

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, 17th November 2024 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week we have had some stark reminders of the evil that people are capable of as we read and listen to the terrible actions taken by some who were charged to look after those in their care. People who abused, both physically and mentally, those weaker than themselves; who lied and kept hidden their horrifying deeds against the defenseless in their care; and who for decades preyed upon and tortured children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We have heard apologies from those in Government – Christopher Luxon said “sorry” 11 times – and promised some modest law changes to correct the devastating inter-generational abuse that occurred in both State and Faith-based care. Our religious institutions too must say sorry and endeavour to make amends for the way they handled abuse that was reported and reported, and reported, yet not believed, or was ignored. When we speak of the cruelty that allowed children, young people and the vulnerable to be placed in positions where they were continually abused we must remember that we were all betrayed by the priests and religious, and successive governments over decades. People we should have been able to trust.

However, these priests and religious do not define our Catholic Church. Over the years there have been many men and women who gave up much to teach and instruct us; not all priests and religious lived in dark places where their bad deeds would not be seen. I am sure that many of us remember certain priests and religious for their good works and these men and women have left the mark of their goodness on us as surely as those who committed abuse on their victims. Let us today remember these victims of abuse who have been scarred by the actions of those who were meant to care for them. And let us do all we can to ensure that we will never again tolerate such sin and wickedness to creep into our Catholic Churches and Schools and Institutions.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Advent sycamore Group This is an informal group discussing the Christian faith. The format includes short videos from Fr Stephen Wang, with plenty of time for discussion. You're invited to a four-evening series exploring Advent. It is running in Picton, Blenheim and Kaikoura after Mass every Sunday. A gentle relaxing time out from the bustle, to reflect on the true meaning of Advent. Snacks provided. For more info for Picton or Blenheim, phone Bronwyn 021 046 2434.

Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: Will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on 4th Wednesday of the month and meet next on **27th November**. Feel free to bring a friend.



Adoration: given the interest in Adoration, we are trialing having this on a regular basis, once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11.30am and 2pm. The next date is 24th November as we are moving to the last Sunday of the Month.

St Vincent de Paul Blenheim helps those in need, giving a hand up to those in our community who are struggling. Are you empathetic, can you listen and offer practical advice with no judgement? Our next meeting is Tuesday 19 November at 10am in the Mercy Chapel, do join us.



Anointing Mass 6th December at 12.05pm at St Mary's Church followed by a cold buffet Christmas lunch until 2pm. This is being organised by St Vincent de Paul.

SAVE THE DATE

Blenheim Church Cleaning roster: we are in need of more volunteers to help vacuum the body of the church. It is divided into 3 sections with people cleaning one section on their turn, which is once every 2-3 months. Please contact Marie Spencer: 022 635 9436.



Annual Mass Count: For the whole of November at all weekend liturgies, to gauge the number of parishioners attending.

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

33rd Sun of Ord-World Day of the Poor

Sat 16th Nov

Blenheim 5pm - **Mass**

Sun 17th Nov

Seddon 8am - **W&C**

Picton 9am - **W&C**

Kaikoura 9.30am - **Mass, 1st Communion postponed till 1st December**

Blenheim 10am - **W&C led by the Youth**

Tuesday-19th Nov

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-20th Nov

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Thursday-21st Nov

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-22nd Nov

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

12.05pm Mass

Feast of Christ the King

Sat 23rd Nov

Blenheim 5pm - **W&C**

Picton 5pm - **Mass**

Sun 24th Nov

Seddon 8am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am - **W&C**

Blenheim 10am - **Mass, 1st Communion**

Parish Stall: If you are looking for Holy Christmas Cards or a special gift for someone, check out the parish stall in St Mary's Church. There will be something for everyone.



Readings for:

17-24 Nov 2024

Sun 17 Nov-32nd Sun of Ord

World Day of the Poor

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Mark 13:24-32

Mon 18 Nov

Apoc 1:1-4,2:1-5

Luke 18:35-43

Tues 19 Nov

Apoc 3:1-6,14-22

Luke 19:1-10

Wed 20 Nov

Apoc 3:1-11

Luke 19:11-28

Thurs 21 Nov-Presentation of Mary

Apoc 5:1-10

Luke 19:41-44

Fri 22 Nov-St Cecilia VM

Apoc 10:8-11

Luke 19:45-48

Sat 23 Nov

Apoc 10:8-11

Luke 19:45-48



Sun 24 Nov-Feast of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14

Rev 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

Find peace in God's Word

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 non-perishable goods, UHT Longlife milk, rice, pasta, tinned food & cereals.

Foodbank Appeal- 25 Nov 6-8pm



Remembering the Holy souls

-May they Rest In Peace

Fr Maurice O'Leary benefactors.

CSSR;

Nanny Kaye

Nukunuku;

Also all our deceased parishioners and

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;

Donna Lippiatt;

Les McKay;

Luke Clayton;

Tilly van Dyk;

Graeme Daines;

Kath Maher;

Jessica Jackson;

Matt & family in

CHCH;

Lyn Turner;

Aimee Bardell;

Nancy Spatz;

Jim West;

Phil Best;

Esme Murphy;

Eileen Moreland;

Nola Tanner;

Kath Campbell;

Marie Irving;

Maria Martin;

Charlotte Cagney;

Nancy Woolford-

Stayner;

Denise Eddowes;

Terry Price;

Steven Crundwell-

Nlsn

Lex & Mary Agnew;

Peter Smith;

Margaret Searle;

Anne Rundle;

Sophie Greening;

Jocelyn Cresswell;

Vince & Melva

Smith;

Francesca Perkins

Marita Morrison;

Joan Golding;

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,590.28

Mission Sunday: \$20.00

Māori Pastoral care: \$20

If you would like to contribute to the running costs of the Parish, here is our account number:

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02-0600-0154396-00

Please contact Ginetta at the Parish Office for a giving number so you can claim on your donations each year.

Quote from Pope Francis

'The World Day of the Poor ... is an opportune occasion to implement initiatives that concretely help the poor ... The poor still have much to teach us because in a culture that has placed wealth at the forefront and often sacrifices the dignity of people on the altar of material goods, they swim against the tide, highlighting that what is essential for life is something else entirely. Prayer, then, is verified by authentic charity that manifests itself as encounter and proximity. *If prayer does not translate into concrete action, it is in vain*; indeed, "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (Jas 2:17). However, *charity without prayer risks becoming philanthropy that soon exhausts itself*. "Without daily prayer lived with fidelity, our acts are empty, they lose their profound soul, and are reduced to being mere activism" (BENEDICT XVI, *Catechesis*, April 25, 2012).'

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