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— 24th September 2023 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

It is nice to be back after a very restful holiday.

My sincere thanks to Father Julian Wagg and the parish staff and volunteers who do so much to sustain and build the various ministries in our Parish.

Congratulations to Saint Mary's School who hosted the very impressive Pasifika Festival last Saturday.

The Festival was a great reminder of how multicultural our parish, and the wider community, is.

Congratulations also to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society on the blessing, on Wednesday morning, of the newly renovated and extended shop in Picton.

We were joined in the ceremony of blessing by our elders from Waikawa Marae, the Mayor, Nadine Taylor, and the Principal and Kapa Haka Group from Queen Charlotte College in Picton. The Vinnies shop is a credit to the vision and hard work of our wonderful Saint Vincent de Paul members.

Our gratitude goes to members of the Steering Group and Finance Committee who are overseeing the recommendations made in the Parish Property Report and approved by Cardinal John Dew in 2020. The demolition of the former church at Picton has been completed, as has the sale of the former church at Havelock. In a letter of 23 August 2023, Archbishop Paul Martin, SM, has notified me of the formal deconsecration of the former parish church at Renwick. These three churches have served the parish well. Wherever possible, we have honoured their sacred history with the inclusion of sacred objects from these former churches in our four parish churches and Mercy Chapel.

With every blessing in Christ Michael McCabe

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices



Please pray for our Youth at Antioch Camp for a weekend focus of praise, worship and discernment. Thank you to those who have sponsored our young people.



<u>Safeguarding workshops:</u> The parish invites all volunteers in ministries in the parish involved with children and vulnerable adults to workshops on Safeguarding as we practice it in the Archdiocese. Safeguarding builds on gospel values of respect, dignity and justice in protecting the vulnerable from harm, and building a new culture of safeguard in our churches where all feel welcome and safe. These workshops are conducted by Sr Catherine Jones, smsm, Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

Blenheim: meetings in the Mercy Chapel;

Tues 26th-10am SVdP mtg and 7pm;

Wed 27th -2pm Thurs 28th -7pm

Picton: Wednesday 27th, St Joseph Church after 930am Mass.

**Contact Belinda Vavasour for more information 578 2628** 



Weekday Mass/W & C will remain in the Mercy Chapel through the summer, with Friday Adoration, Mass to be in the Church.

**This weekend Daylight Saving starts** so Mass in Picton will be 5pm on alternate Saturdays.



**SVdP Shop Blenheim** is looking for a small radio CD player, if you have one you no longer use, please ph 5778378 to donate.



**Office Closed:** Ginetta is taking Annual Leave between 25th September-1st October so the office will be closed.

## 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

Sat 23rd Sept

Blenheim 5pm—Mass (Live Stream)

Sun 24th Sept

Seddon 8am—**W&C** Kaikoura –9.30am **W&C** Blenheim 10am-W&C

Tuesday—25th Sept

Blenheim 9.30am Mass Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday -26th Sept

Picton 9.30am Mass Kaikoura 9:30am W&C Blenheim 12:05 W&C Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

<u>Thursday – 27th Sept</u> Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass** Kaikoura 11am Scripture Kaikoura 5.15pm -W&C

Friday — 28th Sept

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

Sat 30th Sept

Picton **5pm Mass** 

note change of time Blenheim 5pm - W&C

Sun 1st Oct-Celebration of Vener-

able Suzanne Aubert

Seddon 8am-Mass Kaikoura 9.30am-W&C

Blenheim 10.00am—Mass (Live

Please participate in the

#### Church Life Survey.

Our church is part of this nationwide survey of church attenders. This is a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church and be heard by our leaders. Can you take 10-15 minutes to fill it out by 26 September.

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There are paper copies available but we prefer you to fill this out online. Please return to the Parish Office ASAP.

Readings for:

24th Sept 1st Oct 2023

Sunday 24th Sept

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24,27 Matthew 20:1-16

Monday 25th Sept

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

Tuesday 26th Sep

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

Wednesday 27th Sept-St Vincent de Paul

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

**Thursday 28th Sept** 

Haggi1:1-8 Luke 9:7-9

Friday 29th Sept Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 John 1;47-51

Saturday 30th Sept-St

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

Sunday 1st Oct

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2;1-11 Matthew 20:1-16



Find peace in God's Word

## Safeguarding

### Workshops:

The Catholic Church believes that every person has a dignity and a value which drives directly from their creation in the image and likeness of God. This implies a duty to value all people and therefore to protect them from harm. We are all called to create a culture which cherishes, nurtures and safeguards children and vulnerable adults.



## Remembering the **Holy Souls—May** they Rest In Peace

Gerald Sexton; Kay McKellar; Nancye Brunel; Jean Wilson QSM; Sarah Edgar; Brian Bell; Deceased members of the St Vincent de Paul Society;

Ossie Hickman and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

#### Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker: Margaret Procter; Rebecca Upton; Donna Lippiatt; Miriam Sullivan; Les McKay; Patsy Buttle; Barry Butcher; Rupert Laugesen; Maria Martin; Peter Campbell; Charlotte Cagney; Nancy Woolford-Stayner; Denise Eddowes: Terry Price; Steven Crundwell-NIsn Lex & Mary Agnew;

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

Last Week:

Total: \$ 2,620.53

Maori Pastoral Care: \$20.00

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** contact Ginetta at the Parish Office for a giving number, or for setting up an Automatic payment.

St Mary's Preschool: We are fundraising towards an upgrade of the bathroom. It's a raffle designed for a family, with beautiful items to suit Mum and Dad, as well as newborn items and gifts for toddlers. Tickets are \$2 Drawn on the 16th of October. After Mass or at Preschool.

### **Quote from Pope Francis**

'The Church needs to be like God: always going out; and when the Church does not go out, she becomes sick with the many evils we have in the Church. And why are these illnesses in the Church? Because she does not go out. It is true that when someone goes out there is the danger of getting into an accident. But better a Church that gets into accidents because she goes out to proclaim the Gospel, than a Church that is sick because she stays in.' Pope Francis, Angelus, 20 September 2020

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