

## 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.

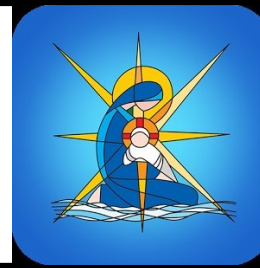
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### Newsletter 38, 13th October 2024 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus invited a young man to follow Him but riches got in the way and he felt unable to let them go, so turned away. Jesus was sad to see him go but left him free to make his own choice. We know that when people are forced to make a choice, they are impoverished but when they are free, they are blessed. A Call from God is personal and can be life-giving.

Today, the Church reminds us that it is Right to Life Sunday. Life with dignity is the fundamental right of every person and without it, other rights have no meaning.

We watch in horror and disbelief at the T.V. News where we see innocent people and children caught up in the horrors of war and violence. So many are injured or die because of the thirst for power and greed of a few.

Several years ago on this 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Pope John Paul 11 gave a moving homily from the balcony of St Peter's and used this Gospel. He reflected on the fact that the young man's riches may not have been money but instead, young life and physical strength...vitality that he could share in the service of God and others. It could well have been an invitation to a free offering of the most precious gift that he had to offer...his own life and gifts.

Sr Maureen Connor, Sacred Heart Community, Kaikoura.

### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Requests for funds to send overseas: We have become aware that there may be people who are soliciting privately for money to be sent overseas to personal bank accounts, allegedly to assist with charitable works. If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas. If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer, Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143 or email at [e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz)



Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 4th Wednesday of the month and meet next on **23rd October**. Feel free to bring a friend.

Altar servers—Blenheim: It has been some years since we had Altar Servers at our liturgies and we are going to try and establish a small team of boys and girls who are interested to take on this role. We are looking for children who have made their First Communion and who are over 8 years old to come and see if this is something they would like to do to contribute to the weekend Masses. Belinda Vavasour will be taking names after Mass this weekend.

#### Rosary during October:

**Wednesday**— Kaikoura 7pm, with a final Mass on 20th October.

**Thursday**— Blenheim 7pm This week led by the Filipino Community, in the MERCY CHAPEL, A final Mass on 31st October at 7pm dedicated to Our Lady.

**Friday**—Picton 6pm, with a special Mass on 26th at 5pm.



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 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.

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 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](mailto:trukwalker@gmail.com).

Kaikoura begins preparation for First Communion the week beginning October 28th. Please contact Sr Maureen or Breanna Moller for further details.



### 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

**28th Sun of Ord - Support Life Sunday**

**Sat 12th Oct**

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**  
Picton 5pm - **Mass**

**Sun 13th Oct**

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

**Ginetta on Leave 15-21 October**

**Tuesday-15th Oct**

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

**Wednesday-16th Oct**

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

**Thursday-17th Oct**

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**  
Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**  
Kaikoura 10am Scripture  
**Blenheim 7pm Mass in the Syro Malabar tradition**  
**7pm Rosary in Mercy Chapel**

**Friday-18th Oct**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**  
Blenheim 11am Exposition  
12.05pm **Mass**  
**Picton 6pm Rosary**

**29th Sun of Ord-World Mission Sunday**

**Sat 19th October**

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**

**Sun 20th October**

Seddon- 8am **W&C**  
Picton- 9am **W&C**  
Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**  
Blenheim -10am **W&C**



## Readings for:

**13-20 Oct 2024**  
**Sun 13 Oct-28th Sun of Ord- Support Life Sunday**

Wisdom 7:7-11  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30

**Mon 14 Oct**

Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1  
Luke 11:29-32

**Tues 15 Oct-St Teresa of Jesus**

Gal 5:1-6  
Luke 11:37-41

**Wed 16 Oct**

Gal 5:18-25  
Luke 11:42-46

**Thurs 17 Oct-St**

**Ignatius of Antioch**  
Ephes 1:11-14  
Luke 11:47-54



**Fri 18 Oct-St Luke, Evangelist**

Tim 4:10-17  
Luke 10:1-9

**Sat 19 Oct**

Ephes 1:11-14  
Luke 12:8-12

**Sun 20 Oct-29th Sun of Ord- world Mission Day**

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45

**Find peace in God's Word**

## 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.



**Remembering the Holy souls**  
**-May they Rest In Peace**

Elenor Plant;  
Lynette Wilson;  
Aurelio Ferrer Jr;  
Narcisa  
Gear-Clay;  
Susan Tracey;  
Aileen Collins;

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 Dyk;  
Graeme Daines;  
Kath Maher;  
Jessica Jackson;  
Matt & family in CHCH;  
Lyn Turner;  
Aimee Bardell;  
Nancy Spatz;  
Jim West;  
Phil Best;

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;  
Francesca Perkins

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

**Last Week:**

Total: \$3,590.85  
Mission Sunday: \$20.00  
Maori 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.

## Quote from Pope Francis



"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mk 10:15). Here is what is new: the disciple must not only serve the little ones, but also acknowledge himself as a little one. And every one of us, do we recognise ourselves as small before God? ..... We must seek out our smallness and recognise it. And there, we will find Jesus."

*Pope Francis 03.10.21 Angelus, St Peter's Square , 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B*

**Action:** Seek out your smallness by standing near tall trees. Grow in your awareness of being little in God's Creation and open yourself up to the need for God in your life.

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