

Te Whetu O Te Moana / Star of the Sea Marlborough Catholic Parish

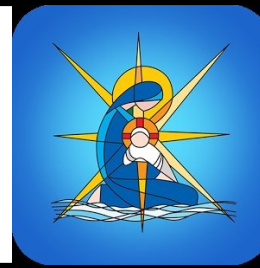
From the Sounds to the Sea, the Mountains to the Plains,
We Are One Mission. One Parish.

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Newsletter 07, 9th March 2025 1st Sunday of Lent

Kia Ora,

My name is Peter Gardiner, a Passionists Priest, and I have the privilege of being one of the priests assigned to the Marlborough Parish.

I was born in Sydney a long time ago, and have been a priest for 41 years. About eight years ago, I spent two months helping Fr Pat out here, and I remembered from then that this is such a warm and beautiful community. And everything I learned then has been reinforced on this return.

And what a beautiful part of the world!

My sport of choice is the Australian Football League. I'm not expecting too many conversations here around that! I am blessed to support the Brisbane Lions. #golions

For the last twenty years, I have been involved in school and adult groups that spend two or so weeks in Asia doing outreach work. This has involved building houses for low-income families in Siem Reap, Cambodia; visiting and supporting charitable works in Ho Chi Minh City, including schools for the deaf, the Mai Tam centre for children born HIV positive, disabled children, and so on. I have also taught English in schools in rural areas of Cambodia. This has been an amazing experience. If you are thinking of doing it, do it. You will never see the world, and life, the same again.

Presently, I travel to Indonesia during their summer to teach English to our young Passionist students. Again, a wonderful experience.

I look forward to sending this next part of our journey together, God bless. Peter

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



To the parishioners & friends from Star of the Sea Parish. Many thanks to all of you, who have said mass for me and the many prayers which have helped me so much, to recover from my recent operation in Wellington Hospital. Trust in the Lord- Bless you all.
Graeme Daines

Youth Mass next Sunday at 10am Mass and a sausage bbq afterwards. Bring your spare change.



Pleroma Christian Supplies seeks a dedicated and enthusiastic Manager to oversee the daily operations of [Pleroma](#) in Ōtāne, Central Hawkes Bay. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the store, leading a team of dedicated staff, and fostering a welcoming environment for our customers, online, by phone and face-to-face. If you have a passion for Christian resourcing and a strong desire to serve the community, this is a fantastic opportunity for you. Apply online at [Pleroma - Seek](#) or directly to The Trust Board Chair, Chris Duthie-Jung, c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz

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

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

Lenten Activities:

Stations of the Cross:

Picton- 5.15pm every Wednesday, Blenheim- 6pm every Friday in the Church; after 5pm Mass every Saturday in the Mercy Chapel in the Syro Malabar Rite.

Jubilee Year: 24 Hours for the Lord 28-29 March in the Mercy Chapel. Sign up sheet in the church foyer soon.

Links for helpful resources for the Lenten season:

[Daily Reflection | The Passionists](#) <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

[CHRISTIAN ART | Daily Gospel Reading & Art Reflection](#) [Daily Gospel Reflections - Word on Fire](#)

[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

1st Sun of Lent

Sat 8th Mar

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**
 Picton 5pm –**Mass**
 Blenheim 6pm–**Stations** in
 the Mercy Chapel

Sun 9th Mar

Seddon 8am - **W&C**
 Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**
 Blenheim 10am– **W&C**

Tuesday-11th March

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**
 Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-12th Mar

Picton 9.30am **Mass**
 Kaikoura 9:30am W&C
 Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**
 Picton 5.15pm **Stations**

Thursday-13th Mar

Blenheim 9.30am - W&C
 Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C
 Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday-14th Mar

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C
 Blenheim 11am - Exposition
 Blenheim 12.05pm –**Mass**
 Blenheim 6pm **Stations**

2nd Sun of Lent

Sat 15th March

Blenheim 5pm –**W&C**
 Picton 5pm–**Mass**
 Blenheim –**Stations** 6pm in
 the Mercy Chapel

Sun 16th March

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,
 Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**
 Blenheim 10am– **Mass led**
by the Youth

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,494.00

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:

09-16 Mar March 2025

Sun 09 March–1st Sun of Lent

Deut 26:4-10
 Romans 10:8-13
 Luke 4:1-13

Mon 10 March

Lev. 19:1-2,11-18
 Matt 25:31-46

Tues 11 March

Isaiah 55:10-11
 Matt 6:7-15

Wed 12 March

Jonah 3:1-10
 Luke 11:29-32

Thurs 13 March

Esther 4:17
 Matt 7:7-12

Fri 14 March

Ezek 18:21-28
 Matt 5:20-26

Sat 15 March

Deut 26:16-19
 Matt 5:43-48

Sun 16 March–2nd Sun of Lent

Gen 15:5-12,17-18
 Phil 3:17-4:1
 Luke 9:28-36

Find peace in God's Word

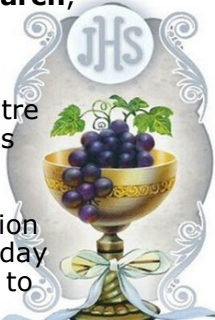


The Blenheim **Sacramental Program** will start with classes for First Reconciliation on Sunday **16th March**, then 23rd, 30th and 6th April at 9am in the Community Centre followed by Mass or Word and Communion.

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.



Remembering the Holy souls

–May they Rest In Peace

Pam Benseman; benefactors.
 Carl Tabak;

Christopher Riordan;

Also all our deceased parishioners and

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
 Donna Lippiatt;
 Luke Clayton;
 Tilly van Dyk;
 Graeme Daines;
 Lyn Turner;
 Nancy Spatz;
 Jim West;
 Phil Best;
 Esme Murphy;
 Eileen Moreland;
 Nola Tanner;
 Mary Norton;
 Glenn Ormsby;
 Graham Check;
 Craig & Viv Grant;

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

May this time of Lent also be a time of the desert for us. Let us take time for silence and prayer — just a little, it will do us good — in these spaces let us stop and look at what is stirring in our hearts, our inner truth, what we know cannot be justified. Let us find inner clarity, placing ourselves before the Word of God in prayer.
 Pope Francis [Angelus](#) 6 March 2022

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