

# 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 46, 7th December 2025

### Second Sunday of Advent

Young people are often labelled 'the future of the Church', and while this is true, we sometimes forget that they are *also* 'the Church RIGHT NOW!' They are valid, participating members that bring so much life and energy to our community, and nurturing that into adulthood is the job of all of us. Today we hear John the Baptist calling our hearts to prepare the way of the Lord, and we can feel the anticipation building toward the Hope that we can enter into fully in just a few weeks, celebrating the birth of Jesus.

That feeling of hope and anticipation is very real for those young people in our parish who have finished their schooling as year 13s and are about to step into adulthood. This Christmas is an extra special one for them; a huge celebration, a totally new season of their lives (sometimes a scary one!). Today (Sunday), we are extending a special blessing to those young adults, as they venture into life with a new hope. Let's all keep them (and all year 13s in our extended community and families) in our prayers, that they will be prepared in their hearts; to keep the faith, to hold on to Jesus, to have trust in Him.



Mieke Davies

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

**Nativity Scene Participants for Christmas Eve Family Mass.** Children from the Parish are invited to dress in costume and be part of the stable scene singing "Away in a Manger" at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve. If this sounds like something your children would like to be part of please add their name to the list in the Foyer after Mass or email : [rosielamain@gmail.com](mailto:rosielamain@gmail.com) Finer details about a practice and costumes will be shared in the next newsletter.



**Handel's Messiah** by the [Blenheim Choral](#) and [Marlborough Civic Orchestra](#). The concerts will take place at the [Church of the Nativity](#) on Friday, December 5th at 7PM and Saturday, December 6th at 2PM. Tickets are available through Eventfinda and ASB Theatre.



**Happy 95th Birthday** this coming Thursday to Esme Murphy who is our oldest parishioner to be born in Blenheim. May your day be blessed and fruitful.

**Christmas Choir:** Are you keen to join a choir to sing at the 7.30pm mass at Blenheim on Christmas Eve? Anyone interested can come along after 5pm Mass on 7th, 14th and 21st December. Come to any or all of the practices. We would love to see you.



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

**Pre-Christmas Reconciliation Services:** As we prepare for Christmas there are additional opportunities to go to Reconciliation: Kaikoura-8th 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.



**The Philipino Community** invites parishioners to join them to celebrate Simbaug Gabi, with 7pm Mass every day 17-23 Dec in the Mercy Chapel. On 23 Dec it will be in St Mary's Church.

**Christmas Masses:** Christmas Eve- Blenheim: Family Mass 5.30pm (carols at 5pm), 8pm (Carols at 7pm), Kaikoura: Family Mass 7.30pm, Carols At 7pm), Picton: Family Mass 7.30pm ( Carols at 7pm).

Christmas Day-Seddon: 8am Mass, Kaikoura: 9.30am, Blenheim: 10am Mass.

The full schedule for the Christmas Season will be on our website and church doors.



**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 6th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am Mass followed by reconciliation

### 2nd Sun of Advent

#### Sat 6th Dec

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Picton 5pm—Mass

#### Sun 7th Dec

Seddon 8am - Mass,

Kaikoura 9.30am– Mass

Blenheim 10am Youth Mass

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

### Tuesday-9th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am Mass

### Wednesday–10th Dec

Picton 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9:30am Mass

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Blenheim 6.30pm Mass

### Thursday-11th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am - Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Picton– 5.15pm Adoration

### Friday-12th Dec

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.0 5pm –Mass

### Saturday 13th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am Mass followed by reconciliation

### 3rd Sun of Advent

#### Sat 13th Dec

Blenheim 5pm –W&C

Picton 5pm—Mass

#### Sun 14th Dec

Seddon 8am - Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am– W&C

Blenheim 10am– Mass

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

## Readings for:

### 7th-14th Dec 2025

#### Sun 07 Dec-2nd Sun of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

#### Mon 08 Dec-Immaculate

#### Conception BVM

Patroness of

Wgtn Archdiocese

Genesis 3:9-15,20

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12

Luke 1:26-38

#### Tues 09 Dec

Isaiah 40:1-11

Matt 18:12-44

#### Wed 10 Dec

Isaiah 40:12-31

Matt 11:28-30

#### Thurs 11 Dec

Isaiah 41:8-20

Matt 11:11-15

#### Fri 12 Dec

Isaiah 48:12-22

Matt 11:16-19

#### Sat 13 Dec-St Lucy

Eccles 48:1-4,9-11

Matt 17:10-13

#### Sun 14 Dec-3rd Sun of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

### Find peace in God's Word



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

Sr Francie smsm;  
Graham Check;  
Maurice McQuillan;  
Richard Booker;  
Nola Mead;

Eric Hanley;  
John O'Halloran;

Gyula Mitribusz;  
Mollie & Eileen  
Hanley; Laurie &  
Maragaret Squire;  
Also all our deceased  
parishioners and  
benefactors.

### Intentions: please keep these

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.

If you, or a loved one, are in hospital or at home unable to get out, in Blenheim contact Mary Tolan 021 184 0617 to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to bring out Communion to you. For Kaikoura, ring Patsy Buttle, 021 584 968

**Collections:** We are most grateful for your support.

**Last Week:**

**Total:** \$2,119.45

Christmas Dues: \$10.00

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.

**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.



## Quotes from the Popes

'It is only by returning to the heart that a true ecological conversion can take place. We must shift from collecting data to caring; and from environmental discourse to an ecological conversion that transforms both personal and communal lifestyles. For believers, this conversion is in fact no different to the one that orients us towards the living God. We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures. Nor can we call ourselves disciples of Jesus Christ without participating in his outlook on creation and his care for all that is fragile and wounded.' Pope Leo XIV, "Raising Hope" Conference on the Tenth Anniversary of the Encyclical Laudato Si' 1 Oct 2025 **Action for Advent:** When you buy gifts or prepare for celebrations, choose only what is truly needed. Prioritise local and fair trade, and choose what is made with respect for both people and the Earth. Find more inspiration and action at Laudato Si' Movement Advent resources: <https://laudatosimovement.org/advent-2025>

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