dec

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Matthew 1:18-24

Tues 19 Dec

Judges 13:2-7,24-25

Luke 1:5-25

Wed 20 Dec

Isaiah 7:10-14

Luke 1:26-38

Thurs 21 Dec

Songs 2:8-14 OR

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Luke 1:39-45

Fri 22 Dec

1Samuel 1:24-28

Luke 1:46-56

Sat 23 Dec

Malachi 3:1-4,23-24

Luke 1:57-66

Sun 24 Dec-4th Sun, Advent

2Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38



*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

Anne Petersen;
Riaua Tareti;
Rupert Laugesen;
Mildred Williams-
Timaru;
Gloria Jagdon Ed-
wards;
Miriam Sullivan;

Joan Ferguson;
Ossie Hickman
and family &
friends of Mary
Hickman; 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;
Luke Clayton
Sr Frances Anna;
Kathleen Middleton
Michelle Parkin;
Cohen Wards;
Terry Jordan;
Anne Haines;
Vince Smith;
Mary Griffiths;
Val Furness;
Mike Harris;

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;

Prayers, please for Valerie Furness, a previous parishioner now living in Orange, California. Val is suffering with ALS, a rare and terminal neuro-degenerative disease.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 2,405.92

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

'Joy must be the characteristic of our faith. Even in dark moments, that inner joy, of knowing that the Lord is with me, that the Lord is with us, that the Lord is Risen. The Lord! The Lord! The Lord! This is the centre of our life, and this is the centre of our joy. Think carefully today: how do I behave? Am I a joyful person who knows how to transmit the joy of being Christian, or am I always like those glum people, as I said before, who seem to be at a funeral wake?' Pope Francis [Angelus](#) 13 December 2020

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