

## 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 15, 5th May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

**New priests for our Parish (update):** We have contacted the Archdiocese, and they are doing their best to keep us informed. The Archdiocese mentioned they have little control over the visa application process except for checking the credentials of the clergy and the congregations concerned. Even having done this there can be hiccups. Sometimes in the countries of origin the detail required for a visa application is not easy to obtain quickly. There are also differences in the dating of documentation (versus what is on an application) that need to be properly verified. Then once this is completed, health check details etc., can be discovered which can also lead to declining an application. In terms of our new priests getting to New Zealand, and to Marlborough, the Archdiocese has said the process is ongoing. However, the provincial of the order that our new priests belong to (Missionary Society of Mary) has assured the Archdiocese, that as soon as the visas are given, they will be on the next plane.

### **Festival of Life Sunday – May 5th 2024**

In baptism, through water and the word, a person is immersed in Jesus Christ, and journeys with Christ, through his death and resurrection to a new life. This week we celebrate an initiative of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue. We highlight Baptism, and its significance for Christian unity. This initiative affirms the shared belief "in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins" as confessed in the Nicene Creed. Today we spend some time focussing on Baptism which is the seedbed from which Christians can develop a deeper appreciation of one another on our journey to wholeness.



### **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.



### **Perpetual Adoration**

24 hours of perpetual adoration for our parish and the arrival of our priests. From 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1pm-25<sup>th</sup> May, 1pm in the Mercy Chapel.

We need a commitment of two people for each hour during this period. There is a list that will be available left in the foyer to sign up to. This cannot go ahead without enough support. Final date for names is 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Notification if we can go ahead will be given at masses on 18-19 May.



**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](mailto: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

### 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**

### Fr Seph away 6-9 May for the Clergy Assembly

#### Tuesday-7th May

Blenheim 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

#### Wednesday-8th May

Picton 9.30am **W&C**

then Reconciliation

Kaikoura 9:30am **W&C**

Blenheim 12.05pm **W&C**

Kaikoura Rosary 7pm

#### Thursday - 9th May

Blenheim 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

#### Friday - 10th May

Kaikoura 9.30am **W&C**

Blenheim 11am Exposition

Blenheim 11.30am

Reconciliation

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

### 5th Sunday of Easter

#### Sat 11th May

Picton- 4pm **Mass**

Blenheim -5pm **W&C**

#### Sun 12th May

Seddon 8am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am- **W&C**

Blenheim 10am - **Mass**



### 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.

## Readings for:

### 5th -12th May 2024

#### Sun 05 May-6th Sun of Easter

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

1John 4:7-10

#### Mon 06 May

Acts 16:11-15

John 15:26-16:4

#### Tues 07 May

Acts 16:22-34

John 16:5-11

#### Wed 08 May

Acts 17:15,22-18:1

John 16:12-15

#### Thurs 02 May

Acts 18:1-8

John 16:16-20

#### Fri 10 May

Acts 18:9-18

John 16:20-23

#### Sat 11 May

Acts 18:23-28

John 16:23-28

#### Sun 12 May-Ascension of the

**Lord** World Communications Day

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mark 16:15-20



### Find peace in God's

#### Word

**12-18 May**-Week of prayer for

Christian Unity.

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

#### Last Week:

Total: \$2885.74

Vocation Sunday: \$145.00

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

James Lee (NLSN); Kevin Holden:

Audrey Wallace;

Janet Gill;

Te Oki McAllister  
(Te Puke);

and all our  
deceased  
parishioners and  
benefactors.

Kathleen Smith;

Eileen Riordan;

Gerard Holden;

Fr John Pearce CP;

### 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;

### 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**

Also in 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

'To love *as*, Jesus means to offer yourself in service, at the service of your brothers and sisters, as he did in washing the feet of the disciples. It also means going outside of ourselves, detaching ourselves from our own human certainties, from earthly comforts, in order to open ourselves up to others, especially those in greater need. It means making ourselves available, as we are and with what we have. This means to love not in word but in deeds.' Pope Francis, [Regina Caeli](#), 9 May 2021

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