

## 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.

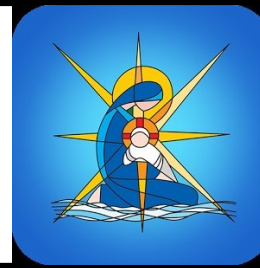
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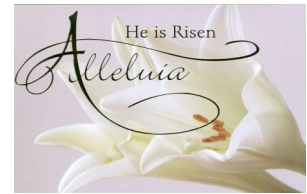
3rd Sunday of Easter

Dear fellow parishioners. Easter is a really "full-on" time culminating with the Easter Vigil - the most important ceremony in the Church's liturgical year. On this third Sunday of Easter it seems appropriate that we take the time to give thanks for all those who volunteered and worked hard to make these wonderful Easter liturgies such powerful and prayerful occasions. Thanks on behalf of the whole parish to Acting Parish Priest, Fr Seph Pijfers and Fr Michael McCabe as his Assistant, for their excellent work to bring us all as many as possible of the Easter liturgies.

To the people who cut their hedges for Palm Sunday; the Greeters; the people who take up the Offertory; the Readers; to the ladies who decorated the church for Easter Sunday Masses; the Sacristans; the music groups; the Communion Ministers; the Mass organisers; to the Youth Group in Blenheim who awed us with their deeply moving portrayal of Christ's suffering and death; the people who make sure we have the words of the hymns and the responses on the screens; the people who work the 'live streaming' equipment making sure our Masses go out to the housebound and those unable to attend the liturgies in person; the Church cleaners; to the singers who sang the "Exsultet" with such reverence at the Easter Vigil; the people who organise the cups of tea after Mass and the little social time afterwards; for those distributing Easter Eggs. And most of all, to you, parishioners in Picton, Blenheim, Seddon and Kaikoura who gather together for worship and to recognize God's presence in our community of Star of the Sea Parish.

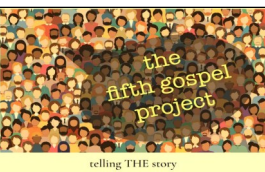
It is good to remember those days of the Easter Triduum; filled at first with the knowledge of what was to come and sadness at the death of Jesus. And then, the joy of the Resurrection which fills our hearts with a peace that the world cannot give us. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

Belinda Vavasour. Liturgy Group Leader. Star of the Sea Parish



## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope. The NZCBC has created an informative webpage. Please visit the website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> to find out more information and watch this space for opportunities to become involved in Jubilee 2025.



**The Fifth Gospel Project:** Fr John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation and send an experience (up to 400 words) before the end of April to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz). More information on this mission is available at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

**Rest home volunteer Chaplaincy:** a training seminar for new applicants to apply and attend from **May 17th through to and including May 19th** to become a Blenheim Rest Home Volunteer Chaplain. Details on the church notice board.

**St Vincent de Paul Picton** is looking for a small furniture van.

Does someone have one surplus to requirements or is there a company who could give preferential rates or a sponsorship for a charitable organisation?

Please contact the secretary Sandra, [bakersaavid@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bakersaavid@xtra.co.nz)



**Blenheim Women's Friendship Group:** For the winter they will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 4th Wednesday of the month and meet on 24th April. Feel free to bring a friend.



**[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 Easter

#### Sat 13th April

Picton- 4pm **Mass**  
Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

#### Sun 14th April

Seddon 8am - **Mass**  
Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**  
Blenheim 10am - **Mass**

#### Tuesday-16th April

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**  
Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

#### Wednesday-17th April

Picton 9.30am **Mass**  
then Reconciliation  
Kaikoura 9:30am **W&C**  
Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**  
Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

#### Thursday - 18th April

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**  
Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**  
Kaikoura 11am Scripture

#### Friday - 19th April

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**  
Blenheim 11am Exposition  
Blenheim 11.30am  
Reconciliation  
Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

### 4th Sunday of Easter - Day of Prayer for Vocations

#### Sat 20th April

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

#### Sun 21st April

Seddon- 8am **W&C**  
Picton- 9.30am **W&C**  
Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**  
Blenheim -10am **W&C**

## Rosters for Blenheim Liturgy Ministries:

These will be emailed out by Monday. If you have not received yours by then please email Lorraine Walker at [trukwalker@gmail.com](mailto:trukwalker@gmail.com)



## Readings for:

**14-21 April 2024**

### Sun 14 April-3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35  
1John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31

### Mon 15 April

Acts 6:8-15  
John 6:22-29

### Tues 16 April

Acts 7:51-8:1  
John 6:30-35

### Wed 17 April

Acts 8:1-8  
John 6:35-40

### Thurs 18 April

Acts 8:26-40  
John 6:44-51

### Fri 19 April

Acts 9:1-20  
John 6:52-59

### Sat 20 April

Acts 9:31-42  
John 6:60-69

### Sun 21 April-4th Sunday of Easter, Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 4:8-12  
1John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

*Find peace in God's Word*



**Collections:** We are most grateful for your support.

### **Last Week:**

Total: \$3,735.17  
Easter Dues: \$144.00

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 AP. **Donation Receipts will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.**



## Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

Ray Perkin (Mataura); Tony Kilmartin; Alice Blissett; Michael Drummond Snr; Mary Hope;	& deceased members of the Hickman family; Marie Fredericks; Denise Duncan; Mary O'Haolloran; and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.
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### Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker; Rebecca Upton; Donna Lippiatt; Les McKay; Barry Butcher; Luke Clayton; Vince Smith; Tilly van Dyke; Graeme Daines; Sophie Greening; Fr. Christopher Brady ( Grymth); Kath Maher; Vicki McLean; Kalan Family;	Maria Martin; Charlotte Cagney; Nancy Woolford-Stayner; Denise Eddowes; Terry Price; Steven Crundwell-Nlsn Lex & Mary Agnew; Peter Smith; Margaret Searle; Anne Rundle; Helena Lord; Liz James;
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**Order of St Luke:** healing ministry meet on Tuesday 16th April at 1.15pm in St Christopher's Church lounge. All welcome.

**The Food bank** is need of small bottles approx. 300ml clean with lids please. They can be left in the White Foodbank baskets at St Mary's church. The Foodbank baskets will be put out for all weekend services due to the current high demand for help. Please consider donating non perishable goods, UHT Longlife milk, rice, pasta, tinned food & cereals.

## Quote from Pope Francis

'Henceforth, if we allow Jesus to take us by the hand, no experience of failure or sorrow, however painful, will have the last word on the meaning and destiny of our lives. Henceforth, if we allow ourselves to be raised up by the Risen Lord, no setback, no suffering, no death will be able to halt our progress towards the fullness of life... Then no stone will block the way to our hearts, no tomb will suppress the joy of life, no failure will doom us to despair.' Pope Francis, [Homily](#), Easter Vigil, 30 March 2024.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Simione Volavola MSC— [ParishPriest@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz](mailto:ParishPriest@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz) (Yet to arrive)

**Assistant Parish Priest:** Fr Tavita Lemusu MSC- (Yet to arrive)

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**Pastoral Assist:** Sr Frances Anna SMSM - [franciesmsm@gmail.com](mailto:franciesmsm@gmail.com)

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**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:** Blair McLean **Finance Committee Chair:** Tom Harrison