

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 39, 19th October 2025 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Mission Sunday

Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples

Well before Pope Francis took ill and died, He wrote a letter for World Mission Sunday entitled "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples" (Available on www.missio.nz). Besides highlighting that this day is a day of prayer and commitment to the universal mission of the Church, he also reminded "individual Christian and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of the fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope."

Providence has it that Pope Francis' successor, Pope Leo XIV, is a missionary priest. In 1987, the young Father Robert Prevost walked into a Peruvian village where the nearest priest was a three-day journey away. There, families lived and died without the sacraments. Children grew up without the Mass. The villagers had never seen a seminary. Today, that village has its own parish, its own priest, and has planted two more churches in neighbouring communities. The missionary who changed everything now leads the universal Church as Pope Leo XIV—the first pope from the United States. Pope Leo XIV's missionary work didn't end when he first left Peru in 1999. It multiplied. The seeds he planted with calloused hands are still growing into forests of faith. That's the power of true legacy.

We can all participate in the Pope's missionary endeavours by our prayers and by financial contributions towards the Pontifical Mission Societies. Although for some, Mission Sunday would appear like a once-a-year event, in reality, many generous people support the Pontifical Mission Societies through their regular donations. Some set up bequests to ensure they can continue to sow the hope around the world even after their earthly pilgrimage has ended.

Imagine, if a young priest's 22 years in Peru could impact thousands of souls across decades, what could your regular support, or your bequest, accomplish for God's mission? An American lady who recently put the Pontifical Mission in her will said: "I never imagined I could afford estate planning. Now I have peace knowing my small savings will help plant churches somewhere in the world, just like Pope Leo XIV did in Peru".

Please support the Pontifical Mission Societies – and be missionaries of hope among all peoples.

Fr Michael Pui, NZ National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies



It is also the Feast Day of St Paul of the Cross, the Founder of the Passionist Order.



To donate using
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Mission's accounts for each Diocese:

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BNZ 02-0506-0022477-069 (Palmerston North)
BNZ 02-0506-0022477-070 (Wellington)

Account Name: PONTIFICAL MISSION AID SOCIETIES
(If you use Mission's ANZ/Westpac account, the A/C Name: Missio Benevolent Society)

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Mission Sunday – 19th October: To fundraise for the missions there will be sales tables at our churches this 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. There will be a special basket at other masses for \$.



A BIG thank you!! To everyone who attended our Wellspring Formation Retreat last weekend! We had a beautiful evening of prayer on Friday, and Saturday's teachings were truly inspirational for all who came along. Thank you for being part of this enriching time, and heart-felt gratitude to Brendan for blessing us in so many ways. Recordings of the presentations will be available soon, so for those who couldn't make it, you will be able to at least catch up on the content you missed! Contact Mieke if you would like a copy of this emailed to you. 0223918584, stmarysyouthgroup@xtra.co.nz. Many thanks from Maurice and Mieke.



First Communion classes for Blenheim, Picton & Seddon children at 9am on Sunday 19th October in the Community Centre and continue on the 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 or 0276246264. For Kaikoura, please contact Sr Maureen or Breanna Moller. First Communion there is 16th November.

Adoration: is once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am–2pm. The next date is **26th October**.

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 **22nd 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 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

Tuesday-21st Oct

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

Wednesday-22nd Oct

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

Thursday-23rd Oct

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

Friday-24th Oct

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

Saturday 25th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

30th Sun of Ord time

Sat 25th Oct

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

Sun 26th Oct

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



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 culminating in mass at 7pm on 31st October. There will be Rosary at 6.30pm that day.



Readings for:

19th-26th October 2025

Sun 19 Oct-29th Sun of Ord,

World Mission Sunday

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

Mon 20 Oct

Romans 4:20-25
Luke 12:13-21

Tues 21 Oct

Romans 5:12,15,17-21
Luke 12:35-38

Wed 22 Oct

Romans 6:12-18
Luke 12:39-48

Thurs 23 Oct

Romans 6:19-23
Luke 12:49-53

Fri 24 Oct

Romans 7:18-25
Luke 12:54-59

Sat 25 Oct

Romans 8:1-11
Luke 13:1-9

Sun 26 Oct-30th Sun of Ord

Eccl. 35:12-14,16-19
2Tim 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Find peace in God's Word



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.



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Paul Murphy;
Dorothy Day;
Michael O'Leary;
Marie Garrett;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Gerard Riordan;
Christopher Riordan;

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;
Robin O'Kane;

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

Quote from the Popes

'All the members of the People of God have a duty to make their voices heard, albeit in different ways, in order to point out and denounce such structural issues, even at the cost of appearing foolish or naïve. Unjust structures need to be recognized and eradicated by the force of good, by changing mindsets but also, with the help of science and technology, by developing effective policies for societal change. It must never be forgotten that the Gospel message has to do not only with an individual's personal relationship with the Lord, but also with something greater: "the Kingdom of God (cf. Lk 4:43)'"

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