

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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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary time

In Mark's Gospel we hear that Jesus healed Simon Peter's mother who was suffering from a fever, and how he went on to devote the rest of the day healing those who were mentally and physically sick. He gave himself to each one of them, healing them one by one. However, later he found it necessary to escape to a lonely place to pray. This pattern is repeated time after time in his three year ministry. And it was during these hours of solitude that he maintained his relationship with the Father – the most important thing in his life. Jesus took time to care for himself. We sometimes forget to do the same in the busy world in which we live, but Jesus shows us how to combine action and contemplation. We need to stop sometimes and make space – to withdraw from our activities in order to care for ourselves. We too need to maintain our connection with God. While it's true that we can find God and pray to God anywhere, it's a good idea to have a special place to which we can withdraw from time to time. In such places God seems to be nearer and more friendly. And in such places we are different too. Periods of silence and stillness enable us to see the beauty of life and of this earth, and to catch glimpses of eternity. We too need to maintain our connection with God. We need to seek the face of God and listen to Him. Be still and know that I am God.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Fr Michael McCabe's farewell: There is still an opportunity to write a message in the book in the foyer of the Blenheim Church. This is available till 11th February.

St Mary's Youth Group! starts up this coming weds 7th Feb. 6.30pm- 8.15pm. Years 9-13.

Accommodation needed: a 2+ bedroom home for a small family and a well-trained dog. Please call Bridget 022 060 5565

Sycamore Lenten Programme: A "taster" session is being run on Sunday 11 February after Mass in the church at **Sacred Heart, Kaikoura**, Everyone is welcome. The 6 week programme is intended to start the week of 19 February (the day to be confirmed closer to the time).

On Wednesday 21 February the same Sycamore Programme will be held for the 6 weeks of Lent at the **Community Centre, Blenheim**. More details to follow.

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith, through a Catholic lens, and looks at its relevance for life today in 2024. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your faith and think about questions that really matter.

St Vincent de Paul Blenheim : We are currently in need of volunteers for the Vinnies Shop in High Street. Shift hours are 10am– 12.30pm and 12.30pm-3pm Monday to Friday; 10.30am-1pm on Saturday. Please phone 020 4118 8521 or email blenheim@svdp.org.nz

The First Reconciliation Program for Blenheim will commence on Sunday 25th Feb at 9am, then 9am on March 3rd, 10th & 17th with Reconciliation on Thursday 21st at 5.15pm. For registration forms and more information please contact Lorraine, email trukwalker@gmail.com ph 9273512 or 0276246264. 1st Reconciliation will be 10th March in Kaikoura. Please contact Sr Maureen for program information.

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.

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Mass & Liturgy Schedules

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 3rd Feb

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Picton -5pm **Mass**

Sun 4th Feb

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass**

Tuesday-6th Feb- Waitangi Day

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday -7th Feb

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12:05 W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 8th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday - 9th Feb

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm -**Mass**

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 10th Feb

Blenheim -5pm **Mass**

Sun 11th Feb

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton 9am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **W&C**

World Day of Prayer



Friday 1st

March, 10am

at St Andrews

Presbyterian church. Starting with a cuppa followed by the Service at 10.30am.

Flower arrangers wanted for

St Mary's Church. Monthly rotation. Contact Margaret McLeod 579 2052

Readings for:

4th-11th Feb 2024

Sun 4 Feb-5th Sun of Ord

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1Cor 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Mon 5 Feb- St Agatha

1Kings 8:1-7,13

Mark 6:53-56

Tues 6 Feb Waitangi Day

1Kings 8:22-23,27-30

Mark 7:1-13

Wed 7 Feb- St Paul Miki & comps.

1Kings 10:1-13

Mark 7:14-23

Thurs 8 Feb-

1Kings 11:4-13

Mark 7:24-30

Fri 9 Feb-

1Kings 11:29-32,12:9

Mark 7:31-37

Sat 10 Feb St Scholastica

1Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34

Mark 8:1-10

Sun 11 Feb-6th Sun of Ord, World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Levi 13:1-2,45-46

1Cor 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Find peace in God's Word



Remembering the Holy souls
-May they Rest In Peace

Val Furness (USA)	Cohen Wards;
Patricia Stretch;	Megan McCarty-Plant;
Patricia Peters;	Vera & Mick Murphy;
Pat Dean;	and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.
Mary Griffiths;	
John (Jack) Broughan;	
Mike Harris;	
Ann Wilson;	
Lorna Lawson;	

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-Stayner;
Barry Butcher;	Denise Eddowes;
Luke Clayton;	Terry Price;
Sr Frances Anna;	Steven Crundwell-Nlsn
Michelle Parkin;	Lex & Mary Agnew;
Terry Jordan;	Peter Smith;
Anne Haines;	Margaret Searle;
Vince Smith;	Anne Rundle;
Tilly van Dyke;	Wilma Rutherford;
Graeme Daines;	
Peter Phillips;	

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 1481.15

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.

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 for all non-perishable food.

1st Sunday @ Blenheim
1st Sunday @ Kaikoura
All Sundays @ Picton



Quote from Pope Francis

'The only legitimate way to look at a person from the top down is when you stretch out a hand to help them get up. The only one. And this is the mission that Jesus entrusted to the Church. The Son of God manifests his Lordship not "from the top down", not from a distance, but in bending down, stretching out his hand; he manifests his Lordship in closeness, in tenderness, in compassion. Closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God.' - Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 7 Feb 2021.

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