

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 40, 26th October 2025 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's readings continue the theme of prayer that we heard last week when we were encouraged to pray without ceasing. In our present-day society where money and power are everything, prayer takes a seat at the back. More pressing distractions beg for our time; there is so much we need to do, so many places to go, budgets to adjust, inflation, children's education. The list goes on and on.

Prayer is not for occasional use when things go wrong or asking things of God, but is for receiving gratefully what He wants to give us. Prayer is not something to be used occasionally when things are bad. So why is prayer important, and what does it do?

The main purpose of prayer is to build a relationship with God; a relationship that can withstand the distractions that are all around us. Prayer is a journey into the *heart* of life. Prayer clarifies our hope and our intentions, and it helps us to discern between the important and the trivial. Prayer is like a light going ahead of us in the darkness. As we go forward with the light of prayer, we discover anew the wonder of our relationship with God, for with prayer we can stand before God and the world and accept full responsibility for our lives. When we turn to God, we feel a new strength in our soul and there is a sense of God's nearness to us; God has not abandoned us and left us to face our troubles alone. Prayer may not change the world for us, but it can give us the courage to face it. Prayer is its own reward. It enriches us, and it allows us to live each day more spiritually, more deeply, more fully and more faithfully, for faith and prayer are interconnected.

St Augustine said, 'Faith pours out prayer, and the pouring out of prayer sustains and strengthens faith'.

Prayer is the oil that keeps the lamp of faith burning. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. And the fruit of service is peace.

Belinda Vavasour

It is with much sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of Sr Frances Anna smsm, on Thursday morning, in Kaikoura. Her Vigil Rosary will be 7pm, Monday night in the church, and the Funeral Mass 1pm, Tuesday in Sacred Heart Church. Sr Francie has been the faithful companion of Sr Maureen Connor smsm over the past 8 years, as pastoral assistants in the Kaikoura Community. Please Sr Maureen and the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary in your prayers at this time. RIP



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

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 04 496 1715 / l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz Applications close 30th November.

Archbishop Paul is asking that Parishioners consider using a new book of reflection by Fr James Lyons as part of their preparation for Christmas. This special Advent book is well worth reading and highly recommended by the Archbishop. They are \$8 each. Please note the change in price. If you are interested, please contact Ginetta at the office by 26th October, so she can place an order.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Blenheim wishes to acknowledge donations from the closure of the UFS Pharmacy and the United Friendly Society which, with St Vincent de Paul Blenheim, paid for new curtains and carpet for the Community Centre of the Parish.



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

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 25th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

30th Sun of Ord time

Sat 25th Oct

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**
Picton 5pm—**W&C**

Sun 26th Oct

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

Tuesday-28th Oct

Blenheim 9.30am **W&C**
Kaikoura 1pm Funeral for Sr Frances Anna ssm

Wednesday-29th Oct

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

Thursday-30th Oct

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

Friday-31st Oct

Kaikoura 9.30am -**W&C**
Blenheim 11am - Exposition
Blenheim 12.05pm –**Mass**
Blenheim 6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass

Saturday 1st Nov

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

31st Sun of Ord time

Sat 1st Nov

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

Sun 2nd Nov

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:

26th Oct-2nd Nov 2025

Sun 26 Oct-30th Sun of Ord

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

Mon 27 Oct

Romans 8:12-17
Luke 13:10-17

Tues 28 Oct-Sts Simon & Jude

Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-16

Wed 29 Oct

Romans 8:26-30
Luke 13:22-30

Thurs 30 Oct

Romans 8:31-39
Luke 13:31-35

Fri 31 Oct

Romans 9:1-5
Luke 14:1-6

Sat 01 Nov-All Saints

Apoc 7:2-4,9-14
1John 3:1-3
Matt 5:1-12

Sun 02 Nov-All Souls Day

Wisdom 3:1-9
Rev 21:1-5,6-7
Luke 7:11-17

Find peace in God's Word



Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,442.85

Mission Sunday: \$759.10, final figure next week.

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

Michael O'Leary;
Marie Garrett;
Martin Bason;
Dominic Hassan;
Colin Miller;
Sr Frances Anna
smsg;

Jack Walker;
Mary O'Halloran;
John V Spencer;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

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;
Russell Millar;
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;
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

'One cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest. From the beginning of Scripture, God's love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them.'

Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi Te*, 4 October 2025

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