

## 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 27, 28th July 2024 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Painful to read, but not nearly as painful to endure", those were the personal words of Mr Luxon, in Parliament last Wednesday, apologising for the years of abuse and neglect people suffered in State and Faith based care in Aotearoa New Zealand.

This past week we've witnessed the public release of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care. This has been the largest and most complex inquiry ever held in New Zealand. Lasting over six years, and spanning 7 decades, the voices of the survivors of abuse in State and Faith based care have been heard and believed. Many of the cases were historical and highlighted horrific abuse, and the failures of individuals to protect and ensure the safety of people in their care. Confronting these realities is a significant and necessary step.

The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand is a core participant in the Inquiry and Church leaders have been supportive of the Inquiry and the need for it. In 2018 when the Inquiry was established the terms of reference only included state care. Many people, including the bishops and congregational leaders asked for the scope of the Inquiry to be broadened to include faith-based institutions. Church leaders continue to acknowledge the Church's history and the on-going trauma of those who have been harmed. The Church's focus on safeguarding and care aims to ensure that people are safe in care today.

138 recommendations have been tabled as a result of this Inquiry, including formal apologies from both Government and Religious leaders. The Church is ready to review the Commission's Final Report and considerations that arise from it. Church leaders are already implementing several initiatives and made public their response.

For further information: <https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/> or <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz> Belinda V

### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

**Kevin Plant, ADW Coordinator of Safeguarding**, will be in the parish 7-8 August to meet with parishioners and would like to see as many as possible. There will a meeting in Kaikoura on 7th August at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre and 7pm in Blenheim at the Community Centre. He is also available after 9.30am Mass on Thursday. All those who are involved in taking Communion to the sick, working with youth and children, are asked to attend.

**The Blenheim Sacramental program** continues on Sunday 4th August at 9am in the Community Centre followed by Mass or Word in Communion. The program runs for 4 weeks. Any enquiries please email Lorraine, [trukwalker@gmail.com](mailto:trukwalker@gmail.com)

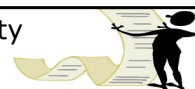
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. This is an opportunity for anybody who is interested in becoming a Catholic, whether baptised in another Christian denomination or not baptised. In September we will be hosting an information meeting for those interested in learning more. We anticipate the RCIA classes beginning in October and continuing through to Easter. Please watch this space for more information. Those interested can also reach out to [office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz](mailto:office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz).

**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 30th July at 10am in the Mercy Chapel, do join us.



St Vincent de Paul sells kindling wood through the Vinnies Shop. Our dedicated and long serving volunteer who organises this is retiring. Would you be interested in collecting pallets and chopping & bagging them? A saw bench is supplied. Some remuneration available. For more details contact Lorraine 02041188521

**A reminder that new rosters** will be out next month, please advise of your availability to Lorraine via email [trukwalker@gmail.com](mailto:trukwalker@gmail.com) phone 9273513 or 0276246264



**Accommodation:** Professional non-smoker requires a 2/3 bedroom property from beginning of September Phone Cally, 020 4127 6848

**Adoration:** given the interest in Adoration, we are trialing having this on a regular basis, starting with once a month, on the first Sunday, in the Mercy Chapel between 11.30am and 2pm. The next day will be on 4th August.



### 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

### 17th Sun of Ord

#### Sat 27th July

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

#### Sun 28th July

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton- 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim -10am **W&C**

#### Tuesday-30th July

Blenheim **NO** 9.30am **Mass**

#### **11am Funeral Mass**

for Aileen Hickman

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

#### Wednesday-31st July

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

then Reconciliation

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

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Blenheim 7pm **Mass** Syro

Malabar tradition

#### Thursday - 1st August

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

#### Friday-2nd August

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 11am Exposition

12.05pm **Mass**

### 18th Sun of Ord

#### Sat 3rd August

Picton- 4pm **Mass**

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

#### Sun 4th August

Seddon 8am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**

Blenheim 10am - **Mass**

11.30-2pm Adoration

in the Mercy Chapel

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

#### **Last Week:**

Total: \$3387.00

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.

## Readings for:

### 28 July- 4 August 2024

#### Sun 28 July-17th Sun of Ord

#### World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

2Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

#### Mon 29 July- St Martha

1John 4:7-16

John 11:19-27

#### Tues 30 July

Jeremiah 14:8-22

Matt 13:36-43

#### Wed 31 July-St Ignatius Loyola

Jeremiah 15:10,16-21

Matt 13:44-46

#### Thurs 1 Aug-St Alphonsus

#### Liguori

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Matt 13:47-53

#### Fri 2 Aug

Jeremiah 26:1-9

Matt 13:54-58

#### Sat 3 Aug-St Dominic

Jeremiah 26:11-16,24

Matt 14:1-12

#### Sun 4 August-18th Sun of Ord

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

John 6:24-35



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.

## Quote from Pope Francis

'Even today, the multiplication of goods cannot solve problems without fair sharing. The tragedy of hunger comes to mind, which affects the little ones in particular... Faced with scandals such as these, Jesus also addresses an invitation to us... "Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.'" Pope Francis [Angelus](#), 25 July 2021



## Remembering the Holy souls

### -May they Rest In Peace

Thomas Chapman;

David Bowen;

Dan Murphy;

Aileen Hickman;

Agnes McIlveney;

Murray Black;

Charles Vavasour;

Val Clarke;

Libby Laurent;

Brian stretch;

Patricia Stretch;

Arthur & Jack

O'Kane;

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;

Tilly van Dyke;

Graeme Daines;

Kath Maher;

Jessica Jackson;

Michael Carmody

& Family;

Matt & family in

CHCH;

Maria Martin;

Charlotte Cagney;

Nancy Woolford-

Stayner;

Denise Eddowes;

Terry Price;

Steven Crundwell-

Nlsn

Lex & Mary Agnew;

Peter Smith;

Margaret Searle;

Anne Rundle;

Sophie Greening;

Jocelyn Cresswell;

Vince Smith;

**Reminder:** If there is a funeral, this will replace the mass of the day. This will be announced at the previous day's liturgy and a notice will be put on our Facebook page.

### **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.



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