

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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4th Sunday of Easter

What glorious weather we have had this past week. This is my favourite time of year with the orange, red and yellow colours of the trees and vines as they shut down and head into Autumn for a well deserved break. These stunning Autumn days with the blue skies and sunshine give a calmness around the district as the wineries look to start blending another great vintage of wine.

In times like these I think how lucky we are here in NZ/Blenheim, as I watch the news (trying not to do that too much) with the ferocity of wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, the thousands of senseless deaths of innocents breaks your heart. I have no answers of how to solve these atrocities, other than prayer and being grateful for every day.

2024 has raised challenges already for many of our parishioners, losing loved ones, health issues and many more battles we face each day.

When I look at this time in our 4th Sunday of Easter where Jesus is our good shepherd looking after his flock (us), for how Peter stands up to the crowds declaring that they are witnessing a fulfilment of prophecy, to the cruelty of how Jesus took our sins for us - these were difficult times for Jesus and his disciples and followers. Each season, each decade, each lifetime brings with it challenges, rewards and the opportunity for reflection and thanks.

So enjoy the Autumn sunrises as the days begin to cool, pray for those around the world in need of our thoughts and those in our parish who need our prayers and if you can share a cuppa with someone in need let's do that.

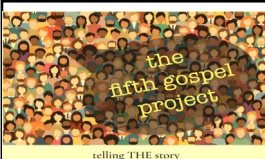
On a final note, I know it has been a long difficult time for some waiting on the confirmation of visas for Father Simone Volavola MSC and Father Tavita Lemusu MSC but we are hopeful this will be resolved soon.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Father Seph for his time here (longer than he anticipated) and it's also good to see Father Micheal back amongst us this weekend.

God Bless, Blair McLean, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

A Memorial Mass for Valerie Bernadette Furness is being celebrated on Saturday 27th April at 11am at St Mary's Church. Join us in the Community Centre after Mass, for refreshments and an opportunity to remember Valerie.



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. 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 and attached to the emailed newsletter.

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



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

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**

Tuesday-23rd April

Blenheim 9.30am **W & C**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday-24th April

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

then Reconciliation

Kaikoura 9:30am **W&C**

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 25th April

ANZAC Day

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday - 26th April

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 11.30am

Reconciliation

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

5th Sunday of Easter

Sat 27th April

Picton- 4pm **Mass**

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Sun 28th April

Seddon 8am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**

Blenheim 10am - **Mass**

Choral Evensong is to be sung at Nativity on Sunday 28th April at 4pm. All are welcome to this service of worship.

A big thank you

to the friends in our parish family for all the help and support you have given me over the past 9 weeks. I am not 100% yet but hope it will happen soon. Helena Lord.

Readings for:

21 -28 April 2024

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

Acts 4:8-12

1John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Mon 22 April

Acts 11:1-18

John 10:1-10

Tues 23 April

Acts 11:19-26

John 10:22-30

Wed 24 April

Acts 12:24-13:5

John 12:44-50

Thurs 25 April -ANZAC Day

Wisdom 3:1-9

1Cor 1:18-25

John 12:23-28

Fri 26 April-St Mark, Evangelist

Peter 5:5-14

Mark 16:15-20

Sat 27 April

Acts 13:44-52

John 14:7-14

Sun 28 April-5th Sun of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

Find peace in God's Word



Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2427.42

Easter Dues: \$45.00

Holy place: \$20.00

Vocation Sunday: \$15.00

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 have been emailed out. Printed receipts are in church foyers**



Remembering the Holy souls -May they Rest In Peace

Ray Perkin

(Mataura);

Tony Kilmartin;

Alice Blissett;

Michael

Drummond Snr;

Mary Hope;

Valerie Furness:

Ellie Millar;

June Lacey;

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;

Vince Smith;

Tilly van Dyke;

Graeme Daines;

Sophie Greening;

Fr. Christopher

Brady (Grymth);

Kath Maher;

Vicki McLean;

Maria Martin;

Charlotte Cagney;

Nancy Woolford-

Stayner;

Denise Eddowes;

Terry Price;

Steven Crundwell-

Nlsn

Lex & Mary Agnew;

Peter Smith;

Margaret Searle;

Anne Rundle;

Liz James;

Kalan Family;

Seeking accommodation: A

3-bedroom rental house for a working couple with 4 children (3 girls and 1 boy) preferably in central Blenheim or Springlands. Please call: 021 454 482.

The Food bank is in 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

'In prayer, let us ask for the grace of a pastoral heart, an open heart that draws near to everyone, so as to bear the Lord's message as well as to feel Christ's longing for everyone. For without this love that suffers and takes risks, our life does not work. If we Christians do not have this love that suffers and takes risks, we risk pasturing only ourselves. Shepherds who are shepherds of themselves, instead of being shepherds of the flock, are people who comb "exquisite" sheep. We do not need to be shepherds of ourselves, but shepherds for everyone.' Pope Francis, [General Audience](#), 18 January 2023.

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

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

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