

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.

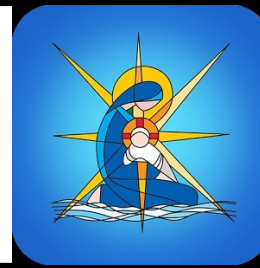
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Newsletter 46, 8th December 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

Salvation is one of the great themes of Advent. Today, on the Second Sunday, John the Baptist sends up a great cry to us all, 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make straight His paths.' He reminds us that God is the one constant in our lives. He never abandons us, or changes, even when we let Him and ourselves down. It is our ways that need to be 'straightened' at times; that need His strength, wisdom and courage to help our paths run parallel to His. The people of the Old Testament watched in hope for a Messiah who would save them and bring a blessed future. We watch for God's Presence in our daily lives now. They waited for their world to change. We are called to work for change that has already begun. Advent is the celebration of the coming of God - in the past, the present and the future. We are His point of entry in each day of our lives.

Sr Maureen Connor smsm

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Thank you to those who participated in the 1st Communion Celebrations over the past two weekends. Thanks to those who helped the children prepare, through to those who set up the morning tea afterwards. It was great to see such a good turnout to support the children in this special sacrament.

Foodbank The Marlborough food bank would like to thank parishioners for their contributions during the recent foodbank drive on 25th November and for the contributions that are collected every weekend from our liturgies. They are very grateful for all contributions that will go out to those in need.

BLenheim CHORAL PRESENTS CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE AGES

Blenheim Choral will present a wide range of Christmas carols for your entertainment with some favourites to sing along with. DEC 14th, 7.30pm, NATIVITY CHURCH. DIRECTOR ROBERT TUCKER. ORGANIST JONATHAN BERKAHN. ADULTS \$20.00. CHILDREN AND STUDENTS FREE. More Information on the poster in the church foyer.

Multicultural Family Potluck Tea – Sunday, 15 December. As we prepare for the birth of baby Jesus, we reflect on the importance of coming together as a parish family. You are warmly invited to a special **Multicultural Family Potluck Tea** on **Sunday, 15 December, from 4pm to 6PM** in the **Community Centre**. Please bring a plate of food to share and enjoy an afternoon of food, friendship, and connection. Let's come together for an afternoon of friendship and fun, creating a welcoming space for everyone, especially those who may be missing their loved ones far away. For more information, contact **Margaret** at **021 158 4426** or email alan.marg1@gmail.com.

Archbishop's Appeal: Support Our Seminarians Throughout December, Archbishop Paul invites you to contribute to the Archbishop's Appeal, which supports the formation of our Archdiocesan seminarians. Your generous donations will help cover the costs of their education at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland, as well as their travel to and from the Archdiocese and ongoing pastoral care. Please consider making a gift to help nurture and support those preparing for a life of service to the Church. Donations can be made to 02-0536-0003306-13; Reference: your name; Code: AB Appeal.

Year of Jubilee : Ngā Tapuwae Jubilee Hikoi 2025 Join in and experience the footsteps of Bishop Pompalier, Kupe, and the Poynton's, with other pilgrims, together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage. This is a guided pilgrimage. Information is available at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga_tapuwae-2025 or contact Dcn Steve Fraser stephenf@cda.org.nz Registrations are now open. Dates are 10th to 12th January 2025. Own transport required.

Christmas Reconciliation in Marlborough Catholic Churches 2024

Sat Dec 14	Blenheim	5pm Mass, reconciliation afterwards
Sun Dec 15	Kaikoura	9.30am Mass, reconciliation afterwards
Sat Dec 21	Picton	5pm Mass, reconciliation afterwards
Sun Dec 22	Seddon	8am Mass, reconciliation afterwards

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

2nd Sunday of Advent Sat 7th Dec

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

Sun 8th Dec

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

Tuesday-10th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-11th Dec

Picton 9.30am W&C
Kaikoura 9:30am W&C
Blenheim 12.05pm W&C
Kaikoura 6pm Leavers Mass & prizegiving

Thursday-12th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am W&C
Kaikoura 9.30am **Anointing Mass**
Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-13th Dec

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C
Blenheim 11am Exposition
11.30am reconciliation
12.05pm Mass

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sat 14th Dec

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass, reconciliation**

Sun 15th Dec

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

Parish Stall: If you are looking for Holy Christmas Cards or a special gift for someone, check out the parish stall in St Mary's Church. There will be something for everyone.



Readings for:

8-15 Dec 2024 **Sun 8 Dec- 2nd Sunday of Advent year C**

Baruch 5:1-9
Phili 1:3-6,8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Mon 9 Dec- Immaculate Conception BVM

Genesis 3:9-15,20
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Tues 10 Dec

Isai 40:1-111
Matt 18:12-14

Wed 11 Dec

Isai 40:25-31
Matt 11:28-30

Thurs 12 Dec

Isai 41:13-20
Matt 11:11-15

Fri 13 Dec-St Lucy

Isai 48:17-19
Matt 11:16-19

Sat 14 Dec-St John of the Cross

Eccl 48:1-4,9-11
Matt 17:10-13

Sun 15 Dec- 3rd Sunday of Advent year C

Zeph 3:14-18
Phili 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

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**

Marie Irving;	Hugh Byrne;
Patricia Granger;	Lorraine O'Leary;
Chris Fredericks;	Pat & Jack
Anne Petersen;	Hancock;
Nona Thomas;	John Smart;
Reta & William	John O'Halloran;
O'Leary;	Gyula Mitribusz;
Louis O'Leary;	Also all our
Gwenda & Eric	deceased
Bishell;	parishioners and
	benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;	Maria Martin;
Donna Lippiatt;	Charlotte Cagney;
Luke Clayton;	Nancy Woolford-
Tilly van Dyk;	Stayner;
Graeme Daines;	Denise Eddowes;
Kath Maher;	Terry Price;
Jessica Jackson;	Steven Crundwell-
Matt & family in	Nlsn
CHCH;	Lex & Mary Agnew;
Lyn Turner;	Peter Smith;
Aimee Bardell;	Margaret Searle;
Nancy Spatz;	Anne Rundle;
Jim West;	Sophie Greening;
Phil Best;	Jocelyn Cresswell;
Esme Murphy;	Vince & Melva
Eileen Moreland;	Smith;
Nola Tanner;	Francesca Perkins
Kath Campbell;	Marita Morrison;
Pauline Smart;	Hazel Harbord;
Mary Norton;	

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:
Total: \$2,700.28

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 witness of John the Baptist helps us to go forward in our witness of life. The purity of his proclamation, his courage in proclaiming the truth were able to reawaken the expectation and hope in the Messiah that had long been dormant... Jesus' disciples are called to be his humble but courageous witnesses in order to rekindle hope, to make it understood that, despite everything, the Kingdom of God continues to be built day by day.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, 9 December 2018

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