

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.

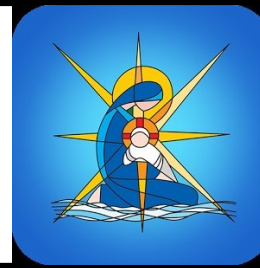
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Newsletter 40, 27th October 2024 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we meet a blind man called Bartimaeus, and he is a good example of persistent prayer. Bartimaeus serves as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. Keenly aware of his need and his helplessness, he places his hope in Jesus and is not disappointed. In the same way, through faith in Jesus, we can have purpose, energy and direction in our lives. His journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith.

Bartimaeus, when cured, 'followed Jesus along the road'. This doesn't mean he simply followed Jesus with the crowds, along the road to Jerusalem. Mark, in his gospel, intends for us to understand that Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. From being a mere believer, Bartimaeus became a disciple, and there is a difference between being a believer and being a disciple. One can become a believer without it having any effect on our lives; when we become a disciple we try to live like a Christian. In Baptism we received the light of faith; without faith we will always be in the dark. Faith opens our eyes to a new vision of the world. To believe in Jesus is to have an unfailing lamp to light our way, and we show that we are following his light by the way we live – the way of the Christian disciple. We can all try and make the heartfelt prayer of Bartimaeus our own: "Lord that I may see" Belinda V

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Adoration: given the interest in Adoration, we are trialing having this on a regular basis, once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11.30am and 2pm. The next day will be on 6th October. The following date is 27th October as we are moving to the last Sunday of the Month.



A MASSIVE THANK YOU to all who participated and helped in somehow at last weekend's Wellspring formation retreat. From the music and adoration on Friday, to the inspiring sessions on the Saturday, we know that many were filled spiritually and got a lot out of this event. Thank you so much for supporting this endeavour, and we look forward to next time! From St Mary's Youth ministry.

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, 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

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**

Tuesday-29th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-30th Oct

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Thursday-31st Oct

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Kaikoura **7pm Rosary**

Blenheim **7pm Mass**

Friday-1st Nov-All Saints

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

12.05pm Mass

31st Sun of Ord

Sat 2nd Nov- All Souls

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 3rd Nov

Seddon 8am - **W&C**

Picton 9am —**W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am— **Mass**

Blenheim 10am— **W&C**

Reminder: If there is a funeral Mass, this will replace the mass of the day. This will be announced at the previous day's liturgy and a notice will be put on our Facebook page.



Readings for:

27 Oct-3 Nov 2024

Sun 27 Oct-30th Sun of Ord,

Media Prayer Day

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

Mon 28 Oct-Sts. Simon & Jude

Ephes 2:19-22

Luke 6:12-16

Tues 29 Oct

Ephes 5:21-33

Luke 13:18-21

Wed 30 Oct

Ephes 6:1-9

Luke 13:22-30

Thurs 31 Oct

Ephes 6:10-20

Luke 13:31-35

Fri 01 Nov-All Saints Day

Apoc. 7:2-4,9-14

1John 3:1-3

Matt 5:1-12

Sat 02 Nov- All Souls

Isai 25:6-9

1Cor 15:51-57

Matt 11:25-30

Sun 3 Nov-31st 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

Mary Penington-CHCH;
Eleanor Plant;
Lynette Wilson;

Joan McGrath;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Jack Walker;
John Spencer;
Mary O'Halloran;
Aileen Hickman;
Ossie Hickman;
Mary-Clare Murphy;



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;
Esme Murphy;

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: \$3,279.48

Mission Sunday: \$212.00

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

'Many of those with Jesus ordered Bartimaeus to be quiet. For such disciples, a person in need was a nuisance along the way, an obstacle unexpected and unforeseen. They preferred their own timetable above that of the Master, their own talking over listening to others. They were following Jesus, but they had their own plans... Yet, for Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge... How important it is for us to listen to life! The children of the heavenly Father are concerned with their brothers and sisters, not with useless chatter, but with the needs of their neighbours'. Pope Francis, [Homily](#), 28 October 2018

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