

## 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 34, 14th September 2025 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This weekend we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross. Wherever we look in our churches we are constantly reminded of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice through the crucifix, especially the ones hanging above our altars. The image of the suffering Jesus is there. He died the death of a criminal. But he was not the criminal. We are as we sin. He died for each of us, once and for all. We are reminded by St. Paul that Jesus emptied himself totally by becoming human and was put to the most shameful death but it was God who exalted / raised him up. This is the miracle of all miracles. God transformed the hopeless to the hopeful. Take the time this weekend to look up and humbly venerate the cross and thank Jesus that what seemed useless is now beyond all imagination useful. Without the cross and resurrection we have nothing.

In union with the other parishes in our Archdiocese of Wellington we also celebrate the Jubilee of Migrants. As a multicultural parish we have a wonderful gift of many languages, cultures and foods. But most importantly that gift is you: He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata! Many have come and many more will come as migrants, visitors, seafarers, travellers and refugees. May we all welcome and be welcomed with open arms – nau mai harere mai, bienvenidos a todos, soyez les bienvenus, bem-vindo, talitali lelei koe, maligayang pagdating, welcome.

Victoria Raw, Chair of the Discipleship Group

### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

**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.

**Parish Feast Day, 28th September:** there will be celebration masses across the parish that weekend. On Sunday, after 10am Mass, there will be BYO finger food in the Parish Hall along with entertainment from the various cultures within the community. If you would like to perform or get more info, please contact Belinda Vavasour 021 774 858

#### **CALLED & EQUIPPED Formation Programme - Applications for 2026 now open!**

*Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith, and to learn how to share it with others? Would You like to know more about what it means to be catholic?*

*Do you want to serve in your parish community, but feel you don't know enough?*

**JOIN US** on an exciting journey that offers personal faith formation and equips you for ministry and service. For more information, contact Lucienne Hensel at [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) / 04 496 1715.

**HOPE & RENEWAL SUMMIT !** We pray for our bishops—those called to shepherd the Church with wisdom, humility, and faith. Let us intercede for them, asking Mary, Mother of the Church, to accompany and protect them in their ministry. **Let us pray:** *Loving Father, strengthen our bishops with courage, wisdom, and compassion. May they lead with the heart of Christ—rooted in truth, guided by your Spirit, and filled with hope. Mother Mary, gentle guide and faithful disciple, wrap them in your mantle of love and intercede for their ministry. Holy Spirit, set their hearts on fire for mission and renew their joy in shepherding your people. Amen.* To learn more or support the Hope and Renewal Summit, visit [hoperenewalsummit.com](http://hoperenewalsummit.com) or email [hoperenewal@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:hoperenewal@pndiocese.org.nz).

Those wanting to say the Our Father in another language at 5pm and 10am BHM weekend masses, please contact Belinda Vavasour 021 774 858.

**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 **23rd September**. Feel free to bring a friend.



**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: Oct 10-12** Hosted by St Mary's Youth. Check the poster on the noticeboard for all the details and costs.



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 13th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 24th Sun of Ord time

#### Sat 13th Sep

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

#### Sun 14th Sep

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

#### Tuesday-16th Sep

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

#### Wednesday-17th Sep

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

#### Thursday-18th Sep

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

#### Friday-19th Sep

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

#### Saturday 20th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 25th Sun of Ord time

#### Sat 20th Sep

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

#### Sun 21st Sep

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

### 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, canned fruit, canned fish, canned veges, soup mix,

## Readings for:

### 14th-21st Sep 2025

#### Sun 14 Sep–24th Sun of Ord, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17

#### Mon 15 Sep–Our Lady of Sorrows

Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 19:25-27

#### Tues 16 Sep– Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

1Tim 3:1-13  
Luke 7:11-17

#### Wed 17 Sep

1Tim 3:14-16  
Luke 7:31-35

#### Thurs 18 Sep

1Tim 4:12-16  
Luke 7:36-50

#### Fri 19 Sep

1Tim 6:2-12  
Luke 8:1-3

#### Sat 20 Sep–Sts Andrew Taegon, Paul Chong and Comps.

1Tim 6:13-16  
Luke 8:4-15

#### Sun 21 Sep–25th Sun of Ord

Amos 8:4-7  
1Tim 2:1-8  
Luke 8:4-15



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

Mary Norton;  
Maria Martin;  
Marie Devescovi-WGTN;  
Tom Jeffries;  
Wilma Rutherford;

Sarah Edgar;  
Honora Holden;  
Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Aurelio Ferrer Jr;  
Morgen & Ellen McSweeney;  
Eileen O'Halloran;

### 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;

Nancy Woolford-Stayner;  
Lex & Mary Agnew;  
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.

## Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

### Last Week:

**Total:** \$2,894.59  
Maori Pastoral Care: \$10.00  
Peter's Pence: \$5.00

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 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.

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.

Wanted: Donations of Clean Linen, Cutlery, Crockery and Summer Clothing for the Vinnies Shop at 63 High St. Items can be left at the shop or placed in the Clothing Bin. Thank you.



**Safeguarding Quote:** "To protect a child is to protect the future." – Unknown

## Quote from the Popes

**Catholic Social Teaching/Pope Quote:** 'This is the Christian paradox: God saves not by doing, but by letting himself do. Not by defeating evil with force, but by accepting the weakness of love to the very end. On the cross, Jesus teaches us that we do not realize ourselves in power, but in trustful openness to others, even when they are hostile and enemies. Salvation is not found in autonomy, but in humbly recognizing one's own need and in being able to express it freely... [this is] the original truth of our being: we are creatures made to give and receive love.' – Pope Leo XIV, [Audience](#), 3 September 2025

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