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 22, 23rd June 2024 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's familiar Gospel story of the **Storm on the Lake** where Jesus and His Apostles in their little boat were in real danger for their lives as the waves grew high and dangerous has a poignant message.

We also see it as a lesson in faith and trust in the saving power of Jesus. The Apostles cry out to Him to protect them and in His love and compassion, He calms the angry waves and peace is rest and, in this Sunday, has also been named by Pope Francis as the **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. It is deeply disturbing to think of many thousands of people, victims of homelessness and climate change, living in fear for their lives as they flee in the hope of safety for their families. We know that the Holy Family themselves fled in terror as refugees when Herod tried to kill the newborn Infant and they became homeless and displaced. They must have experienced the same anguish as many people today. Like the Apostles in the Storm, they trusted in God to care for them and save them. And He did. We pray for refugees to hold on to this truth also.

Pope Francis in his Message to mark this Day, wrote, 'God walks this earth with His people.' He pleads with us to try to make our journey synodally in order to reach our true homeland.' Let us pray for this grace especially this Sunday.

Sr Maureen Connor smsm

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

'Belonging in this land: Treaty basics from a Christian perspective' is an opportunity for faith communities to explore the story of the Treaty of Waitangi over two 90-minute video sessions. The trailer is available to watch and to share, and the full resource is available for registered hosts. It features author of Huia Come Home and Dean of Taranaki Cathedral Jay Ruka and former Anglican Archbishop David Moxon to help us understand our history and what role the Treaty plays in our faith and daily life today. Churches and small groups can sign up to host at treatyandbelonging.nz. This series has been endorsed by the Archdiocesan Bicultural Relationships Committee of the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission.



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 26 June. Feel free to bring a friend.





St Vincent de Paul Blenheim helps those in need, giving a hand up to those in our community who are struggling. Are you empathetic, can you listen and offer practical advice with no judgement? Our next meeting is Tuesday 2nd July at 10am in the Mercy Chapel do join us.

<u>Sausage sizzle fundraiser!</u> For youth group camp. \$2 after Mass this Sunday June 23rd. Stay and hang out for a warm feed this weekend!



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!!

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

12th Sun of Ord Sat 22nd June Picton- 4pm Mass Blenheim -5pm W&C Sun 23rd June Seddon 8am - Mass Kaikoura 9.30am- W&C

Tuesday-25th June Blenheim 9.30am Mass Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 10am - Mass

Wednesday-26th June
Picton 9.30am Mass
then Reconciliation
Kaikoura 9:30am W&C
Blenheim 12.05pm W&C
Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday – 27th June
Blenheim 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C
Kaikoura 11am Scripture

<u>Friday-28th June Matariki</u> Kaikoura 9.30am W&C



13th Sun of Ord- Peter's
Pence Collection
Sat 29th June
Blenheim 5pm -Mass
Sun 30th June
Seddon- 8am W&C
Picton- 9.30am W&C
Kaikoura- 9.30am Mass
Blenheim -10am W&C

Vinnies Blenheim is in need of good quality second hand Linen. Sheets, all sizes and towels. If you are downsizing or changing colour schemes please

consider donating to
Vinnies, 63 High
St or phone
5778378 for
collection.

Readings for:

23-30 June 2024

Sun 23 June-12th Sun of Ord Day of prayer for refugees and Migrants

Job 38:1,8-11 2Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

Mon 24 June-Birth of St John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,88

<u>Tues 25 June</u> 2Kings 19:9-11,14-21,31-36 Matt 7:6,12-14

Wed 26 June 2Kings 22:8-13,23:1-3 Matt 7:15-20

Thurs 27 June 2Kings 24:8-17 Matt 7:21-29

Fri 28 June-St Irenaeus, Matariki

2Kings 25:1-12 Matt 8:1-4

Sat 29 June-Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18 Matt 16:13-19



Sun 30 June-13th Sun of Ord

Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24 2Corinthians 8:7-9,13-15

Mark 5:21-43

Find peace in God's Word

<u>Collections:</u> We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week: Total: \$2466.53

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

Michael Furness (CHCH); Greg Lyford; Tim Wikes; Rod Wilkes: David Smart, Jack Maher; Florence Maher; O'Connor Family; John Holden; Moira O'Connell; Des Holden; Claire Holden; Margaret & Laurie Squire; Mollie, Eileen & Eric Hanley; Kathleen & Alec Logan; Deceased relatives & friends of the Squire, Hanley & Logan families;

and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these 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; Jessica Jackson; Bowen;

Maria Martin; Charlotte Cagney; Nancy Woolford-Stayner; Denise Eddowes; Terry Price; Steven Crundwell-NIsn Lex & Mary Agnew; Peter Smith; Margaret Searle; Anne Rundle;

Dan Murphy

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

Please consider donating non-perishable goods, UHT Longlife milk, rice, pasta, tinned food & cereals.



Quote from Pope Francis

'The biblical narrative of Exodus, depicting the Israelites on their way to the promised land, naturally comes to mind: a long journey from slavery to freedom prefiguring the Church's journey toward her final encounter with the Lord... God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation.'

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Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024 https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20240524-world-migrants-day-2024.html

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