

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.

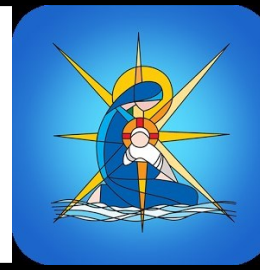
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Newsletter 47, 15th December 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

3rd Sunday of Advent: Preparing for Christ's Birth

This Sunday, as we celebrate the **3rd Sunday of Advent**, we are called to continue our journey of preparation for the birth of Christ. Advent is a season of waiting, reflection, and anticipation, as we prepare our hearts and homes to receive the true light of the world—Jesus Christ.

In this third week of Advent, traditionally known as **Gaudete Sunday**, we are reminded to rejoice in the Lord's near arrival. The readings invite us to reflect on the joy that comes from knowing that Christ is soon to be with us. The words from the prophet Isaiah and the joyful message of John the Baptist urge us to prepare not just our surroundings but also our souls, clearing away the obstacles that keep us from fully embracing God's love.

The spirit of Advent calls us to live in hope and to actively prepare for Christ's coming through prayer, acts of kindness, and repentance. This is a time to reach out to those in need, to offer a listening ear, and to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer and reflection.

We are also reminded that Advent is not only about personal preparation but also about being a light to others, sharing the hope and joy we anticipate with those around us. Let us embrace this season of Advent with a renewed sense of purpose, joy, and deep preparation for Christ's birth.

Bridget Comer, Tumuaki, Te Kura o Hato Mere

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Thank you to those who supported the lunch after the anointing mass last week, especially Meaters who supplied the delicious ham!

St Mary's School Prizegiving 16th December at 5.30-7.30pm at St Mary's Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

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 Tapuwāe 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/lifein_faith/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.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Mass & Liturgy Schedules

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**

Tuesday-17th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

St Mary's School Leavers

Liturgy 10.30am

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-18th Dec

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Thursday-19th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-20th Dec

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

11.30am reconciliation

12.05pm Mass

4th Sunday of Advent

Sat 21st Dec

Blenheim 5pm – **W&C**

Picton 5pm – **Mass, reconciliation**

Sun 22nd Dec

Seddon 8am – **Mass, reconciliation**

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Kaikoura 9.30am – **W&C**

Blenheim 10am – **Mass**

Readings for:

15-22 Dec 2024

Sun 15 Dec- 3rd Sunday of

Advent year C

Zeph 3:14-18

Philipp 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

Mon 16 Dec

numb 24:2-7,15-17

Matt 21:23-27

Tues 17 Dec

Gene 49:2,8-10

Matt 1:1-17

Wed 18 Dec

Jere 23:5-8

Matt 1:18-24

Thurs 19 Dec

Judges 13:2-7,24-25

Luke 1:5-25

Fri 20 Dec

Isai 7:10-14

Luke 1:26-38

Sat 21 Dec

Songs 2:8-14

Luke 1:39-45

Sun 22 Dec- 4th Sunday of

Advent year C

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

Find peace in God's Word



Masses at Christmas

Christmas Eve:

Blenheim: 5.30pm

Kaikoura: 7pm

Picton: 7.30pm

Christmas Day:

Seddon: 8am

Kaikoura: 9.30am W&C

Blenheim: 10am

New Years Eve: no liturgies

New Years Day:

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C



Remembering the Holy souls

– May they Rest In Peace

Marie Irving;
Patricia Granger;
Kathleen Watson;

Also all our
deceased
parishioners and
benefactors.

People of Ireland;
Fr Tom O'Connor,
sm;
Lynette Kilmartin;
Doreen Smith;

**Intentions: please keep these
parishioners in your prayers.**

Richard Booker;
Donna Lippiatt;
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;
Eileen Moreland;
Nola Tanner;

Anne Thompson (UK)
Pauline Smart;
Mary Norton;

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 & Melva
Smith;

Francesca Perkins
Marita Morrison;
Hazel Harbord;
Bernice Brown;

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.



Collections: We are most
grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$

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

'What then shall we do?'... The Gospel reminds us of something important: life has a task for us. Life is not meaningless; it is not left to chance. It is a gift the Lord grants us, saying to us: discover who you are, and work hard to make the dream that is your life come true! Each of us — let us not forget this — *has a mission to accomplish*. Let us ask ourselves as well: what would be good for me to do for myself and for my brothers and sisters? How can I contribute to the good of the Church, to the good of society?
Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 12 December 2021.

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