

## 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 44— 26th November 2023

#### Christ the King



Dear Parishioners

The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the church's liturgical year. Next Sunday begins the new year with the Season of Advent.

The gospel reveals a God who does not judge us or others as we tend to do. There are times when we have helped the poor and homeless.

There are times when we have chosen to ignore them and walk away from their obvious needs. All of us are a little bit of both!

Pope Francis consistently encourages us to recognise Jesus in the face of everyone. As we do so we continue the ministry of Jesus.

On Wednesday this week I received a letter from Archbishop Paul Martin, SM, confirming my retirement on January 14, 2024.

I have been so blessed in my forty years of priesthood and three years as a deacon and blessed by these last two years at Star of the Sea Parish, and I am very grateful to you all for all for your support, and for all that you do to build up the Body of Christ in Marlborough.

Archbishop Paul is yet to finalise all appointments. My last mass will be at Kaikoura on January 14 at 9.30am.

Congratulations to the children making their 1st Holy Communion today in Seddon and Blenheim and special thanks to their families and teachers.

I will be away from the Parish 30 Nov to 9 December for my annual retreat.

With every blessing in Christ

Michael McCabe



### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

**First Holy Communion:** First Communion Sunday at Seddon Church on 26th Nov at 8am Mass, and Blenheim at 0.30 Mass. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

**Anointing Masses:** Wednesday 13th Dec, 10am in Picton; Thursday 14th Dec, 10am in Blenheim. Finger food to follow at Blenheim Mass.

**Wanted:** The Blenheim presbytery's lawnmower has gone to lawn heaven and we are on the look-out for another loved but usable one. Can you help? Contact Ginetta at the Parish Office.

**Waterblasters:** The Tongan Community are cleaning the outside of the BHM buildings on Sat, 2nd Dec and would like to borrow some waterblasters so the job can be done quicker. Contact Petelo 021 165 9912

**SYCAMORE** The Discipleship Group is excited to run the next series of this informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today, this time following the Advent pathway. The programme gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. It will run from Wednesday 22 November for 4 weeks at St Mary's Community Centre from 7 – 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome! It is the Discipleship Group's intention to still run a "Taster" session early in the New Year in Kaikoura, after a number of date clashes in October and November. More details closer to the time.

#### [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 25th Nov

Picton- 5pm Mass  
Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

### Sun 26th Nov

Seddon- 8am **Mass 1st Communion**  
Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**  
Blenheim **10.30am-Mass (Live Stream) 1st Communion**

### Tuesday—28th Nov

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

### Wednesday -29th Nov

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

### Thursday - 30th Nov

Blenheim 9.30am - **W&C**  
Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C  
Kaikoura 11am Scripture

### Friday — 1st Dec

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

### Sat 2nd Dec

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

### Sun 3rd Dec

Seddon **8am—W&C**  
Picton **9am W&C**  
Kaikoura **9.30am—Mass**  
Blenheim **10.00am—W&C**

## Readings for:

### 26 Nov –3rd Dec 2023

#### Sun 26 Nov Christ the King

Ezek 34:11-12,15-17  
1Corin15:20-26,28  
Matthew 25:31-46

#### Mon 27 Nov

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20  
Luke 21:1-4

#### Tues 28 Nov

Daniel 2:31-45  
Luke 21:5-11

#### Wed 29 Nov—

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28  
Luke 21:12-19

#### Thurs 30 Nov-St Andrew

Romans 10:9-18  
Matthew 4:18-22

#### Fri 1 Dec

Daniel 7:2-14  
Luke 21:29-33

#### Sat 2 Dec

Daniel 7:15-27  
Luke 20:27-40

#### Sun 3 Dec-1st Sun Of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8  
1Corin1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

## Find peace in God's Word



**Columban Calendars- \$16 & Xmas Cards:** are now available.



## Remembering the Holy Souls in our November Masses—May they Rest In Peace

Paul Shannahan sm; Mary Scanlon LCM Aileen Scoon; Tim Goulter; Graham Higgins; Peter Jolly; Cheesman, Hope, McConway & Fairhall families; Bob Dean; Chris Fredericks;	Kath Molyneux; Ossie Hickman, Relatives & friends of M Hickman;  and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.
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## Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker; Rebecca Upton; Donna Lippiatt; Miriam Sullivan; Les McKay; Barry Butcher; Rupert Laugesen; Luke Clayton Sr Frances Anna; Kathleen Middleton Michelle Parkin; Cohen Wards; Terry Jordan; Anne Haines; Vince Smith;	Maria Martin; Peter Campbell; Charlotte Cagney; Nancy Woolford- Stayner; Denise Eddowes; Terry Price; Steven Crundwell- Nlsn Lex & Mary Agnew; Peter Smith; Margaret Searle; Anne Rundle; Wilma Rutherford; Terry Ryan;
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## 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.

There is a **desperate** need at the moment, more than ever before for all non-perishable food.

**1st Sunday @ Blenheim**  
**1st Sunday @ Kaikoura**  
**All Sundays @ Picton**



**Foodbank Appeal**  
**27th November**

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

### Last Week:

Total: \$ 2,267.81  
Mission Sunday: \$150.00  
Christmas Dues: \$ 50.00

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.

## Quote from Pope Francis

'Those who have experienced in their own lives the Father's mercy cannot remain indifferent before the needs of their brothers. The lesson of Jesus that we have heard does not allow escape routes: I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was naked, displaced, sick, in prison and you assisted me. You cannot stonewall a person who is hungry: he must be fed. Jesus tells us this! The works of mercy are not theoretical ideas, but concrete testimonies. They oblige us to roll up our sleeves to alleviate suffering.' Pope Francis [Jubilee Audience](#) 30 June 2016

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