

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners

During this month we have celebrated our parish schools 'end of the year – Saint Joseph's in Kaikoura and Saint Mary's in Blenheim. We were also treated to a wonderful evening from Saint Mary's Preschool who presented their Nativity Play in Saint Mary's Church and followed it with a shared meal on the lawns outside.

The Nativity Play was magnificent and delightfully chaotic – everybody of the fifty students had a part. Angel Gabriel was supporting Mary and Joseph; there were glitter girls and a bible carrier; lots of shepherds and angels; innkeepers and the Star! There was singing and dancing and waving from the sanctuary stage to parents and family members. We were drawn into the heart of the story of Christmas – Jesus becoming a human being like each one of us!

I was touched by their prayer and make it my own for you all on this last Sunday of Advent:

“May this holy season of Christmas fill your hearts with love, and may the New Year bring you abundant blessings and peace. As we gather in the warmth of our Catholic faith, let us remember the true reason for the season, the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May his light guide our paths in this coming year, and may our families be filled with joy, love, and faith. Merry Christmas and a blessed New year to you and your loved ones.”

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.

This week is the last newsletter of the year, restarting on the last weekend in January.

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.

Sr Elizabeth Mary RSM sends her best wishes and Christmas greetings to parishioners and may all be well for each and every one in the New Year too.

Fr Pat McIndoe is down from PNG for his holiday and may be able to get to Blenheim for a visit. **Fr Giltus** is taking over Fr. Tom McDonough's job as Parish Priest at Marrickville, as Tom is going to Adelaide. **Fr Jacob** is chaplain to a nursing home and hospital in Queensland. The aged care there have daily mass and Jacob manages to scare the day-lights out of them with his booming voice each morning. They all send their best wishes and blessings for the new Year.

To let: Two bedroom unit, suitable for married couple with children.

Private section with carport and lock up garden shed, close to Horton Park off Redwood Street.

Rent \$320.00 per week, two weeks in advance plus bond equivalent to 3 weeks rent.

Contact, phone 03 5789627 cell 029 770 9688 or email rpaul.ham@gmail.com

[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

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 10.30 **mass**

Parish office Closed 12noon

22nd December- 8am 15th

January

Sat 30th Dec

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 31st Dec- Holy Family

Seddon 8am-**W&C**

Picton 9am **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am-**Mass**

Blenheim 10am-**W&C**

Mon 1st Jan 2024

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 9.30am-**Mass**

Epiphany

Sat 6th Jan

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Picton -5pm **Mass**

Sun 7th Jan

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass**

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 13th Jan

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

Sun 14th Jan

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton 9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10am-**W&C**

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 20th Jan

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Picton -5pm **Mass**

Sun 21st Jan

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass**

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 27th Jan

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

Sun 28th Jan

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton 9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **W&C**

27-30 December

No weekday Liturgy at any centre.

3rd - 25th January:

Kaikoura:

Tues, Wed & Fri: 9.30 W&C

Thurs: 5.15 W&C

Wed: 7pm Rosary

Thurs: 11am Scripture

Picton: no mid-week liturgy.

Blenheim:

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am.

This may change if there is a funeral.

30th January: back to the normal weekday Mass timetable.

No Exposition till 2nd February.



Remembering the Holy Souls — May they Rest In Peace

Cardinal Thomas Williams;	Stretch families;
Fr Tom O'Connor sm;	Rose Giddy;
Riaua Tareti;	and all our deceased
Rupert Laugesen;	parishioners and benefactors.
Jim Mason;	
Julie Forbes;	
Fitzpatrick &	

Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;	Maria Martin;
Rebecca Upton;	Peter Campbell;
Donna Lippiatt;	Charlotte Cagney;
Les McKay;	Nancy Woolford-
Barry Butcher;	Stayner;
Luke Clayton	Denise Eddowes;
Sr Frances Anna;	Terry Price;
Kathleen Middleton	Steven Crundwell-
Michelle Parkin;	Nlsn
Cohen Wards;	Lex & Mary Agnew;
Terry Jordan;	Peter Smith;
Anne Haines;	Margaret Searle;
Vince Smith;	Anne Rundle;
Mary Griffiths;	Wilma Rutherford;
Val Furness;	Peter Phillips;
Mike Harris;	Tilly van Dyke;

Columban Calendars- \$16: are still available, along with the Food for Faith \$40 each.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 3520.88

Christmas dues: \$ 147.00

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, and for setting up an automatic payment.

Quote from Pope Francis

'Let us invite him among us, into our homes, into our families. And also — everyone knows this well — let us invite him into our frailties. Let us invite him, so that he may see our wounds. He will come and life will change.'

Pope Francis [Angelus](#) 03 January 2021

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