

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 37, 4th October 2025

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Jesus walks alongside us on the road of life." -Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

This weekend at our Masses, we join with the Sisters of Compassion, and all the peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand, to celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa. Following her example, in this year of pilgrims of Hope, let us be aware of the presence of God in our life's journey, and see Jesus in all who we encounter along the way.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

God has called us to step into the unknown, and it's not always going to make sense. Our own thoughts will tell us, "Better play it safe. What if it doesn't work out?" But just because we don't have all the answers, and just because we're uncomfortable, doesn't mean we aren't supposed to step into the unknown. If we'll take that step, trusting that God knows what He's doing, then each step of the way there will be provision, favor, and protection. If Abraham or Venerable Suzanne had put their comfort above fulfilling His purpose, we wouldn't be talking about them. We can't play it safe our whole life and reach the fullness of our destiny. Don't let the what-ifs talk you out of it. "What if I fail? What if I don't have the funds? Be bold and take that next step of faith into a new level of favor. Loving Jesus, thank You for calling me to follow You and Your direction for my life. Thank You that I need not fear the unknown because You are ordering my steps. May the Passion of Christ be always in your hearts.

Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Support Life Sunday 2025 (Sunday, 12 October): Pilgrims for Hope – Building a Culture of Love and Life. Each year, on the second Sunday of October, the Church in Aotearoa celebrates Support Life Sunday. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, *Te Kahu o te Ora*: "We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions." **Support Life Sunday 2025** provides an opportunity, within this year of Jubilee, to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>



October is the Month of Mary. To celebrate there will be a rosary at 7pm every Friday in St Mary's Church, led by various groups in the parish. The only change will be 10th October when it will be 6pm as part of Wellspring.



Adoration: is once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am-2pm. The next date is NOW **5th October due to the Parish Feast Day events last weekend.**

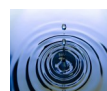
Blenheim Ministry Rosters: Would you like to join the Hospitality Roster to make tea and coffee for parishioners after Mass 5pm Vigil or 10am Sunday? Many hands make light work so it would be once every 5 weeks please phone 0276246264 or email trukwalker@gmail.com

First Communion classes for Blenheim, Picton & Seddon children start at 9am on Sunday 12th October in the Community Centre and continue on the 19th, 9th Nov and 16th Nov with First Communion being celebrated at 10am on 23rd November. These classes are for children who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and are over the age of 8years old. For more information or any questions please email trukwalker@gmail.com or 0276246264. For Kaikoura, please contact S R Maureen or Breanna Moller.

Men's breakfasts will be held on the first Sunday of each Month at 8am. The locations will vary. Please contact Maurice Davies at 0274445506 to be added to the Star of the Sea Men's What's app group.

Sunday Evening Mass trial: During September and October, the priests will preside at a 5pm mass at St Mary's. Based on numbers, they will then decide whether to continue on a permanent basis.

Wellspring Formation Retreat NEXT WEEKEND: 10-12 Oct. Hosted by St Mary's Youth group. Guest speaker Brendan Malone, with a Pro-life theme. All info on the flyers in the foyer. All welcome, including non-catholics. Contact Mieke 0223918584 or see her after Sunday Mass.



Are you looking for a daily reflection. Click on the link below which takes you to the Passionist Website and their daily reflections. [Daily Reflection | The Passionists](#)

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

Saturday 4th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

27th Sun of Ord time

Sat 4th Oct

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**
Picton 5pm—**Mass**

Sun 5th Oct

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,
Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**
Blenheim 10am– **Mass**
Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**

Tuesday-7th Oct

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

Wednesday-8th Oct

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

Thursday-9th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**
Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C
Kaikoura 10am Scripture
Picton- 5.15pm Adoration

Friday-10th Oct

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

Saturday 11th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

28th Sun of Ord time

Sat 11th Oct

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**
Picton 5pm—**Mass**

Sun 12th Oct

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,
Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**
Blenheim 10am **Mass**
Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**

Readings for:

5th-12th October 2025

Sun 05 Oct–27th Sun of Ord

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4
2Tim 1:6-8,13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Mon 06 Oct

Jonah 1:1-2:1,11
Luke 10:25-37

Tues 07 Oct-Our Lady of the

Rosary

acts 1:12-14
Luke 1:26-38

Wed 08 Oct

Jonah 4:1-11
Luke 11:1-4

Thurs 09 Oct

Malachi 3:13-20
Luke 11:5-13

Fri 10 Oct

Joel 1:13-15,2:1-2
Luke 11:15-26

Sat 11 Oct

Joel 4:12-21
Luke 11:27-28

Sun 12 Oct–28th Sun of Ord

2Kings 5:14-17
2Tim 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Find peace in God's Word



Safeguarding Quote: "We all have a duty to speak up when something feels wrong." – Unknown

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,497.04

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 put "Planned Giving" in the reference so we know its purpose and contact Ginetta at the Parish Office for a giving number before starting online banking so you can claim on your donations each year.



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Maureen O'Connell;
Mary Norton;
Maria Martin;
Paul McGrath;
Mons. Novatus
Rugambwa;
Paul Murphy;

Lott O'Halloran;
Wilma Rutherford;
Ossie Hackman;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Donna Lippiatt;
Luke Clayton;
Nancy Spatz;
Phil Best;
Esme Murphy;
Eileen Moreland;
Glenn Ormsby;
Graham Check;
Craig & Viv Grant;
Charlotte Cagney;
Johan Van der Geest;
Terry Price;
Maria Prutten;
Moir Costello;
Russell Millar;
Sr Frances smsm;
Lex & Mary Agnew;

Nancy Woolford-Stayner;
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Francesca Perkins;
Aveera & Araylee Marsh;
Rilee Wright;
Elizabeth & Don Boyd;
Craig Jackson;
Catherine;
Pauline Brunel;
and those unnamed that need our prayers at this time.

If you, or a loved one, are in hospital or at home unable to get out, contact Mary Tolan 021 184 0617 to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to bring out Communion to you.

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:
Canned tomatoes, fruit, vegetables, Canned spaghetti, canned Baked beans, Canned Fish, Sugar, rice, Soup mix, Flour, Pasta sauce, spreads, Longlife milk, Breakfast cereals, Weetbix, salt, Pasta, school lunch items

Quote from the Popes

'By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord's own self-sacrificing Love.' - Pope Leo XIV, [Message](#) for World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation.

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