

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.**

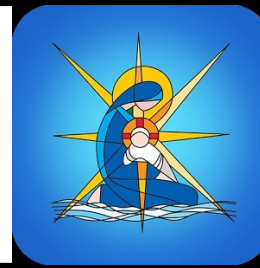
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Newsletter 03 11th February 2024

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time

Ash Wednesday (Feb 14th) begins a 40-day journey (excluding Sundays) that remind us particularly of Jesus' forty days in the desert in preparation for his public ministry of bringing salvation to the world. We, too as his disciples, are invited to imitate Him and thus be spiritually renewed. On Ash Wednesday we begin by marking our foreheads with ashes (a gesture during a day of public penitence familiar to the Jews) and then continue in private the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to reorient our lives to love of God and neighbour. A key element of this liturgical season is the call to conversion and in that regards the Sacrament of *Reconciliation* or *Confession* is a significant step in experiencing God's mercy.

Ash Wednesday Schedule and reconciliation over Lent:

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am **Mass for Parish and St Joseph's School**

Blenheim 1.45 ST Mary's School liturgy In SM Hall.

Blenheim 5.30pm **Mass**

Seddon 6pm **Mass**

Fr Alliston will hear reconciliation on Saturday 17, 24 February between 9.30-10.30am in St Mary's Church, also 1/2 an hour before mass on the weekends of 17-18, 24-25 February and by appointment. His email address is alfern16@yahoo.com.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Formation Opportunities for our Parish: Church Mission at the Archdiocesan office are looking at running various events over this year. Some of the topics are: Creating and Implementing a Parish Pastoral Plan, Hospitality 101, Building families of Faith, Marriage Enrichment Course, A place for Young people, The Writings of Pope Francis. If any of these topics peak your interest, please contact your parish council member. PPC Chairs from the Archdiocese are hoping to meet regularly during the year. If you want anything discussed please contact Blair McLean.

Sycamore Lenten Programme: A "taster" session is being run on Sunday 18 February after W&C 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 for more information.

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. Contact Sr Maureen.

Sacred Heart and Redwood College, Nelson Reunion- 15-17 November 2024, Manuka Street, Nelson. Don't miss out and Register Now for this Historic Reunion on our website: www.RedwoodSacredHeart.com Also, join our Facebook Group for Sacred Heart & Redwood, Nelson, Past Pupils and Staff <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sacredheartredwoodreunion> Please note Registration and attendance is open only for Sacred Heart & Redwood College **Nelson** past pupils and staff. **Contact: SHReunion2024@gmail.com Bernadette King-Turner**

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

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**

Tuesday-13th Feb-

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday -14th Feb- **Ash**

Wednesday

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am **Mass for**

Parish and School

Blenheim 1.45 SM School liturgy
In SM Hall.

Blenheim 5.30pm **Mass**

Seddon 6pm **Mass**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 15th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday - 16th Feb

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm -**Mass**

Picton 5pm—Stations of the

Cross

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat 17th Feb

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Picton -5pm **Mass**

Sun 18th Feb

Seddon- 8am **Mass**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 10am-**Mass**

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March, 10am at St

Andrews

Presbyterian

church. Starting

with a cuppa

followed by the

Service at

10.30am.



Readings for:

11th-18th Feb 2024

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

Mon 12 Feb-

James 1:1-11

Mark 8:11-13

Tues 13 Feb

James 1:12-18

Mark 8:14-21

Wed 14 Feb- **Ash**

Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18

2Cor 5:20-6:2

Matt 6:1-6,16-18

Thurs 15 Feb

Deut. 30:15-20

Luke 9:22-25

Fri 16 Feb-

Isaiah 58:1-9

Matt 9:14-15

Sat 17 Feb

Isaiah 58:9-14

Luke 5:27-32

Sun 18 Feb-1st Sun of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15

1Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Find peace in God's Word



Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$ 3310.29

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.



Remembering the Holy souls
-May they Rest In Peace

Val Furness (USA)

Pat Stretch:

Lorna Lawson;

Cohen Wards;

Megan McCarthy-

Plant;

Betty Fleming;

Po Che Sue;

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;

Luke Clayton;

Sr Frances Anna;

Michelle Parkin;

Terry Jordan;

Anne Haines;

Vince Smith;

Tilly van Dyke;

Graeme Daines;

Peter Phillips;

Sophie Greening;

Maria Martin;

Peter Campbell;

Charlotte Cagney;

Nancy Woolford-

Stayner;

Denise Eddowes;

Terry Price;

Steven Crundwell-

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Lex & Mary Agnew;

Peter Smith;

Margaret Searle;

Anne Rundle;

George Cheesman;

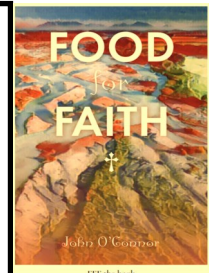
Jocelyn Bryant

Flower arrangers wanted for

St Mary's Church. 1 Month at a time, 2-3 times a year. Contact Margaret McLeod 579 2052

Columban Calendars- \$16:

are still available, along with Food for Faith Reflections—\$40 each.



Quote from Pope Francis

'This is how Jesus fulfils the Good News he proclaims: God draws near to our lives; he is moved to compassion because of the fate of wounded humanity and comes to break down every barrier that prevents us from being in relationship with him, with others and with ourselves... Closeness. Remember this word, closeness. Compassion. The Gospel says that Jesus, seeing the leper, was moved with compassion, tenderness. Three words that indicate God's style: closeness, compassion, tenderness.' Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 14 Feb 2021

Parish Priest: Fr Simione Volavola MSC— ParishPriest@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz

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