

## 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 38, 12th October 2025 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Support Life Sunday

As you sit down to prepare for Mass take a few minutes to think about those who greeted you on your arrival, and who, in turn, you greeted both friends and strangers. We are church family and families greet one another.

Next, take note of what is going on around you, the flowers, the organist and guitarists tuning up, the computer operator sorting out what needs to be on the screen today. The priest robing and the people rostered on today, praying together for the Mass and all of us. So much goes into making everything perfect for our Sunday Mass together.

Then we note all the families and some with little children, many who are strangers to us. Before we leave the church after mass make sure to say hello to one or two, it may be their first time in our church and we would like the visit to be a good one.

Today in the gospel, we hear the story of the 10 lepers, who were cured by Jesus and only one remembered to come back and say thank you. What a simple lesson for us to take note of in our lives. Think what it means when at the conclusion, the priest says 'go to love and serve the Lord' and we reply, 'thanks be to God'.

Patsy Buttle, Kaikoura

### 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/>

**CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST:** The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of Season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

**Mission Sunday – 19th October:** To fundraise for the missions there will be sales tables at our churches next Sunday. Please bring along your baking, plants and produce, already priced, and buy something after mass. This will be cash only, so bring your change to take home someone else's goods. Monetary donations are also welcome. All funds will go to Misso NZ, to be distributed under the guidance of the pope.



**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.

**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](mailto: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 8 years old. For more information or any questions please email [trukwalker@gmail.com](mailto:trukwalker@gmail.com) or 0276246264. For Kaikoura, please contact Sr Maureen or Breanna Moller. First Communion there is 16th November.

**Wellspring Formation Retreat THIS 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

**Blenheim Women's Friendship Group:** Will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on the 4th Wednesday of the month and meet next on **28th October**. Feel free to bring a friend.

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 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**

#### Tuesday-14th Oct

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

#### Wednesday-15th Oct

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

#### Thursday-16th Oct

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

#### Friday-17th Oct

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

#### Saturday 18th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 29th Sun of Ord time

#### Sat 18th Oct

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

#### Sun 19th Oct

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

## Readings for:

### 12th-19th October 2025

#### Sun 12 Oct–28th Sun of Ord

#### Support Life Sunday

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

#### Mon 13 Oct

Romans 1:1-7  
Luke 11:29-32

#### Tues 14 Oct

Romans 1:16-25  
Luke 11:37-41

#### Wed 15 Oct-St Terese of the Child Jesus

Romans 2:1-11  
Luke 11:42-46

#### Thurs 16 Oct

Romans 3:21-30  
Luke 11:47-54

#### Fri 17 Oct-St Ignatius of Antioch

Romans 4:1-8  
Luke 12:1-7

#### Sat 18 Oct-St Luke, Evangelist

2Timothy 4:10-17  
Luke 10:1-9

#### Sun 19 Oct–28th Sun of Ord, World Mission Sunday

Exodus 17:8-13  
2Tim 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8

### Find peace in God's Word



## Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Mons. Novatus  
Rugambwa;  
Paul Murphy;  
Dorothy Day;  
Michael O'Leary;

Ossie Hickman;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Lott O'Halloran;  
Wilma Rutherford;

### 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;  
Noel & 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;  
Pauline Brunel;  
Jill Carpenter;  
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

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

### Last Week:

**Total:** \$3,255.18

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.

## Quote from the Popes

"Therefore, there is life, a new possibility of life and salvation that comes from faith, because it not only helps us to resist evil and to persevere in doing good, but it transforms our lives so as to make of them an instrument of the salvation that even today God wishes to bring about in the world...As Saint Paul VI affirmed, "it is our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel in this extraordinary period of human history, a time truly without precedent, in which, at the heights of progress never before reached, there are also accompanying depths of perplexity and desperation equally without precedent" Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 5 October 2025.

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