

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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Feast of Christ the King

The Eucharist is our communion with the Divine Life. The evening before he died, Jesus shared his last fellowship meal with his disciples. Through the eating of special foods and the retelling of the events which surrounded and followed that last supper, the disciples continued to sense his presence among them whenever they came together for their weekly meal of fellowship. We today continue that regular meeting linking with others to celebrate Christ's resurrection, and as well, to commemorate his death when we attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

The children of Blenheim and Kaikoura, having followed a programme that has led them through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation, are today receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. It is a time to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus and give them a deeper appreciation of Mass and the church as a community, for Holy Communion is the sacrament that binds us together as God's family, providing strength and spiritual nourishment for our journey in faith together.

And so we welcome from Blenheim: Mary, Maria, Euan, Kinivuawai, Leon, Skye, Olivia, Hola, Saane, Kimberly, Mike, Alphonsa, Augustine, Otto, Aubrey, Lucia, Kolio, and Kaloni; and from Kaikoura: Elijah, Chass, Dwayne, James, Finn, Ria, Shaden, Ayla-Jade, Hannah, Hayley, and Benjamin as they receive Holy Communion. May God's blessings be on you today and always.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Advent: a hikoī for Pilgrims of Hope - In this new booklet, *Bringing the Word to Life*, Fr James Lyons and other Catholic leaders and writers, including Cardinal John Dew, offer timely reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. Connecting Biblical truth with modern-day examples, they provide valuable spiritual nourishment for Catholics as this Year of Jubilee comes to a close – and a new year begins. As Archbishop Paul says, "I highly recommend it, and I know that you will find the reflections by fellow Catholics relevant and reflecting our faith experience within the context of this beautiful country we live in." Speak to the parish office about obtaining a copy of this booklet (priced at \$8.00 per copy).

Pre-Christmas Reconciliation Services: As we prepare for Christmas there are additional opportunities to go to Reconciliation: Kaikoura-9th December; Blenheim 19th Dec, 6.30pm; Picton 20th December, after 5pm Mass. The usual times are still available in Blenheim: 11.30am Friday and after 9.30am on Saturday.

I would like to congratulate the parents/caregivers of all the children in our parish who come to our masses. They are so well behaved – and to see even the smallest child with their arms crossed, going for a blessing is a joy. I have recently been to a mass in Christchurch – very distracting! A parishioner.



CALLED & EQUIPPED Formation Programme - Applications CLOSING SOON! 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? **DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! 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 / 04 496 1715 or speak to your Parish Priest.

YOUTH Year 13s! If your family has a year 13 leaver this year, please make yourself known to Mieke this coming week, as we are planning a blessing for all school leavers after 10am youth Mass on Dec 7th. Contact 0223918584, thanks

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 **26th November**. Feel free to bring a friend.



Adoration: is once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am-2pm. The next date is **30th November**.

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.

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 22nd Nov

Blenheim 9.30am Mass followed by reconciliation

Feast of Christ the King

Sat 22nd Nov

Blenheim 5pm –Mass
Picton 5pm—Mass

Sun 23rd Nov

Seddon 8am - Mass,
Kaikoura 9.30am– Mass 1st
Communion
Blenheim 10am Mass 1st
Communion
Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Tuesday-25th Nov

Blenheim 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-26th Nov

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

Thursday-27th Nov

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

Friday-28th Nov

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

Saturday 29th Nov

Blenheim 9.30am Mass followed by reconciliation

1st Sun of Advent

Sat 29th Nov

Blenheim 5pm –Mass
Picton 5pm—Mass

Sun 30th Nov

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



Readings for:

23rd-30th Nov 2025

Sun 23 Nov-Christ the King

2Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:35-43

Mon 24 Nov

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
Luke 21:1-4



Tues 25 Nov

Daniel 2:31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wed 26 Nov

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28
Luke 21:12-19

Thurs 27 Nov

Daniel 6:12-28
Luke 21:20-28

Fri 28 Nov

1Macabees 4:36-37,52-59
Luke 19:45-48

Sat 29 Nov

Daniel 7:2-14
Luke 21:29-33

Sun 30 Nov-1st Sun of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13.: 11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Find peace in God's Word

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,366.90
Maori Pastoral care: \$20.00
Peter's Pence: \$20.00

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.



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Sr Francie smsm; Graham Check; Maurice McQuillan; Richard Booker;	John Costello, Norah & Moran Costello, family & Friends of M Hickman;
Thomas & Ethel McHugh; Anne Haynes;	Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Donna Lippiatt; Luke Clayton; Nancy Spatz; Phil Best; Esme Murphy; Eileen Moreland; Glenn Ormsby; Craig & Viv Grant; Charlotte Cagney; Johan Van der Geest; Terry Price; Maria Prutten; Russell Millar; Lex & Mary Agnew; Robin O'Kane; Michael Carmody; Jane Caldwell;	Nancy Woolford-Stayner; Peter Smith; Margaret Searle; Anne Rundle; Francesca Perkins; Aveera & Araylee Marsh; Rilee Wright; Elizabeth & Don Boyd; Craig Jackson; Catherine; Jill Carpenter; and those unnamed that need our prayers at this time.
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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.

**Annual Foodbank appeal:
24th November, 6-8pm**

Quotes from the Popes

'Today, scenarios of war, unfortunately present in various regions of the world, seem especially to confirm that we are in a state of helplessness. Yet the globalization of helplessness arises from a lie, from believing that history has always been this way and cannot change. The Gospel, on the other hand, reminds us that it is precisely in the upheavals of history that the Lord comes to save us. And today, as a Christian community, together with the poor, we must become a living sign of this salvation.' Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), 15 November 2025

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