

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 45, 1st December 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

Each year, on this Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, the church invites us to start on a great journey – the journey of the Liturgical year. When we start the liturgical year we are setting out to follow in the footsteps of Christ. In Kaikoura Horiszn Harrison, Tamaroa Ngapora, Taidgh Connor and Stella Milligan are this weekend adding to their relationship with Jesus by making their first Holy Communion. What a wonderful day for these children to start a new journey with Jesus. And as we join them on the journey this Sunday, we have a God-given chance to make new beginnings in our own following of Christ. This year we will once again be introduced to the whole of Jesus life and teaching. We will again visit all the mysteries of his time on earth; from the expectation of his birth, to his birth, his life, death and resurrection, ascension into heaven, and his sending of the Holy Spirit. Once more we will relive his whole story which we have heard so many times it can seem old and stale. We need to find something new in the story of Jesus time on earth; something that we've not thought of before; or something that suddenly we understand differently. Each year we should to endeavour to hear Christ's story better and make it our own. If we can do this it will certainly be more demanding, but more enriching and exciting as well. We are asked to stay awake, to be watchful, faithful disciples for we are his witnesses in the world, and the most effective way to witness to Jesus is to live a Christian life. All of us need to be awake because life is precious. Today's liturgy directs our eyes towards the goal of our own journey and that of the world, namely the second coming of Christ. God is not just a God of the past, but of the present and the future. Welcome to the Church's New Year. May the coming year be a blessed and rewarding year for us all.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Anointing Mass 6th December at 11.30am at St Mary's Church followed by a cold buffet Christmas lunch until 2pm. All are welcome.



Blenheim Ministry Rosters are due out next month and will cover our Christmas Masses, please let Lorraine know if you will be away especially over Christmas and in the new year, mobile 0276246264, email trukwalker@gamil.com

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- 5pm Sunday (17 Nov-8 Dec), and Kaikoura after Mass every Sunday. A gentle relaxing time out from the bustle, to reflect on the true meaning of Advent. Snacks provided.

Archbishop's Appeal: Support Our Seminarians

Throughout December, Archbishop Paul invites you to contribute to the Archbishop's Appeal, which supports the formation of our Archdiocesan seminarians. Your generous donations will help cover the costs of their education at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland, as well as their travel to and from the Archdiocese and ongoing pastoral care. Please consider making a gift to help nurture and support those preparing for a life of service to the Church. Donations can be made to 02-0536-0003306-13; Reference: your name; Code: AB Appeal.

Year of Jubilee : Ngā Tapuwāe Jubilee Hikoi 2025 Join in and experience the footsteps of Bishop Pompalier, Kupe, and the Poynton's, with other pilgrims, together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage. This is a guided pilgrimage. Information is available at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga_tapuwae-2025 or contact Dcn Steve Fraser stephenf@cda.org.nz Registrations are now open. Dates are 10th to 12th January 2025. Own transport required.

Christmas Reconciliation in Marlborough Catholic Churches 2024

Sat Dec 07	Picton	5pm Mass, reconciliation afterwards
Sun Dec 08	Blenheim	10am Mass, reconciliation afterwards
Sat Dec 14	Blenheim	5pm Mass, reconciliation afterwards
Sun Dec 15	Kaikoura	9.30am Mass, reconciliation afterwards
Sat Dec 21	Picton	5pm Mass, reconciliation afterwards
Sun Dec 22	Seddon Blenheim	8am Mass, reconciliation afterwards 10am Mass, reconciliation afterwards

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

1st Sunday of Advent

Sat 30th Nov

Blenheim 5pm - Mass

Sun 1st Dec

Seddon 8am - W&C

Picton 9am - W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am - Mass, 1st Communion

Blenheim 10am - W&C

Tuesday-3rd Dec

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-4th Dec

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Kaikoura 7pm Rosary

Thursday-5th Dec

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-6th Dec

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 11am Exposition

no reconciliation

11.30am Anointing

Mass

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sat 7th dec

Blenheim 5pm - W&C

Picton 5pm - Mass, reconciliation

Sun 8th Dec

Seddon 8am - Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am - W&C

Blenheim 10am - Mass, reconciliation

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. There are also NRSV bibles available for a donation. A sample is at the stall to view.

Readings for:

1-8 Dec 2024

Sun 1 Dec-1st Sunday of

Advent year C

Jer 33:14-16

1Thess 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Mon 2 Dec

Isai 2:1-5

Matt 8:5-11

Tues 3 Dec-St Francis Xavier

Isai 11:1-10

Luke 10:21-24

Wed 4 Dec

Isai 25:6-10

Matt 15:29-37

Thurs 5 Dec

Isai 26:1-6

Matt 7:21,24-27



Fri 6 Dec

Isai 29:17-24

Matt 9:29-31

Sat 7 Dec-St Ambrose

Isai 30:19-21,23-26

Matt 9:35-10:1,6-8

Sun 8 Dec- 2nd Sunday of

Advent year C

Baruch 5:1-9

Phili 1:3-6,8-11

Luke 3:1-6

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.



Remembering the Holy souls

-May they Rest In Peace

Marie Irving;
Patricia Granger;

Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Fr Maurice O'Leary
CSSR;
Nanny Kaye
Nukunuku;

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;

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;
Mary Hickman;

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,864.45

Mission Sunday: \$70.00

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 so you can claim on your donations each year.

Quote from Pope Francis

'We need to be vigilant so that our daily life does not become routine, and, as Jesus says, so we are not burdened by life's anxieties. Today is a good moment to ask ourselves: what weighs on my heart, what weights on my spirit, am I aware or indifferent to the burdens that weigh on the shoulders of [others]? These are good questions as they guard our hearts against apathy, the enemy of the spiritual life.'

Pope Francis, Angelus, First Sunday of Advent 28/11/2021

'...we know that authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and to creation as a whole'. *Laudate Deum 61.*

Action: What does guarding against apathy and indifference look like for you as you begin your 2024 Advent journey?

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