

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 43, 16th November 2025 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

We were not created to live alone. We were created by God to live in a community that would enable us to support and care for each other. In the 1930s, the founders of the welfare state in New Zealand envisaged a country where poverty would be completely removed, or at least greatly reduced, for every person, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or occupation would have a sense of inclusion and belonging. Despite economic growth in New Zealand post-World War II, a proportion of families with children, particularly Māori and Pacific peoples are living in poverty; as are many others. Reducing poverty means less suffering, anxiety, and ill health. It contributes to greater wellbeing physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. It also means that people are better able to contribute more fully to their communities, society, and the economy, for eventually low numbers of people living in poverty benefit everyone.

The Church has saints who set an example of care for those less advantaged and amongst these is St Vincent de Paul. Born in 1581, and renowned for his compassion and work amongst the poor, he is the patron saint of charitable societies. Inspired by St Vincent de Paul's work, French Catholic Antoine Frederick Ozanam founded in the 1830s, a worldwide charitable movement called the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Today the St Vincent de Paul Society continues to help many people across the world. In Blenheim, Picton and Kaikoura many benefits flow from the help the Society gives to those who require assistance. The volunteers work hard to raise money and their commitment and dedication to the cause of caring for the poor and the destitute is a wonderful testament to their patron saint who died over 350 years ago.

Belinda Vavasour

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: The bishops of New Zealand have written a pastoral letter to the Catholic community that is being read at all Masses this weekend. The letter coincides with the Church's commemoration of World Day of the Poor. It invites each person to consider how they can listen and respond to those who are in need. It offers some practical ways to live out the Christian imperative of charity, and especially in helping Catholic agencies committed to supported those who are in need. The letter can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>

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.



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.

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

First Communion is being celebrated at 9.30am in Kaikoura and 10am at Blenheim on 23rd November. Please keep these children and their teachers in your prayers.

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.

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Mass & Liturgy Schedules

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

Tuesday-18th Nov

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

Wednesday-19th Nov

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

Thursday-20th Nov

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

Friday-21st Nov

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

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**



Readings for:

16th -23rd Nov 2025

Sun 16 Nov-33rd Sun of Ord

Malachi 3:19-20
2Thess 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Mon 17 Nov-St Elizabeth of Hungary

1Macabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64
Luke 18:35-43



Tues 18 Nov

2Macabees 6:18-31
Luke 19:1-10

Wed 19 Nov

2Macabees 7:1,20-31
Luke 19:11-28

Thurs 20 Nov

2Macabees 2:15-29
Luke 19:41-44

Fri 21 Nov-Presentation of Mary

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

Sat 22 Nov-St Cecilia

1Macabees 6:1-13
Luke 20:27-40

Sun 23 Nov-Christ the King

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

Find peace in God's Word

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$4,487.74

Misson Sunday: \$5.00

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;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Thanksgiving for Cabuag family;

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;

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**

Quotes from the Popes

'God's actions are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity. Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity, God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favour of the weakest'. - Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi Te*, 16.

Parish Priest: Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP– ParishPriest@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz

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