

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.

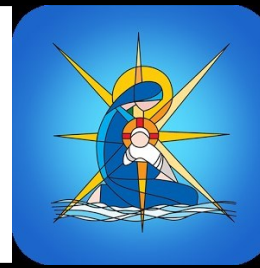
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Newsletter 35, 22nd September 2024 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We have had a rare gem amongst us this year. Fr Seph is a treasure that we have had the privilege of getting to know; his ready smile and light hearted, embracing nature has been a gift to us all in our uncertain times. Our youth group was particularly blessed by his presence at our retreat this winter, and I speak for us all when I say he will be sorely missed! Today's gospel of 'the last will be first and the first will be last', immediately brings to mind all those I know who are naturally humble, with a heart of servitude (examples I can learn from :)). Fr Seph is one for sure.

This weekend we farewell Fr Seph, and welcome Fr Dyson Tharakan. During this transition, let us pray for both priests, grateful for their gifts and love they bring to our parish. Fr Seph, we say haere ra with much gratitude and aroha.

Mieke Davies, Youth Minister



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

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 **25th September**. Feel free to bring a friend.



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 or visit www.tekupenga.ac.nz

Pilgrimage with the Saints Tour 2025

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or phone 0800 99 7788. Check the noticeboard for info as well.

Sacramental Programs continue in Blenheim with First Holy Communion classes starting on Sunday 27th October {Labour Weekend} at 9am and the following 3 weeks at the Parish Community Centre. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 24th November at 10am. All children should have been baptised and made their First Reconciliation before commencing this sacrament. Any questions or for a registration form please contact Lorraine Walker email: trukwalker@gmail.com. For Kaikoura sacraments, please contact Sr Maureen.



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 the 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.

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

25th Sun of Ord

Sat 21st September

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 22nd Sept

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton- 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim -10am **W&C**

Tuesday-24th Sept

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Wednesday-25th Sept

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

then Reconciliation

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

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Thursday-26th Sept

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-27th Sept

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 11am Exposition

12.05pm **Mass**

26th Sun of Ord

Sat 28th Sept

Blenheim 5pm -**W&C**

Picton 5pm-**Mass**

Sun 29th Sept

Seddon 8am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**

Blenheim 10am - **Mass**

Blenheim 2pm **Tongan Mass**

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,303.73

Māori Pastoral Care \$20.00

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:

22-29 September 2024

Sun 22 Sept-25th Sun of Ord

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

Mon 23 Sept-St Pius of

Pietrelcina, priest

Prov 3:27-34

Luke 8:16-18

Tues 24 Sept

Prov 21:1-6,10-13

Luke 8:19-21

Wed 25 Sept

Prov 30:5-9

Luke 9:1-6

Thurs 26 Sept

Ecc 1:2-11

Luke 9:7-9

Fri 27 Sept-St Vincent de Paul, priest

Ecc 3:1-22

Luke 9:18-22

Sat 28 Sept

Ecc 11:9-12:8

Luke 9:43-45

Sun 29 Sept-26th Sun of Ord

Numb 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

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

Narcisa Gear-Clay;
Susan Tracey;
Aileen Collins;

Nora Holden;
Lott O'Halloran;

and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Rebecca Upton;
Donna Lippiatt;
Les McKay;
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

22nd September (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Season of Creation

"We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival." (# 22 *Laudate Deum*)

Action: Consider the ways in which our power and our technological progress are turning against us.

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