

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 05, 23rd February 2025 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners

Opening Prayer: "Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, faith in your word is the way to wisdom, and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth. Open our eyes to your deeds, our ears to the sound of your call, so that our every act may increase our sharing in the life you have offered to us."

Today's opening prayer is a gentle invitation to continue to make our hidden selves grow strong under God's grace. I am happy to be asked to write a few words of greeting and encouragement to you all on this Sunday for that is what I saw in my flying visit to Star of the Sea Parish in Marlborough last weekend. I was in Blenheim for a wedding and was delighted to be able to spend time with Father Jacob and celebrate Mass at Seddon before flying back to Kāpiti. There was a certain irony that Jacob and I should be reunited as my formal welcome from Cardinal John was also the occasion of his farewell in 2022! Jacob and Father Peter and the Passionist Order are now your pastors. I am delighted that they are now charged once again to build on the good work and wonderful spirit of cooperation at Star of the Sea Parish. I am also heartened that the suggestions outlined in the Parish property review in 2019, and endorsed by Cardinal John and Archbishop Paul, have been completed – courageous decisions that enhance the future growth of the Parish and will bless their ministry with you in Christ.

With every blessing and an assurance of my continued prayer

Michael McCabe

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.



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

Teen Focus Group : The first session is after Mass next Sunday 2nd March, for an hour. This is for mature teens who want to grow in their faith in a smaller focused group, involving prayer, discussion and bible study (and food of course!) Will run every 2-3 weeks. Please contact Mieke 0223918584.

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

[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

7th Sun of Ord

Sat 22nd Feb

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Picton 5pm –Mass

Sun 23rd Feb

Seddon 8am - **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**

Blenheim 10am– **W&C**

Tuesday-25th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-26th Feb

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday-27th Feb

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday-28th Feb

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm –**Mass**

8th Sun of Ord

Sat 1st March

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**

Picton 5pm–**Mass**

Sun 2nd March

Seddon 8am - **Mass,**

Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**

Blenheim 10am– **Mass**

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:

23 Feb –02 March2025

Sun 23 Feb-7th Sun of Ord

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

1Cor 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Mon 24 Feb

Eccl. 1:1-10

Mark 9:14-29

Tues 25 Feb

Eccl. 2:1-11

Mark 9:30-37

Wed 26 Feb

Eccl. 4:611-19

Mark 9:38-40

Thurs 27 Feb

Eccl. 5:1-8

Mark 9:41-50

Fri 28 Feb

Eccl. 6:5-17

Mark 10:1-12

Sat 01 March

Eccl. 17:1-15

Matt 10:13-16

Sun 02 March-8th Sun of Ord

Eccl. 27:4-7

1Cor 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Find peace in God's Word



Ash Wednesday Liturgies

No Mass in Picton.

9.30am Mass, led by school, at Church, Kaikoura

11.15am Liturgy, St Mary's Hall led by school.

6.30pm -Mass in Blenheim and Kaikoura.



Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$3,179.55

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

Phillip Middlemiss;

Trish Smith

(CHCH);

Moana Johnsen;

Pam Benseman;

Peter Campbell;

Ossie 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;

Pat Cairns;

Graham Check;

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

'The strength to love is the Holy Spirit, and with the Spirit of Jesus, we can respond to evil with good, we can love those who do us harm. This is what Christians do. How sad it is when persons and peoples who are proud to be Christians see others as enemies and think about waging war against each other!'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 20 Feb 2022

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