

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 28, 4th August 2024 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners ,

As we head into August and the 18th week in Ordinary times on our liturgical year , we certainly are not in Ordinary times for us in Star of the Sea here and around the world.

I was hoping to give a you all a positive update on where we are at with our new parish priests, but as to date we are being told that "difficulties assembling necessary documentation" is where things are at and visa issues continue to hold up any new priests coming to us.

Maybe also the release of the royal commission report has taken a lot of time and energy for the authorities.

Nevertheless patience and prayers is what we need at this time.

We have great teams at SOTS in all regions and we must prayer that the hard word from the volunteers, Sisters, teachers, leaders, youth, other groups within the parishes, and of course, our "temporary" stand in parish priest Father Steph, keep our faith community alive and thriving not just surviving.

I must thank you all for your continued dedication to keep us thriving and keep the faith and good work you all do for SOTS.

God Bless and have a great week. Parish Council Chair ,Blair McLean

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 Sacramental program continues on Sunday 4th August at 9am in the Community Centre in Blenheim followed by Mass or Word in Communion. The preparation for Confirmation runs for 4 weeks. Any enquiries please email Lorraine, trukwalker@gmail.com . It is also running in Kaikoura at the same time for Confirmation on 1st September with Sr Maureen and Breanna.

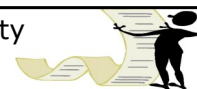
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This is an opportunity for anybody who is interested in becoming a Catholic, whether baptised in another Christian denomination or not baptised. In September we will be hosting an information meeting for those interested in learning more. We anticipate the 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.

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 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

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

Tuesday-6th August

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**
1pm Funeral for

Val Price

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-7th August

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

Thursday - 8th August

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

Friday-9th August

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

19th Sun of Ord

Sat 10th August

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 11th August

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

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2640.55

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:

4 -11 August 2024

Sun 4 Aug-18th Sun of Ord

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15
Ephesians 4:17,20-24
John 6:24-35

Mon 5 Aug

Jeremiah 28:1-17
Matt 14:13-21

Tues 6 Aug-Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
2Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28-36

Wed 7 Aug

Jeremiah 31:1-7
Matt 15:21-28

Thurs 8 Aug-St Mary of the Cross (McKillop)

Judith 8:11-17,28-31
Matt 6:25-34

Fri 9 Aug

Nahum 2:1,3, 3:1-3,6-7-9
Matt 16:24-28

Sat 10 Aug-St Lawrence

2Cor 9:6-10
John 12:24-26

Sun 11 August-19th Sun of Ord

1Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51



Find peace in God's Word

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.



Remembering the Holy souls - May they Rest In Peace

Val Price;	Joan P Smith;
Joanna McKendry;	Ratko Erceg
Peter Chapman;	(Croatia) ;
David Bowen;	Sr Margaret D'Ath
Dan Murphy;	RSCJ (Auck);
Aileen Hickman;	and all our
Agnes McIlveney;	deceased
Murray Black;	parishioners and
Charles Vavasour;	benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;	Maria Martin;
Rebecca Upton;	Charlotte Cagney;
Donna Lippiatt;	Nancy Woolford-
Les McKay;	Stayner;
Barry Butcher;	Denise Eddowes;
Luke Clayton;	Terry Price;
Tilly van Dyke;	Steven Crundwell-
Graeme Daines;	Nlsn
Kath Maher;	Lex & Mary Agnew;
Jessica Jackson;	Peter Smith;
Michael Carmody &	Margaret Searle;
Family;	Anne Rundle;
Matt & family in	Sophie Greening;
CHCH;	Jocelyn Cresswell;
Lyn Turner;	Vince Smith;
Aimee Bardell;	

Reminder: If there is a funeral Mass, 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.



Quote from Pope Francis

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society." (Pope Francis # 71 Laudate Deum)

Action: St Paul urges the Ephesians to "Give up your old way of life." Try and consume with prudence this week; maybe eat less meat or refrain from making an unnecessary purchase.



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