

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 39, 20th October 2024 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday 2024: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet"

This Sunday, Catholics across the world celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, a moment to reflect on the Church's universal mission and renew our commitment to evangelisation. Inspired by Pope Francis' message for 2024, the theme "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet" (Mt 22:9) invites us to consider our role in spreading God's love, following the parable of the wedding banquet. Just as the king's servants were sent out to invite all to the feast, so too are we called to "go out" and "invite" others to the Gospel, with joy, respect, and compassion.

Pope Francis encourages us to see mission as an act of communion, participation, and mission. Every Christian, he reminds us, is part of this mission. Missionary work isn't just for a select few—it's for everyone, regardless of status. It reflects the inclusivity of God's love, inviting all to the divine banquet, which also points to the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith.

As New Zealand Catholics, we are called to support this mission through prayer, generosity, and active participation, remembering that every contribution helps sustain vital projects worldwide. Let us unite in our efforts to bring hope to those in need and invite all to share in God's abundant grace.

Ma te Atua e manaaki

Bridget Comer

Tumuaki, Te Kura o Hato Mere, Waiharakeke

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



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

Thursday—Blenheim 7pm This week led by the Youth. A final Mass on 31st October at 7pm dedicated to Our Lady.

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



Annual Mass Count: For the whole of November at all weekend liturgies a reminder to count, to gauge the number of parishioners attending.

Memorial Mass 7th November at 7pm at St Mary's Church. If you have lost a loved one over the past year, and want them remembered please contact phone Annie Wooding 972 3669

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.

Kaikoura begins preparation for First Communion the week beginning October 28th.

First Communion will be celebrated at 9.30am Mass Sunday 17th November.

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.

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Mass & Liturgy Schedules

29th Sun of Ord – Support Life Sunday

Sat 19th Oct

Blenheim 5pm – Mass

Sun 20th Oct

Seddon 8am – W&C

Picton 9am – W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am – Mass

Blenheim 10am – W&C

Ginetta on Leave 15-21 October

Tuesday-22nd Oct

Blenheim 9.30am W & C

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-23rd Oct

Picton 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Thursday-24th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

7pm Rosary

Friday-25th Oct

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

12.05pm W&C

Picton 6pm Rosary

30th Sun of Ord

Sat 26th Oct

Blenheim 5pm – W&C

Picton 5pm – Mass

Sun 27th Oct

Seddon 8am – Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am – W&C

Blenheim 10am – Mass



Readings for:

20-27 Oct 2024

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

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

Mon 21 Oct

Ephes 2:1-10

Luke 12:13-21

Tues 22 Oct

Ephes 2:12-22

Luke 12:35-38

Wed 23 Oct

Ephes 3:2-12

Luke 12:39-48

Thurs 24 Oct

Ephes 3:14-21

Luke 12:49-53

Fri 25 Oct

Ephes 4:1-6

Luke 12:54-59

Sat 26 Oct

Ephes 4:7-16

Luke 13:1-9

Sun 27 Oct-30th Sun of Ord

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52



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

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

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



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: \$2,203.57

Mission Sunday: \$50.00

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

The Holy Spirit always accompanies us. The Spirit consoles us in moments of sorrow and grief, especially when – precisely because of our love of humanity – things are not going well, injustices seem to prevail, we realize how difficult it is to respond with good in the face of evil, we see how hard it is to forgive and what little courage we show in seeking peace.

Pope Francis, Synod, 2 October 2024



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