

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 30, 18th August 2024 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

On the 15th of August, Aotearoa celebrates its patronal feast, where we affirm the dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory upon completing her earthly life. Celebrating this feast in 2024 highlights the sanctity of our bodies and the salvation of the whole person. Mary, fully redeemed, shares in the risen life of her Son Jesus, embodying the resurrection and life everlasting as stated in the Creed.

Pope Francis, in his Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, praises Mary's unique embodiment of Jesus' Beatitudes, characterized by joy, contemplation, and mercy. As the supreme saint, Mary guides us in holiness and offers unwavering support. This message is crucial in 2024, reflecting our need for steadfast faith and compassion in a changing world.

The gospel reading for the Assumption, Luke 1:39-56, recounts Elizabeth's visit to Mary and the Magnificat. This hymn speaks of God's mercy, societal reversal, and divine justice, resonating with today's call for social justice amidst upheaval.

Pope Francis encourages simple prayer with Mary, such as the "Hail Mary." On 15 August, Aotearoa New Zealand celebrates its patronal feast of the Assumption, emphasizing Mary's role in Christian eco-spirituality and our duty towards creation. Pope Francis reminds us that our earthly actions impact our eternal future.

Mary, who cared for Jesus, now tends to our wounded world, urging action against poverty, injustice, and environmental destruction. In 2024, this call is urgent. We must live our faith by making a tangible impact, respecting the dignity of our bodies and others. The feast underscores the goodness of our bodies and the promise of salvation for the whole person. Mary, assumed into heaven, offers wisdom to address the world's suffering and our responsibilities to one another and to Earth, challenging us to create a just and compassionate world.

Bridget Comer, Tumuaki (Principal), Te Kura o Hato Mere (St Mary's School), Waiharakeke

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

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. On Sunday 29 September after the 10am mass at St Mary's, we will be hosting an enquiry session for those interested in learning more. We anticipate the RCIA classes beginning in October and continuing through until Easter. Those interested can also reach out to office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz



Wellspring Formation Retreat: 18-20 Oct. St Mary's church. Hosted by St Mary's youth ministry. Keynote speaker Brendan Malone of lifenet.co.nz. Check details on poster in foyer. Prayer, adoration, reconciliation, worship, thought-provoking sessions for adults and teens. This awesome weekend will fill your spiritual cup! Please join us! \$20 adults, \$10 teens (or just the koha you can afford). Invite any interested friends outside of the parish as well. Register with Mieke or Maurice after Mass, or contact them on 0223918584.

Antioch Teen Camp: 27-29 Sept. Woodend, Chch. \$135 . for school years 9-13. Info & register at <https://cyt.org.nz/what-we-offer/events/antioch/> and talk to Maurice Davies (youth coordinator) 0223918584 about help with transport and help with camp fee. We already have a small group headed down there! Thanks.

Rosters for Blenheim Ministries: These should be emailed out by the weekend. Printed rosters for those who don't have email, will be in the Church foyer. All requests have tried to be accommodated. If you don't receive your roster, please email Lorraine, trukwalker@gmail.co.m.



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

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

20th Sun of Ord

Sat 17 August

Picton- 4pm **Mass**

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Sun 18th August

Seddon 8am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**

Blenheim 10am - **Mass Led by the Youth**

Tuesday-20th August

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-21st August

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

then Reconciliation

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Thursday - 22nd August

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Blenheim 6.30pm

Reconciliation

7pm Mass in the

Syromalabar tradition

Friday-23rd August

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

12.05pm **Mass**

21st Sun of Ord

Sat 24th August

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 25th August

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton- 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim -10am **W&C**

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 next on **28 August**. Feel free to bring a friend.



Readings for:

18 -25 August 2024

Sun 18 August-20th Sun of Ord

Prov 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Mon 19 Aug

Ezekiel 24:15-24

Matt 19:16-22

Tues 20 Aug-St Bernard, abbot

Ezekiel 28:1-10

Matt 19:23-30

Wed 21 Aug-St Pius X, Pope

Ezekiel 34:1-11

Matt 20:1-16

Thurs 22 Aug-Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel 36:23-28

Matt 22:1-14

Fri 23 Aug

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Matt 22:34-40

Sat 24 Aug-St Bartholomew

Apoc. 21:9-14

John 1:45-51

Sun 25 August-21st Sun of Ord

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69



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

Ellen Smith;	Squire families;
Drina Raemaekers;	Kath Holden;
Val Price;	Mary O'Connor;
Judith Ferguson	Terry Lacy;
(NSW);	Graeme Jarvis;
Joanna McKendry;	Chris Fredericks;

Eileen Hanley;	and all our
Laurie Squire;	deceased
Family & friends of	parishioners and
Logan, Hanley &	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;	Nancy Spatz;
Travis Jamieson;	Mary Worsley;

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:
Total: \$2,305.49

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.



Quote from Pope Francis

'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us. *Nourishing ourselves* of Him and *abiding* in Him through Eucharistic Communion, if we do so with faith, *transforms our life*, transforms it into a gift to God and to our brothers and sisters. Nourishing ourselves of that "Bread of Life" means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour. It means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity. The very things that Jesus did.' Pope Francis, Angelus, 16 August 2015.

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