

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 35, 21st September 2025 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Several years ago there was a major power outage in New York city. All lights and appliances were off... just total darkness. Some people responded by grabbing torches and hurrying to help neighbours and those in need. Others took advantage of the situation, broke shop windows and looted goods. We have come to understand what the Gospel is sharing today. It is so hard to change habits of a life-time once they have grown deep into our character.

Jesus, the Teacher, gives us an example to make this lesson clear. Today's story reminds us to put our hearts on real treasures which will endure. To seek other 'gods' such as money, power, prestige and possessions can never satisfy and can gradually make us very selfish and greedy. We know how hard it is to change habits of a life-time. The great thing is that the opposite rings true. Share from even the little we have in terms of goods, talents and time and we will grow into happier, generous people.

Cardinal Wolsley, the Lord High Chancellor under King Henry V111, came to recognise the truth of this Gospel message towards the end of his life. He had risen from very humble beginnings to great power. He was also a man who was by nature a great achiever so he enjoyed this role. As he was dying, after having been deposed by the king, he said, "I wish that I had served my God as well as I served my King."

Maureen Connor smsm Kaikoura.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Wanted: Donations of Clean Linen, Cutlery, Crockery and Summer Clothing for the Vinnies Shop at 63 High St, Blenheim. Items can be left at the shop or placed in the Clothing Bin. Thank you.

Sunday Evening Mass trial: During September and October, the priests will preside at a 5pm mass at St Mary's. Based on numbers, they will then decide whether to continue on a permanent basis.

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.

Parish Feast Day, 28th September: there will be celebration masses across the parish that weekend. On Sunday, after 10am Mass, there will be BYO finger food in the Parish Hall along with entertainment from the various cultures within the community. If you would like to perform or get more info, please contact Belinda Vavasour 021 774 858

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



Adoration: is once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am-2pm. The next date is **28th September**.

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 **24th September**. Feel free to bring a friend.



Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Do you wish to know more about becoming a Catholic? Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will start in October. Our first inquiry meeting will be in Blenheim, at 11am on Sunday 21st September, the second at 4pm on Saturday 27th of September. Contact the parish office.

Wellspring Formation Retreat : 10-12 Oct. Hosted by st Mary's Youth group. Guest speaker Brendan Malone, with a Pro-life theme. All info on the flyers in the foyer. All welcome, including non-catholics. Contact Mieke 0223918584 or see her after Sunday Mass.



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 20th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

25th Sun of Ord time

Sat 20th Sep

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**
Picton 4pm—**Mass**

Sun 21st Sep

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

Tuesday-23rd Sep

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

Wednesday-24th Sep

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

Thursday-25th Sep

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

Friday-26th Sep

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

Saturday 27th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

26th Sun of Ord time

Sat 27th Sep

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**
Picton 4pm—**Mass**

Sun 28th Sep

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,
Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**
Blenheim 10am **Mass**
Blenheim 5pm –No Mass

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: UHT Long-life milk, rice, pasta, Jam, Weet-bix, Pasta Sauce, Salt, Sugar,

Readings for:

21st –28th Sep 2025

Sun 21 Sep–25th Sun of Ord

Amos 8:4-7
1Tim 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



Mon 22 Sep

Ezra 1:1-6
Luke 8:16-18

Tues 23 Sep-St Pius Of

Pietrelcina

Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20
Luke 8:19-21

Wed 24 Sep-Our Lady of

Mercy

Ezra 9:5-9
Luke 9:1-6

Thurs 25 Sep

Haggai 1:1-8
Luke 9:7-9

Fri 26 Sep

Haggai 1:15-2:9
Luke 9:18-22

Sat 27 Sep-St Vincent de Paul

Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15
Luke 9:43-45

Sun 28 Sep–26th Sun of Ord

Amos 6:1,4-7
1Tim 6:11-16
Luke 8:4-15

Find peace in God's Word

Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,461.27
Maori Pastoral Care: \$27.00

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

Maureen O'Connell;
Mary Norton;
Maria Martin;
Paul McGrath;
Mons. Novatus
Rugambwa;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Aurelio Ferrer Jr;
John O'Neill;
Maragret Ghiringhelli;

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;
Paul Murphy;
Maria Prutten;
Moiria Costello;
Russell Millar;
Sr Frances smsm;
Lex & Mary Agnew;

Nancy Woolford-Stayner;
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Francesca Perkins;
Aveera & Araylee Marsh;
Rilee Wright;
Elizabeth & Don Boyd;
Craig Jackson;
Catherine;
For special favours granted;
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.

Sometimes our priests like to blend into their surroundings. You just don't know where they will pop up next!



Safeguarding Quote: ""To protect a child is to protect the future." – Unknown

Quote from the Popes

'Just as there is personal pain, so too there is the collective pain in our own day. Entire populations are crushed by the weight of violence, hunger and war, and they cry out for peace. This immense cry challenges us to pray, take action to end all violence, and bring peace to those who suffer. Above all, it pleads with God, whose heart trembles with compassion, to bring his Kingdom. The true consolation we must offer to those around us is showing that peace is possible, and that it grows within each of us, if we do not stifle it'. – Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), 15 September 2025.

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