

# 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.

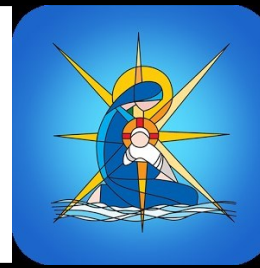
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## Newsletter 49 25th December 2023

### Christmas Day

Dear Parishioners

This Friday morning 22 December 2023 we received news that Cardinal Thomas Williams has died. He was 93 and on Wednesday this week he celebrated his ordination anniversary as priest and Archbishop. Cardinal Tom was a priest for 64 years; an Archbishop for 44 years and a Cardinal for 40 years – an amazing record of service and leadership. May he rest in peace.

Special thanks to you all for all that you do in prayer and ministry to build up the Body of Christ here in Star of the Sea parish in Marlborough. In so many ways you have the good of the parish at heart and bless it in so many ways through your goodness and support. May you have a blessed Christmas with your loved ones and a very blessed 2024 New Year.



Sincerely with love

Mary,

You pondered in your heart  
all the awesome, confusing and  
marvelous events of your life.  
You considered carefully  
what God might want of you  
and then abandoned yourself  
to God's goodness and your vocation.

Teach us to treasure and ponder,  
to consider and surrender so that,  
living our life by your example,  
we might come to that blessedness  
promised to your children.  
Amen.

#### **At the heart of the Christmas story is belonging**

No matter who we are  
Or what we have done  
Or where we have been  
We belong to God.

We are all loved and loveable in Christ  
It can take a lifetime to appreciate that simple fact  
Because we all respond to God's grace differently.

Let us pray for the grace of a welcoming heart  
A heart to appreciate that all belong at God's table  
A heart that never turns anyone away from belonging  
at God's table.

Happy Christmas! Michael McCabe



**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.

#### **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



### 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

### Christmas Day

#### Mon 25th Dec

Picton 9am **Mass**  
 Kaikoura 9.30am **Mass**  
 Blenheim 10.30 **mass**

### Parish office Closed

**12noon 22nd December–  
 8am 15th January**

### Holy Family

#### Sat 30th Dec

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**  
**Sun 31st Dec**– 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**

### 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;	Ivy Godsiff;
Rupert Laugesen;	and all our deceased
Jim Mason;	parishioners and
Julie Forbes;	benefactors.
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;	Terry Ryan;
Mike Harris;	Tilly van Dyke;
Peter Phillips;	



**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.

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