

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 16, 11th May 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter

As a mother comforts her child, so I'll comfort you' (Isaiah 66:13) a thought for this special day – Mother's Day.

There is so much that shepherds and mothers have in common, caring for their flock, protecting them, making sure they have food and drink.

Today, from John, we hear the beginning of the story of Jesus, The Good Shepherd... Just as the sheep knew the shepherd by his voice, so we know that Jesus knows us by name and we hear his voice, not so easy with all the hustle and bustle of life, we need to, like Jesus, find a quiet place to think about our lives and think of Jesus in our lives.

In the first reading, we hear about the word proclaimed for to the Jews, who did not want to hear. So the message was proclaimed to the pagans, which made them very happy, some became believers and so spread the word to all they knew. Our role is to be active Catholics not passive; we share our faith by our words and actions.

Patsy Buttle, Sacred Heart, Kaikoura

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

In his message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis wrote: "A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service." Please pray for our seminarians Kinh, Emilio, Gerson, Dyester and Kham, and for all those discerning the call to priesthood and religious life. Pray too that more young people will generously say "Yes" to God's call. **Vocations are fostered within faith communities. So, who can you encourage? Pray** for them | **Invite** them to consider priesthood or religious life | **Affirm** their gifts and qualities | **Encourage** them to be open to God's call.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

Do you think you might have a vocation? Have you thought about the idea, but tried to put it out of your mind? Visit wellingtonpriests.org to explore the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of local priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone discerning a vocation. For more information, follow our Facebook page or contact: Fr Andrew Kim at wellingtonpriests@gmail.com / Lucienne Hensel at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

This weekend is a very appropriate time to acknowledge and welcome our **new Pope, Leo XIV**, previously Cardinal Robert Prevost of the Augustine Order. While born in the US, he has spent his priestly life in Peru and Italy.

AND welcome to **our new Parish Priest, Sony Marsilin CP**, who arrives in the first week of June. He will be coming from Endeavour Hills, Melbourne in Australia.

Expressions of interest are sort for a **caretaker** at St Mary's to weed spray, make minor repairs and organise contractors and quotes. Contact Ginetta at the parish office.

Expressions of interest are sort to remove the **old Scout den** from behind St Mary's Church. Please contact Ginetta at the parish Office.



Thanks: Sharon North would like to thank the parish for their prayers. She is feeling much better.



Sausage Sizzle this week! Bring \$2 for BBQ after 10am Mass on 11th May. A fundraiser for St Mary's Youth group.

Teenage Catholic Ninja Disciples: next meeting for the youth focus group is this Sunday 11th after 10am Mass. Meet in the youth rooms. All youth

welcome, queries to Mieke 0223918584



Planned Giving Receipts: These have been being emailed out to those we have email addresses for. Please check your junk mail if you think you haven't received yours. Printed receipts have distributed through the Mass centres for those who don't have email.

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

4th Sunday of Easter— Good Shepherd Sunday

Sat 10th May

Blenheim 5pm—Mass
Picton 5pm—Mass

Sun 11th May

Seddon 8am - Mass,
Kaikoura 9.30am— Mass
Blenheim 10am— Mass

Tuesday-13th May

Blenheim 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-14th May

Picton 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C
Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Thursday-15th May

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

Friday-16th May

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

5th Sun of Easter

Sat 17th May

Blenheim 5pm—Mass
Picton 5pm—Mass

Sun 18th May

Seddon 8am - Mass,
Kaikoura 9.30am— Mass
Blenheim 10am— Mass

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 nonperishable goods, UHT Long-life milk, rice, pasta, Jam, tinned food & cereals.



Readings for:

11th –18th May 2025

Sun 11 May–4th Sunday of Easter , Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 13:14,43-52
Apocal 7:14-17
John 10:27-30

Mon 12 May

Acts 11:1-18
John 10:1-10

Tues 13 May

Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30

Wed 14 May–St Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17,20-26
John 15:9-17



Thurs 15 May

Acts 13:13-25
John 13:16-20

Fri 16 May

Acts 13:26-33
John 14:1-6

Sat 17 May

Acts 13:44-52
John 14:7-14

Sun 18 May–5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Apocal 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

Find peace in God's Word



Do you know what our local Conferences of St Vincent de Paul do?

Blenheim's next meeting is Tuesday 20th May 10am at the Meeting Room in the Parish Office. All welcome to come and learn more.

Do you need to make room in your wardrobe ? Should you have an Autumn clean out? Our winter stock is running out the door! We need your donations, please take them to Vinnies 63 High St or leave the donations in our drop box in the church carpark.



**Remembering the Holy souls
—May they Rest In Peace**

Roger Lawson (Nlsn);
Bishop Owen Dolan;
Pope Francis;

deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Billy Hayes;
Also all our

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Donna Lippiatt;
Luke Clayton;
Tilly van Dyk;
Graeme Daines;
Lyn Turner;
Nancy Spatz;
Jim West;
Phil Best;
Esme Murphy;
Eileen Moreland;
Mary Norton;
Glenn Ormsby;
Graham Check;
Craig & Viv Grant;
Maria Martin;
Charlotte Cagney;
John Ryan;
Bishop Steve Lowe;
Willie Ford;

Terry Price;
Nancy Woolford-Stayner;
Steven Crundwell-Nlsn;
Lex & Mary Agnew
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Bernard & Anne Rundle;
Francesca Perkins
Marita Morrison;
Aveera & Araylee Marsh;
Pat Cairns;
Rilee Wright;
and those un-named that need our prayers at this time.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$3,216.03
Holy Places: \$166.00
Easter Dues: \$40.00
Vocation Sunday: \$10.00

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 before starting online banking so you can claim on your donations each year.

Quote from Pope Francis

'The sheep who hear, and who discover they are known, *follow* : they listen, they feel they are known to the Lord and they follow the Lord who is their shepherd... They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction. They go to seek those who are lost, they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbours, carrying them on their shoulders.' Pope Francis, Angelus, 8 May 2022

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