

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 14 28th April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

This week we celebrated Anzac Day- a day of special remembrance and prayer for the thousands of courageous men and women who gave their lives in war, or were wounded in body and spirit, that we might live in freedom and peace. We honour their memory!

And then there is another side to this amazing story of courage which is sometimes overlooked or forgotten--- the many supportive wives, family and friends who suffered through long years of fear, anguish and loneliness as they waited, often in vain, for news of their return home. We honour their memory also!

Also, today in our Gospel, we are again reminded that Jesus is the Vine who constantly brings new life and nourishment to His faithful followers, the branches. He gave us an example to live by and one which led to His own dying and rising to new life for us. We are each a small part of the new Vineyard which is our mission today.

Yes, Christ is the Vine, the Source, who brings new life and nourishment to His faithful followers, the branches. He is our Strength in personal suffering. United with Christ and each other our lives become more fruitful.

We, who live 'in the top of the South' are very familiar with the scene in this text. Viticulture is a way of life for many here and we annually watch the time of radical pruning which leads to the new growth and the reward of the wonderful fruiting of the vines.

For the courageous Anzacs, the leaving to defend others, the dreadful wounding and dying, the ultimate defeat in battle, was a prelude to a new world peace which came later after Gallipoli years.

Yes, we remember them!

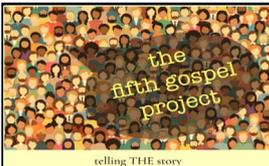


Parish Calendar, News & Notices

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope. The NZCBC has created an informative webpage. Please visit the website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> to find out more information and watch this space for opportunities to become involved in Jubilee 2025.



ST MARYS YOUTH GROUP !! Starts this coming Wednesday 1st May at the youth rooms, 6.30pm - 8.15pm. For school years 8-13. Queries to Mieke and Maurice Davies 0223918584



The Fifth Gospel Project: Fr John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation and send an experience (up to 400 words) before the end of April to john@fff.org.nz. More information on this mission is available at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

Rest home volunteer Chaplaincy: a training seminar for new applicants to apply and attend from **May 17th through to and including May 19th** to become a Blenheim Rest Home Volunteer Chaplain. Details on the church notice board.

St Vincent de Paul Picton is looking for a small furniture van.

Does someone have one surplus to requirements or is there a company who could give preferential rates or a sponsorship for a charitable organisation?

Please contact the secretary Sandra, bakersaavid@xtra.co.nz



[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

5th Sunday of Easter

Sat 27th April

Picton- 4pm **Mass**

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

Sun 28th April

Seddon 8am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**

Blenheim 10am - **Mass**

Tuesday-30th April

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-1st May

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

then Reconciliation

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

Thursday - 2nd May

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday - 3rd May

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 11.30am

Reconciliation

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

6th Sunday of Easter

Sat 4th May

Blenheim 5pm -**Mass**

Sun 5th May

Seddon- 8am **W&C**

Picton- 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura- 9.30am **Mass**

Blenheim -10am **W&C**

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**

Readings for:

28 April-5th May 2024

Sun 28 April-5th Sun of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

1John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Mon 29 April—St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, Proto-martyr of Oceania, Patron Saint of New Zealand

Acts 13:44-52

John 15:12-17

Tues 30 April

Acts 14:19-28

John 14:27-31

Wed 01 May

Acts 15:1-6

John 15:1-8

Thurs 02 May- St Athanasius

Acts 15:7-21

John 15:9-11

Fri 03 May- Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles

1Cor 15:1-8

John 14:6-9

Sat 04 May

Acts 16:1-10

John 15:18-21

Sun 05 May-6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

1John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

Find peace in God's Word



Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2876.44

Easter Dues: \$5.00

Vocation Sunday: \$83.00

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, and for setting up an AP. **Donation Receipts have been emailed out. Printed receipts are in church foyers**



Remembering the Holy souls

—May they Rest In Peace

Audrey Wallace;
Janet Gill;
Dakota Pali;
Fr. Christopher Brady (Auck);
Ray Perkin (Mataura);
Tony Kilmartin;
Alice Blissett;

Denis Harnett;
and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Intentions: please keep the following parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Rebecca Upton;
Donna Lippiatt;
Les McKay;
Barry Butcher;
Luke Clayton;
Vince Smith;
Tilly van Dyke;
Graeme Daines;
Sophie Greening;
Kath Maher;
Vicki McLean;
Kalan Family;

Maria Martin;
Charlotte Cagney;
Nancy Woolford-Stayner;
Denise Eddowes;
Terry Price;
Steven Crundwell-Nlsn
Lex & Mary Agnew;
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Liz James;

Seeking accommodation: A

3-bedroom rental house for a working couple with 4 children (3 girls and 1 boy) preferably in central Blenheim or Springlands. Please call: 021 454 482.

The Food bank is need of small bottles approx. 300ml clean with lids please. They can be left in the White Foodbank baskets at St Mary's church. The Foodbank baskets will be put out for all weekend services due to the current high demand for help. Please consider donating non perishable goods, UHT Longlife milk, rice, pasta, tinned food & cereals.

Quote from Pope Francis

'But Jesus needs us too, like the vine with the branches...He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians. After Jesus ascended to the Father, it is the task of the disciples — it is our task — to continue to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds. And the disciples — we, Jesus' disciples — do so by bearing witness to his love: the fruit to be borne is love.'

Pope Francis, [Angelus](#) 2 May 2021

Parish Priest: Fr Simione Volavola MSC— ParishPriest@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz (Yet to arrive)

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