

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 42, 9th November 2025 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Dedication of St John Lateran

I write with heartfelt thanks for the extraordinary opportunity granted to Tony and myself to attend the canonisation of Blessed Peter ToRot in Rome. From our departure in Sydney to our arrival in the Eternal City, every moment has been a gift—a journey of a lifetime made possible by your support and prayers. Our visit to the Basilica of Saints John and Paul was nothing short of breathtaking. Amid its ancient regalia, I was deeply moved to encounter St Paul of the Cross resting in a glass casket beneath the image of our crucified Lord. In that sacred space, surrounded by centuries of faith and devotion, I felt a profound peace. My physical aches faded, and I sensed a spiritual connection that transcended time—a moment of grace that reminded me of the enduring presence of the Passionist charism. Rome itself, with its ruins and relics, speaks of human ingenuity and divine inspiration. Each stone tells a story, each arch a testament to resilience and creativity.

And nestled in the mountains of Monte Argentario, we witnessed the profession of a novice—a quiet, powerful reminder of the continuity of our vocation. The novitiate, humble in its simplicity, echoed the spirit of those who came before us, whose lives were shaped by prayer, sacrifice, and community.

Then came the canonisation at St Peter's Square, a day etched forever in my heart. The crowd was immense, the joy palpable. Yet when Blessed Peter ToRot's name was called, the response was subdued. It reminded me that heaven rejoices even when the world is quiet. His life—a simple catechist, faithful to the Gospel, defiant in the face of oppression—speaks volumes. He did not hold degrees, but he held fast to truth. He prayed with the elderly, brought communion to the sick, and remained steadfast in Catholic teaching, even under the shadow of the Japanese occupation. His canonisation is not just a moment for Papua New Guinea, but a call to all of us: to live our faith with courage, humility, and love. I carry this experience with deep gratitude and renewed commitment to the mission entrusted to us. Thank you for making this pilgrimage possible. May the spirit of Peter ToRot inspire us all to be faithful witnesses of the Gospel in our time.

Jacob Kuman CP



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.

First Communion classes continue for Blenheim, Picton & Seddon children at 9am on Sunday 9th November in the Community Centre 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 8years 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 also on 23rd November at 9.30am.

World Day of the Poor Dilexi Te Webinar, 6:30pm-8pm 18 November 2025 To mark World Day of the Poor, join with the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission to reflect on Pope Leo's new text on poverty, Dilexi Te. Everyone is welcome and no background knowledge is needed. Jim McAloon, Chair of the EJP, will give an overview of Dilexi Te followed by an opportunity for small group discussion of selected passages from the document and how they apply to issues of poverty today. Register to attend at <https://surl.ms/LGb>

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 8th Nov

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

32nd Sun of Ord time

Sat 8th Nov

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

Sun 9th Nov– Dedication of St John Lateran

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

Tuesday-11th Nov

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

Wednesday–12th Nov

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

Thursday-13th Nov

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

Friday-14th Nov

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

Saturday 15th Nov

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

33rd Sun of Ord time– Jubilee of the Poor

Sat 15th Nov

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

Sun 16th Nov

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



Mick, Michele, Suzanne & all the Norton whanau

wish to thank the St Vinnies community, Fr Sony, Mary Tolan, Belinda Vavasour & the many parishioners who came along to Mums funeral Mass in Sept. We all miss her but visit her resting place often at Omaka cemetery. Arohanui. May she RIP.

Readings for:

9th-16th Nov 2025

Sun 09 Nov-Dedication of St

Joh Lateran

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1Cor 3:9-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

Mon 10 Nov

Romans 11:29-36
Luke 14:12-14

Tues 11 Nov

Romans 12:5-16
Luke 14:15-24

Wed 12 Nov

Romans 13:8-10
Luke 14:25-33

Thurs 13 Nov

Romans 14:7-12
Luke 15:1-10

Fri 14 Nov

Romans 15:14-21
Luke 16:1-8

Sat 15 Nov

Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27
Luke 16:9-15

Sun 16 Nov-33rd Sun of Ord

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1Cor 3:9-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

Find peace in God's Word



Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,414.31

Misson Sunday: \$40.00,

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;

Fairhall Family-Ross,
Westland;

Alec Logan;
Ivan Teeling;
Garrett O'Neill;
Chris Fredericks;

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;
Craig & Viv Grant;
Charlotte Cagney;
Johan Van der Geest;
Terry Price;
Maria Prutten;
Russell Millar;
Lex & Mary Agnew;
Robin O'Kane;
Ewen Robinson;
Michael Carmody;

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.

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

Quote from the Popes

'God, the refuge of the poor, denounces through the prophets – we recall in particular Amos and Isaiah – the injustices committed against the weakest, and exhorts Israel to renew its worship from within, because 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*, #17.

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