

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 31, 25th August 2024 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

In this week's Gospel we hear Jesus say "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." This statement is a challenge to Jesus' followers to reach a new understanding of who Jesus is and the world in which they live. Jesus uses these words to draw attention to the possibility that within our everyday experiences there is a doorway onto God's love that once opened can transform us. It is the Spirit who enables us to make the choice to which Jesus calls us. And, equally, it is the spirit that challenges us to see beyond our lives as mere routine or monotony as something wondrous and incredibly beautiful.

The sacramental significance of the Eucharist we celebrate each week is a reminder of this **communion** of human potential and divine love that exists. John's presentation of Jesus in his gospel invites us to make this intimate connection in our personal lives. William Blake the 17th century English mystic says in a poem of his "If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, infinite." Our freedom as human beings is a God-given context in which we make our choices to be or not to be.

God Bless, Fr. Seph.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Sunday September 8th, feast of the Nativity of Mary or the Immaculate Conception is the designated day we were assigned by Cardinal John Dew as the religious feast day for Star of the Sea Parish. Please bring a plate of finger food to share after the 10am Liturgy and enjoy a cuppa with your fellow parishioners.



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.



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.



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 1st September.

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.

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Mass & Liturgy Schedules

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**

Tuesday-27th August

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday-28th August

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

then Reconciliation

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

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Thursday - 29th August

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-30th August

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 11am Exposition

12.05pm **Mass**

22nd Sun of Ord

Sat 31 August

Blenheim -5pm **Mass and**

Confirmation

Sun 1st September

Seddon 8am - **W&C**

Picton- 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **Mass And**

Confirmation

Blenheim 10am - **W&C**

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.

Readings for:

25 Aug-1 Sept 2024

Sun 25 August-21st Sun of Ord

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

Mon 26 Aug

2Thess 1:1-5,11-12

Matt 23:13-22

Tues 27 Aug-St Monica

2Thess 2:1-3,14-17

Matt 23:23-26

Wed 28 Aug-St Augustine

2Thess 3:6-10,16-18

Matt 23:27-32

Thurs 29 Aug-The passion of St John the Baptist

Jeremiah 1:17-19

Mark 6:17-29

Fri 30 Aug

1Cor 1:17-25

Matt 25:1-13



Sat 31 Aug

1Cor 1:26-31

Matt 25:14-30

Sun 1 Sept- 22nd Sun of Ord- Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Deut 4:1-2,6-8

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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;
Drina Raemaekers;
Val Price;
Peb Simmons-
CHCH;
Michael Bulman;
Lance Sutton-
Masterton;

Mulvena;
Joan Green;
Cecylia Stevie;
Moran Costello,
Members of the
Hickman Family;

Ellen Gallagher;
Noel Spence;
Terry & Gay

and all our
deceased
parishioners and
benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Lyn Wilson;
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;
Lyn Turner;
Aimee Bardell;
Travis Jamieson;

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;
Nancy Spatz;
Mary Worsley;

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

'Jesus affirms that the true bread of salvation, which transmits eternal life, is his very flesh; him, in his incarnation. This means that... God... must be recognized in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.' Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 22 August 2021

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