

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 04, 16th February 2025 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

On Friday of this week we celebrated Valentine's Day. The origins of Valentine's day are vague, but it is thought the day originally honoured St Valentine a third century bishop who was martyred for his faith. More recently it has become a commercial success for florists and card distributors who sell great quantities of flowers and cards printed with loving messages which people, young and old, send to their loved one, and the day is celebrated with chocolates, flowers, cards and dining out and is generally considered a happy celebration of love and devotion between two people!

However, for some, Valentine's Day serves as a reminder of the importance of love in both human relationships and spiritual practice. While Valentine's Day can be a wonderful celebration, it's important to remember that love is not confined to a single day. It's something that should be nurtured and cherished every day of the year. Let's use this Valentine's Day as a reminder to express our love and gratitude not only to our significant others, but also to our family, friends, and all those who make our lives richer. For it is in spreading our love wider that we silently remind others of Christ working in our lives. And Jesus himself reminds us in today's Gospel that to celebrate love we must show that love in deeds more than words.

So let us gift ourselves today to one another by remembering the loving imagination and creation of God who has loved us into being; remembering those who have loved us from our earliest years; remembering those dear ones in our lives today; remembering to be grateful for the power that loving has to draw us together; and remember that every day is a Valentine's Day.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: Will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 4th Wednesday of the month and meet next on **26th February**. Feel free to bring a friend.



Proceeding Mass on 15th of February our Picton Church Community are asked to bring a shared Finger Food plate of food to welcome Fr Jacob back into our fold and share a meal together.



Adoration: is starting again and is once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11.30am and 2pm. The next date is **23 February**.

GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL: The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, February 17. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND: The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

New rosters for Blenheim Mass ministries are due out soon, which will cover school Holidays and Easter. If you are currently rostered for a ministry and know dates you are not available or, if you would like to join any ministry please phone Lorraine 0276246264 or email trukwalker@gmail.com

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope: Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and Communities, Pentecost Sunday, 8 June. Work has begun to celebrate this aspect of the Jubilee Year. If you or your organisation would like to be part of this day and help with logistics (Liturgy, Various artistic expressions, Hospitality, Program Format and Content), there will be a zoom meeting on 18 February at 7.30pm. For details, please contact Bern McCabe, from the Focolare Movement on 021 1655463.

[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

6th Sun of Ord

Sat 15th Feb

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**

Picton 5pm—**Mass**

Sun 16th Feb

Seddon 8am - **Mass,**

Kaikoura 9.30am— **W&C**

Blenheim 10am— **Mass**

Tuesday-18th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-19th Feb

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday-20th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday-21st Feb

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm -**Mass**

7th Sun of Ord

Sat 22nd Feb

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 23rd Feb

Seddon 8am - **W&C**

Picton 9am — **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am— **Mass**

Blenheim 10am— **W&C**

The Blenheim **Sacramental Program** will start with classes for First Reconciliation on Sunday 16th March, then 23rd, 30th and 6th April at 9am in the Community Centre followed by Mass or Word and Communion. First Reconciliation will be on Thursday 10th April, time to be confirmed. All candidates should be 8years old and have been baptised. For more info and Registration form please contact Lorraine 0276246264 or trukwalker@gmail.com. For the Kaikoura sacramental programme contact Sr Maureen or Breanna Moller.

Readings for:

16-23 Feb 2025

Sun 16 Feb-6th Sun of Ord

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1Cor 15:12,16-20

Luke 6:17,20-26

Mon 17 Feb

Genesis 4:1-15,25

Mark 8:11-13

Tues 18 Feb

Genesis 6:5-8,7:1-5,10

Mark 8:14-21

Wed 19 Feb

Genesis 8:6-13,20-22

Mark 8:22-26

Thurs 20 Feb

Genesis 9:1-13

Mark 8:27-33

Fri 21 Feb

Genesis 11:1-9

Mark 8:34-9:1

Sat 22 Feb-Chair of Peter,

Apostle

1Peter 5:1-4

Matt 16:13-19

Sun 23 Feb-7th Sun of Ord

Samuel 26:2.7-9,12-13,22-23

1Cor 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

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: \$3,374.77

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

Pat Siggleskow;
Hazel Harbord;
Phillip Middlemiss;

Peter Phillips;

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;
Pat Cairns;

Maria Martin;
Charlotte Cagney;
Nancy Woolford-Stayner;
Terry Price;
Steven Crundwell-Nlsn;
Lex & Mary Agnew
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Francesca Perkins
Marita Morrison;
Aveera & Araylee Marsh;
Gemma McKinney

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 nonperishable goods, UHT Longlife milk, rice, pasta, Jam, tinned food & cereals.



Quote from Pope Francis

'Jesus' disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life. They are content to share even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God. ... This poverty is also ... an awareness of having to learn every day. Because they have this attitude, Jesus' disciples are humble, open people, far from prejudice and inflexibility.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 13 Feb 2022

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