

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.

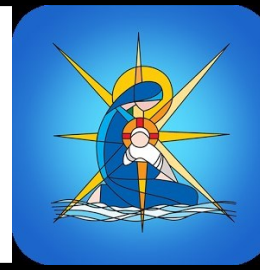
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Newsletter 01, 26th January 2025 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



POPE FRANCIS HAS DECLARED 2025 AS A YEAR OF JUBILEE WITH THE THEME "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

Welcome to 2025 and welcome to Fr Jacob Kuman cp who returns to the parish of Star of the Sea as Parish Administrator, and who will be joined by Assistant Priest, Fr Peter Gardiner cp, later in February. We all look forward to working

with Frs Jacob and Peter in the coming months and renewing our connections to the Passionist Order.

This year 2025 has been declared by Pope Francis as a Year of Jubilee, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", making this Jubilee Year an opportunity to rediscover hope in our lives and communicate hope to others.

Jubilees are designed to be a time of conversion and increased emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins. Pope Francis wants the church to focus on a greater sense of solidarity with the poor, caring for the environment, and of strengthening bonds between all peoples.

All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. This Sunday January 26th is the official start of the Jubilee Year, and throughout the year there will be opportunities throughout our Parish of Star of the Sea to encourage people to a deeper life of prayer.

Finally I would like to thank Fr David Dowling for coming to minister to us these past three weeks. It has been lovely to see him and welcome him once again to our parish. We add his name to the long list of priests who have come to help us during this past year. Thank you Fr David.

Belinda Vavasour

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope. The NZCBC has created an informative webpage. Please visit the website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> to find out more Information and watch this space for opportunities to become involved in Jubilee 2025.



Address changes: If you have moved, changed email address and/or deleted your land-line over the past year, please contact Ginetta to update your details for the parish roll and your end-of-year donation receipts.

Do you feel called to respond to the invitation of Our Lady Queen of Peace to be with her in Medjugorje? Millions of pilgrims have responded and have experienced an extraordinary, grace-filled pilgrimage. Join Mir Pilgrimages and Chaplain Fr Joy Thottamkara on a group pilgrimage departing 22 May 2025 for 10 fulfilling days and nights experiencing 'Medjugorje in-Depth'. See your parish noticeboard or call Patricia Parsons on 0274219064.

ACCOMODATION WANTED: Semi-retired Christian couple are seeking a long term 2 bedroom rental property in Blenheim. We are relocating here from Upper Hutt. We have excellent credit references together with property rental history including the fact that current tenancy (7 years) has been exceptionally well looked after. If you can assist or know of a property please contact on 021 245 2488 or email at y.g.geekie@xtra.co.nz.



Adoration: is starting again and is once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11.30am and 2pm. The next date is **26th January**.

[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

3rd Sun of Ord

Sat 25th Jan

Blenheim 5pm -Mass

Sun 26th Jan

Seddon 8am - **W&C**

Picton 9am - **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **Mass**

Blenheim 10am- **W&C**

Weekday Masses 28th-

31st January

Blenheim 9.30am Tues-Friday

Kaikoura -normal schedule

Picton -No mass

This could change if there is a funeral

Presentation of the Lord

Sat 1st Feb

Blenheim 5pm -**W&C**

Picton 5pm-**Mass**

Sun 2nd Feb

Seddon 8am - **Mass,**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**

Blenheim 10am- **Mass**

Weekday Masses 4th-7th

Feb

Back to the normal weekday schedule with a special liturgy on 6th for Waitangi Day.

Readings for:

26 Jan- 2 Feb 2025

Sun 26 Jan- 3rd Sunday of Ord-

Word of God Sunday

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

1Cor 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Mon 27 Jan

Hebrews 9:15,24-28

Mark 3:22-30

Tues 28 Jan-St Thomas Aquinas

Hebrews 10:1-10

Mark 3:31-35

Wed 29 Jan

Hebrews 10:11-18

Mark 4:1-20

Thurs 30 Jan

Hebrews 10:19-25

Mark 4:21-25

Fri 31 Jan-St John Bosco

Hebrews 10:32-39

Mark 4:26-34

Sat 01 Feb

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Mark 4:35-41

Sun 2 Feb- Presentation of the

Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Find peace in God's Word



Remembering the Holy souls

-May they Rest In Peace

Vince Smith;
Bernice Brown;
Pauline Smart;
Colleen Lawson;
Liyaanna Elza
Joby;
Pat Sigglekow;
Hazel Harbord;

Nonus Thomas;
Trish & Brian
Stretch;
Libby Laurent;
Don Grady;

James Gallagher;
Mick & Vera
Murphy;
Ossie Hickman,
family & friends of
Mary Hickman;

Also all our
deceased
parishioners and
benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Donna Lippiatt;
Luke Clayton;
Tilly van Dyk;
Graeme Daines;
Kath Maher;
Lyn Turner;
Nancy Spatz;
Jim West;
Phil Best;
Esme Murphy;
Eileen Moreland;
Nola Tanner;
Mary Norton;
Glenn Ormsby;

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;
Melva Smith;
Francesca Perkins
Marita Morrison;

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Incense - A Taste of Heaven? with Beate Matthies Monday, 24 February 2024, 7-8pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/14/incense-a-taste-of-heaven/>

YouTube Recordings:

Muffin Talks 2025 - Snippets of Interviews:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/18/muffin-talk-2024/>

New: Short articles on diverse events: [News & Opinions](#)
For more information:
www.studyjoy.nz

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: \$3,011.14

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

'After receiving the annunciation of the angel, Mary does not stay at home, thinking over what has happened and considering the problems and pitfalls, which were certainly not lacking, with the culture of that age... She did not understand.... On the contrary, she first thinks of someone in need; instead of being absorbed in her own problems, she thinks about someone in need, she thinks about Elizabeth, her relative, who was advanced in years and with child, something strange and miraculous. Mary sets out with generosity, without letting herself be daunted by the discomforts of the journey, responding to an inner impulse that called her to be close and to help.' Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 19 December 2021.

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