

## 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 36, 28th September 2025 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This year, we celebrate our feast day on the day of our parish saint – Star of the Sea. Star of the Sea, Stella Maris, has long been the favourite title by which people of the sea have called the Blessed Virgin Mary in whose protection they have always trusted. Her son, Jesus Christ, accompanied his disciples in their vessels, helped them in their work and calmed the storms. And so the Church accompanies seafarers, caring for the special spiritual needs of those who for various reasons live and work in the maritime world. And our Parish, Star of the Sea, has one of the longer coastlines of any New Zealand parish so it is right that the name Star of the Sea should have been chosen as the new name of our combined parishes of Havelock & Picton, Blenheim & Renwick, Seddon & Ward, and Kaikoura.

In 2016, the new Marlborough Parish came into being and to borrow the words of a former Parish Priest, the late Fr John Pearce who came here in 2017, he saw a disconnect, a preference to go back to the former structures that had been swept away in the amalgamation. He studied the history of the parishes that made up the new parish of Star of the Sea and challenged us to share our time, talents and treasures, and reminded us that we need to pass on more than we received.

And so began the weaving together of our communities, and “we need to share the dream of Jesus and work with Him to make the Kingdom come. We need to believe in tomorrow, that we all have a lot to offer. We need to retain great hope for the future and work together so that this future might happen. And above all we need to accept that this is the time God gives us to be his hands at work, building his kingdom, and engaging his people in the mission”.

Belinda Vavasour with the help of the words of the late Rev John Pearce CP

### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

**Parish Feast Day, 28th September:** there will be celebration masses across the parish this weekend. On Sunday, after 10am Mass, there will be BYO finger food in the **Community Centre** along with entertainment from the various cultures within the community. Please bring a seat to sit on. Kaikoura are having morning tea as well, in the church foyer.



**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.



**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.

**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 this weekend.**

**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.

**Are you interested** in joining the Catholic Church? Do you wish to know more about becoming a Catholic? Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will start in October. Our first inquiry meeting will be in Blenheim, at 11am on Sunday 21st September, the second at 4pm on Saturday 27th of September. Contact the parish office.

**Wellspring Formation Retreat :** 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 27th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 26th Sun of Ord time

#### Sat 27th Sep

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**  
Picton 4pm—**Mass**

#### Sun 28th Sep

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

#### Tuesday-30th Sep

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

#### Wednesday-1st Oct

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

#### Thursday-2nd Oct

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

#### Friday-3rd Oct

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C  
Blenheim 11am - Exposition  
Blenheim 12.05pm –**Mass**  
Blenheim 7pm **Rosary**

#### Saturday 4th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 25th Sun of Ord time

#### Sat 4th Oct

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**  
Picton 4pm—**Mass**

#### Sun 5th Oct

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

## Readings for:

### 28th Sep– 5th October 2025

#### Sun 28 Sep–26th Sun of Ord

Amos 6:1,4-7

1Tim 6:11-16

Luke 8:4-15

#### Mon 29 Sep-Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

John 1:47-51

#### Tues 30 Sep-St Jerome

Zechariah 8:20-23

Luke 9:51-56

#### Wed 01 Oct– St Therese of the Child Jesus

Nehemiah 2:1-8

Luke 9:57-62

#### Thurs 02 Oct- The Guardian Angels

Exodus 23:20-23

Matt 18:1-5,10

#### Fri 03 Oct

Baruch 1:15-22

Luke 10:13-16

#### Sat 04 Oct-St Francis of Assisi

Baruch 4:5-12,27-29

Luke 10:17-24

#### Sun 05 Oct–27th Sun of Ord

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

2Tim 1:6-8,13-14

Luke 17:5-10

### 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:** \$2,407.17

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;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Brian Bell;

### 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;  
Paul Murphy;  
Maria Prutten;  
Moira 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;

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

'Jesus invites us to ask ourselves: how are we managing the material goods, the resources of the earth and our very lives that God has entrusted to us? We can follow the way of selfishness, placing wealth above all else and thinking only of ourselves. But this isolates us from others and spreads the poison of competition, which often fuels conflict. Instead, we can recognize everything we have as a gift from God, to be managed and used as an instrument for sharing – to create networks of friendship and solidarity, to work for the common good, and to build a world that is more just, equitable and fraternal.' - Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 21 September 2025

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