

## 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 06, 2nd March 2025 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We welcome Fr. Peter Gardiner who arrived on 20<sup>th</sup> February and has now completed his first full week in our parish of Star of the Sea. Recently he has been in both Australia (Sydney) and Vietnam, where he was teaching English. Nau mai, haere mai.

Since the beginning of October there have been six people (Petra, Stella, Jade, Lonafu, Amanda and Aimee) who have been gathering ever Sunday in Blenheim to pray and learn about the Catholic faith with a group of parishioners. As catechists, sponsors and godparents it has been an honour and privilege to be with them on their journey of faith and formation. Each week we have reflected on the Sunday's Gospel and have used the various [Sycamore](#) videos on Christianity as seen through the lens of the Catholic faith. On Saturday 22 February Amanda was officially welcomed by Fr. Jacob as a candidate. The others were welcomed in mid-December.

During the season of Lent there will be a series of events during the Sunday liturgies for the candidates and catechumens which includes the Rite of Election and the Scrutinies. At the Easter Vigil they will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday when we receive the ashes on our foreheads as a sign of repentance. Lent is a time for us to deepen our personal prayer and reflection, a time to set aside some of the luxuries in our lives, to give to charity and to fast. As we journey together towards the Cross of Good Friday and the Resurrection of Easter Sunday may this be a time of spiritual growth and enrichment.

Ngā mihi nui, Victoria Raw (part of the RCIA team and Discipleship Group)

### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

#### **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.



**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is offering online webinars in 2025. This series features our current and past students who will inspire us as they talk about growing in faith, leadership in ministry, and their role in ministry. For more information and to register, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025)

**Teen Focus Group** : The first session is after Mass this 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.

**Children's Liturgy:** We are in need of a coordinator for 10am mass on a Sunday, who is willing to bring together a team who will look after this valuable ministry. Resources will be provided. Contact Mieke 022 391 8584

**CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND:** The Bishops Conference has 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 have been emailed out, which will cover school Holidays and Easter. If you have not received your roster, please phone Lorraine 0276246264 or email [trukwalker@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 8th Sun of Ord

#### Sat 1st March

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**

Picton 5pm—**Mass**

#### Sun 2nd March

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,

Kaikoura 9.30am— **Mass**

Blenheim 10am— **Mass**

#### Tuesday-4th March

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

#### Wednesday-5th Mar, Ash

#### Wednesday

Picton **No Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am **Mass**

Blenheim 11.15 Liturgy in the Hall

Kaikoura 6.30pm **Mass**

Blenheim 6.30pm **Mass**

#### Thursday-6th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am - **W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

#### Friday-7th Mar

Kaikoura 9.30am - **W&C**

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm - **Mass**

#### 1st Sun of Lent

#### Sat 8th Mar

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**

Picton 5pm — **Mass**

#### Sun 9th Mar

Seddon 8am - **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am— **Mass**

Blenheim 10am— **W&C**

**Collections:** We are most grateful for your support.

#### Last Week:

Total: \$3,225.00

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.

## Readings for:

### 02-09 Mar March 2025

#### Sun 02 March-8th Sun of Ord

Eccl. 27:4-7

1Cor 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

#### Mon 03 March

Eccl. 17:24-29

Mark 10:17-27

#### Tues 04 March

Eccl. 35:1-12

Mark 10:28-31

#### Wed 05 March-Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18

2Cor 5:20-6:2

Matt 6:1-6,16-18

#### Thurs 06 March

Deut 30:15-20

Luke 9:22-25

#### Fri 07 March

Isaiah 58:1-9

Matt 9:14-15

#### Sat 08 March

Isaiah 58:9-14

Luke 5:27-32

#### Sun 09 March-1st Sun of Lent

Deut 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

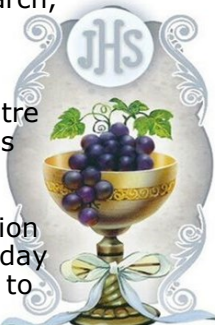


The Blenheim **Sacramental Program** will start with classes for First Reconciliation on Sunday 16th March, then 23rd, 30th and 6th April at 9am in the Community Centre followed by Mass or Word and Communion.

First Reconciliation will be on Thursday 10th April, time to be confirmed.

All candidates should be 8 years old and have been baptised. For more info and Registration form please contact Lorraine 0276246264 or [trukwalker@gmail.com](mailto:trukwalker@gmail.com).

For the Kaikoura sacramental programme contact Sr Maureen or Breanna Moller.



## Remembering the Holy souls

### —May they Rest In Peace

Trish Smith

(CHCH);

Moana Johnsen;

Pam Benseman;

Ana North;

Julie Forbes;

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;

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

'Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 27 February 2022

**Laudato Si' quote:** '...as part of the universe... all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect.' LD #67

**Action:** What motivations arise from the invitation to 'clean up our gaze' and 'reflect on our speech', in relation to all creation, as the Lenten journey begins?

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