

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 02, 2nd February 2025 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners of Star of the Sea Parish

I have been invited to add a short note to this week's Newsletter and am happy to do so. Firstly, I sincerely thank Archbishop Paul Martin for his invitation to our Province and his welcome of the Passionists as we return to the Archdiocese and re-establish our community life and parish ministry in Blenheim. I would also like to thank Vicar General Fr. Gerard Burns for his assistance in the process.

Had it not been for Covid-19, I do not believe we would have had to move from the parish and community life we had established in New Zealand. I am very happy that the Passionists can return to the Archdiocese once more. Fr. Jacob is with you already, and Fr. Peter will be with you in some three weeks' time. I do intend that another priest will join the community and parish, but we must wait on the Immigration Visa process for this to occur. I hope we will build up a community in such a way that our primary witness - that of community life as brothers - might be very obvious amongst you.

I pray that our witness to the Passionist Charism and our ministry amongst you will be blessed by God and that together with you we will build up the life of a synodal church that we are all striving to create anew. I look forward to my future visits when I can be with you in person.

May God bless each of you.

Fr Denis Travers CP

Provincial of Holy Spirit Province (New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam and Australia).

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.



COME AND SEE VOCATIONS WEEKEND, 7 - 9 MARCH 2025

A discernment retreat for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. Registrations essential, contact Lucienne at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz by Friday 14th February 2025



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.

[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

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**

Tuesday-4th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-5th Feb

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday-6th Feb,

Waitangi Day

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday-7th Feb

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm -**Mass**

5th Sun of Ord

Sat 8th Feb

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 9th Feb

Seddon 8am - **W&C**

Picton 9am — **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am— **Mass**

Blenheim 10am— **W&C**

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Incense - A Taste of Heaven? with Beate Matthies. Monday, 24 Feb, 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/>

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Readings for:

2 -9 Feb 2025

Sun 2 Feb- Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Mon 3 Feb

Hebrews 11:32-40

Mark 5:1-20



Tues 4 Feb

Hebrews 12:1-4

Mark 5:21-43

Wed 5 Feb-St Agatha

Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15

Mark 6:1-6

Thurs 6 Feb-Waitangi Day

Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24

Mark 6:7-13

Fri 7 Feb -St Paul Miki & Comp.

Hebrews 13:1-8

Mark 6:14-29

Sat 8 Feb

Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21

Mark 6:30-34

Sun 9 Feb-5th Sun of Ord

Isaiah 6:1-8

1Cor 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Find peace in God's Word

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

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.



Remembering the Holy souls

-May they Rest In Peace

Vince Smith;
Bernice Brown;
Pauline Smart;
Colleen Lawson;
Liyaanna Elza
Joby;
Pat Siggelkow;
Hazel Harbord;
Phillip Middlemiss;

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;

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.



Quote from Pope Francis

"[The] gift of the earth with its fruits belongs to everyone. Those who tilled and kept the land were obliged to share its fruits, especially with the poor, with widows, orphans and foreigners in their midst: "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very border, neither shall you gather the gleanings after the harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner" (Lev 19:9-10). Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Action: How can we become the offering and sign of hope for those rejected this year?

Administrator: Fr Jacob Kuman CP—jacob.kuman@passionists.com

Assistant Priest: Fr Peter Gardiner CP arrives mid-Feb

Pastoral Assist: Sr Maureen Connor SMSM — maureensmsm@yahoo.co.nz — 03 319 5385

Pastoral Assist: Sr Frances Anna SMSM— franciesmsm@gmail.com

Youth Ministers: Maurice & Mieke Davies — stmarysyouthgroup@xtra.co.nz — 022 391 8584

Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Blair McLean **Finance Committee Chair:** Tom Harrison