

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 17, 18th May 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

We grew up with old-school parenting. Now as parents ourselves, we are torn between the way we were parented and adopting the modern "conscious parenting" style (which requires far more patience, and let's be honest, smacking got the job done quicker!). Instead of the old way of "do as I say! Not as I do" mode, it's now evident that 'monkey see – monkey do' really is the truth of parenting today! No matter what you SAY, kids will always end up *ACTING* how YOU act as a parent.

In today's gospel, Jesus gives his disciples a NEW commandment : to Love one another. Oooooohhhh it would be so nice to be able to command this to my children! Stop fighting and just love each other!Now!! Haha. He then said.. "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jesus was the ultimate role model. He knew about the monkey see – monkey do thing: that if he wanted his followers to show real love in this world, he would have to model it for them in a big way, and he did! He actually said this just before his death, hoping that those words would resonate when they saw his act of love on the cross!

We carry that same commandment; so how are we doing? Are we loving in action, so that our children and others can see what true love is and imitate it? Let's be loving monkeys!

Mieke Davies

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

My name is Marsilin Sony, and I like to be called Sony. My parents have both passed away. I have a sister, Soja, and two brothers, Saju and Siju. My siblings are all married and settled in Bangalore, India.

I joined the Passionist Congregation in 1992. After studying philosophy with the Franciscans, I took a break in 1995 to help my family. I returned to the Passionists in 2001 and completed my theological studies at Kristu Jyothi College.

I was ordained by Bishop Emeritus Paul Boyle CP on February 25, 2006, and was appointed as the Chaplain to Central Prism in Bangalore, where the Passionists had a community and a rehabilitation centre.

From 2014 to 2016, I served as the director of our retreat house in Bangalore. My first experience in Australia was in 2016 when I joined the Oxley community in Queensland for 10 months. I continued as a Retreat Director for another two years until I was invited to join a new community in Myanmar by my Provincial in India.

Myanmar presented many challenges, including language barriers and a lack of historical, cultural, and geographical knowledge. Our mission lasted only two years, during which time I offered retreats to three diocesan clergy groups, a retreat for major seminarians in Yangon, and retreats and seminars for religious orders such as the St. Xavier Sisters and the La Salettes.

In a mysterious turn of events, when our mission in Myanmar was put on hold and I was uncertain about my next steps, I found my way back to Australia. My assignment to St. Joseph's in Hobart marked my first experience in a parish. My journey continued at St. Paul Apostle Parish in Endeavour Hills, Melbourne, and now I look forward to being part of Star of the Sea Parish at Blenheim. I pray for a peaceful resolution in Myanmar so that the Passionists can resume their mission in that country.



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.



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 **28th May**. Feel free to bring a friend.

Adoration: is normally once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am-2pm. The next date is **25 May**.



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 been 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

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

Tuesday-20th May

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-21st May

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm Mass

Thursday-22nd May

Blenheim 9.30am - Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday-23rd May

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm –Mass

6th Sunday of Easter

Sat 24th May

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Picton 5pm—Mass

Sun 25th May

Seddon 8am - Mass,

Kaikoura 9.30am– Mass

Blenheim 10am– Mass

Readings for:

18th –25th May 2025

Sun 18 May–5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Apocal 21:1-5

John 13:31-35

Mon 19 May

Acts 14:5-18

John 14:21-26

Tues 20 May

Acts 14:19-28

John 14:27-31

Wed 21 May

Acts 15:1-6

John 15:1-8

Thurs 22 May

Acts 15:7-21

John 15:9-11

Fri 23 May

Acts 15:22-31

John 15:12-17

Sat 24 May-Mary, Help of Christians

Acts 16:1-10

John 15:18-21

Sun 25 May–6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Apocal 12:10-14,22-23

John 14:23-29

Find peace in God's Word



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

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

parishioners and
benefactors.

Billy Hayes;

Also all our
deceased



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: \$2,222.00

Vocation Sunday: \$172.00

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.

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



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.

Quote from Pope Francis

'Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally ... God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail.' Pope Leo XIV, first blessing, 8 May 2025.

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