

## 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 33, 8th September 2024 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

8 September commemorates the birth day of Mary, and is the feast day that we were given by Cardinal John Dew in 2016 when the parishes of Kaikoura, Picton and Blenheim were amalgamated to become Star of the Sea Parish. There are only three birthdays on the liturgical calendar: Mary, Jesus, and John the Baptist. Usually, it is the custom to celebrate the feast day of a saint on the date of their death as that marks their "birth" into everlasting life. Mary, however, entered the world sinless. She was born to be the mother of the Saviour of the world. And, just as Jesus was to be the **perfect** expression of God's love, so she was the foreshadowing of God's great love for us. Through Mary comes Christ, the Light of the World and our Saviour. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to Mary, the Mother of God and many forms of devotion have developed that help bring us closer to her Son. The Church honours her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

#### 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.



TH502 What is Theology? Course Wed-Fri: 9-11 October 9am-4pm CTC Thorndon, Wgtn with Dr Christopher Longhurst- Enrol now – call (04) 819 8380 or email [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz) or visit [www.tekupenga.ac.nz](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz)

**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](mailto:office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz)

**Messy Church** on Sunday 15th September, 4-6pm at St Christophers Church, Weld Street. For more details look at the poster on the noticeboard.

**Blenheim Aglow** invites everyone to their next meeting on 21st September, 10am, at Harvest Life MPB, 22b Nelson Street to hear Nawa Cooper speak. Morning tea from 9.30am and a Koha would be appreciated. More details on the poster on the Noticeboard.

**Yamaha grand piano** to give away to a good home. Please contact Pamela Jacobstein via email at [pamelajacobstein1@gmail.com](mailto:pamelajacobstein1@gmail.com)



**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](http://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.

#### 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

**23rd Sun of Ord – Social Justice Week**  
**Sat 7th September**

Blenheim 5pm -Mass  
**Sun 8th Sept – Feast Day of the Parish**

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

**Tuesday-10th Sept**  
 Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**  
 Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

**Wednesday-11th Sept**  
 Picton 9.30am **Mass**  
 then Reconciliation  
 Kaikoura 9:30am **W&C**  
 Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**  
 Kaikoura 7pm **Rosary**

**Thursday – 12th Sept**  
 Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**  
 Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**  
 Kaikoura 10am **Scripture**

**Friday-13th Sept**  
 Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**  
 Blenheim 11am **Exposition**  
 12.05pm **Mass**

**24th Sun of Ord**  
**Sat 14th Sept**  
 Blenheim 5pm –**W&C**  
 Picton 5pm –**Mass**  
**Sun 15th Sept**  
 Seddon 8am - **Mass**  
 Kaikoura 9.30am – **W&C**  
 Blenheim 10am - **Mass**

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

**Last Week:**  
 Total: \$2729.39  
 Māori Pastoral Care \$39.00  
 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:

**8-15 September 2024**

**Sun 8 Sept-23rd Sun of Ord – Feast Day of our Parish**

Isaiah 35:4-7  
 James 2:1-5  
 Mark 7:31-37

**Mon 9 Sept**

1Cor 5:1-8  
 Luke 6:6-11

**Tues 10 Sept**

1Cor 6:1-11  
 Luke 6:12-19

**Wed 11 Sept**

1Cor 7:25-31  
 Luke 6:20-26

**Thurs 12 Sept**

1Cor 8:1-7,11-13  
 Luke 6:27-38

**Fri 13 Sept-St Chrysostom**

1Cor 9:16-19,22-27  
 Luke 6:39-42

**Sat 14 Sept-Exaltation of the Cross**

Num 21:4-9  
 Phil 2:6-11

**Sun 15 Sept-24th Sun of Ord**

Isaiah 50:5-9  
 James 2:14-18  
 Mark 8:27-35

## 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

Drina Raemaekers;  
 Val Price;  
 Des Maney;  
 Mary Worsley;

Jose M P

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;  
 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;

## 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



**8th September (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) Season of Creation Social Justice Week 8-14 Sept** "The reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones." (# 9 *Laudate Deum*)

**Action** – There is more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than ever previously recorded, new data from a New Zealand monitoring station shows. Consider our Pacific neighbours facing sea level rise.

How might we advocate for them? Read about the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and act by signing the Faith Letter as an Individual. See <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>

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