

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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Pentecost

The Finance and Property Committee and Steering Group have been involved for sometime with looking at Buildings, Property and Facilities within our Parish. This project is large and ongoing taking some time to complete. One of the largest tasks (and possibly the costliest!) is to evaluate, and remediate the earthquake risk of St Marys Church in Blenheim. As several of our Parishioner's know the Church is a Heritage listed Building -Category 1.- "A Building of National Significance". Therefore, we are under Heritage New Zealand's control and administration for any proposed work. Another issue is the St Marys' School & Pre-school cannot use the Church during school time for School/Class masses as it is deemed unsafe for the children to enter. This Heritage listing is a very challenging aspect and requires a lot of approvals and submissions for remedial work involving Heritage Architects and Engineers.

The church being a focal point in our parish along with all our other church's making up Star of the Sea Parish - we need to address this issue. The committee after initial discussions with Heritage NZ, have engaged Dunning Thornton Consulting Structural Engineers in Wellington (who completed seismic retrofit of St Johns and Old St Paul's Wellington - similar buildings in structure/era) to assist. An initial visit has been undertaken and it was recommended that a DSA (Detailed Seismic assessment) be undertaken. This work is about to start and will take approx. 6 to 8 months.

As this Sunday is Pentecost, we remember our forefathers who invested to build our now merged parish with many buildings and history which has blessed us all in the holy spirit as we continue their work.

Your patience and understanding of the situation is greatly appreciated and as a Parish effects us all. Again, the Committee are very grateful for all the support, both financial and physical, that we receive and we will continue to update as more information comes to hand.



Tom Harrison, Finance Committee—Chair

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Bring a plate for Pentecost!! With Pentecost this week being a celebration of many nations/languages coming together, we invite those attending **10am Sunday W & C** to bring a plate of food to share in the foyer afterward with the cup of tea/coffee; in particular, food from your culture/heritage would be great!



Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: For the winter they will be at the Omasa Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 4th Wednesday of the month and meet on 22 May. Feel free to bring a friend.



Healing Seminar & service 8th June at St Christophers Church. The seminar is from 9.30-3pm, with the service at 3.30pm. Morning and afternoon tea supplied. Bring your own lunch or available from local cafes/bakery. This is a collaboration of St Christopher's Anglican church and the Order of St Luke the Physician. Check the poster on your notice board.

Youth Camps!! - Hanmer Springs retreat, 15-17 July. (2nd week of holidays) \$60. theme: Holy Spirit. For school years 8-13. If you are interested in this awesome retreat full of fun, faith and hot pools, then contact Mieke 0223918584 . Parents are needed for transport and help too, if you are able, please let us know. KAIKOURA YOUTH are welcome to join us! We are hoping to have a group of youth from Kaikoura to join in with us, and would require adult chaperones to drive them there; please get in touch with Mieke if you are interested!! Thanks.

Revolution camp - Woodend Christian Camp, 5-7 July \$135 (120 if paid before 7 June) For school years 7-9. This is run by the Chch diocese, and as it is the week before our own retreat, st Mary's youth group leaders won't be attending this one, but if you are willing to attend, we are able to help with the cost of your registration! Contact Mieke 0223918584

[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

Pentecost

Sat 18th May

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 19th May

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton- 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim -10am **W&C**

Tuesday-21st May

Blenheim 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday-22nd May

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

then Reconciliation

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

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 23rd May

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Blenheim -7pm **Mass** in the Syro-Malabar tradition

Friday - 24th May

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 11.30am

Reconciliation

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

Most Holy Trinity

Sat 25th May

Picton- 4pm **Mass**

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Sun 26th May

Seddon 8am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**

Blenheim 10am - **Mass**



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.

Readings for:

19th- 25th May 2024

Sun 19 May-Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1Cor 12:3-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

Mon 20 May-Mary, Mother of the Church

Judith 13:18-19

Genesis 3:9-15,20

John 19:25-27

Tues 21 May

James 4:1-10

Mark 9:30-37

Wed 22 May

James 4:13-17

Mark 9:38-40

Thurs 23 May

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:41-50

Fri 24 May

James 5:9-12

Mark 10:1-12

Sat 25 May

James 5:13-20

Mark 10:13-16

Sun 26 May-Most Holy Trinity

Deut 4:32-34,39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Matt 28:16-20



Find peace in God's Word

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2753.46

Vocation Sunday: \$160.00

Peters Pence: \$50.00

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 so you can claim on your donations each year.



Remembering the Holy souls

-May they Rest In Peace

Brendan "Danny" Sloane (chch);
James Lee (NLSN);
Audrey Wallace;
Janet Gill;
Te Oki McAllister (Te Puke);

Ray O'Halloran;
Walter Lacey;
and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Billie Hayes;

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;
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;
Liz James;

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.

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

Also 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

'Today, if we listen to the Spirit, we will not be concerned with conservatives and progressives, traditionalists and innovators, right and left. When those become our criteria, then the Church has forgotten the Spirit. The Paraclete impels us to unity, to concord, to *the harmony of diversity*. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another. Let us look to the whole!' Pope Francis, [Homily](#) Pentecost 2021

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