

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 18, 25th May 2025 6th Sunday of Easter

Earlier this year Pope Francis declared 2025 to be a year of Jubilee with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope and throughout the year there are special Masses being celebrated, with this weekend's focus being on children. We pray that all children have the right to access education, healthcare and are protected from harm, but acknowledging that children's rights are intertwined with responsibilities to respect others, follow rules and contribute to their families and communities.

In the Bible children are seen as a gift from God and Jesus frequently interacted with children, demonstrating his love and concern for them. He taught the importance of humility and simplicity, as well as the need to welcome children into the kingdom of God.

We all have memories from our childhood, both good and sometimes not so good! But thinking back most of us have been lucky to have secure childhoods, kept safe from harm, and loved by our parents. We have been far away from war and combat and although many families have been scarred by wars the children of New Zealand have been kept safe at the bottom of the world far from the conflict. But today we also remember the millions of children around the world who have been, and who are today, without the permanency of a family, children in the midst of the chaos of war, without enough food and clothing, powerless before those who are fighting unjust wars.

So today, as we celebrate the beautiful blessing of children in our lives, here in Star of the Sea Parish, we pray with Hope that *all* children receive the peace and loving mercy of God.

Belinda Vavasour-Chair of Liturgy

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Pentecost: Shared Kai !! After Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, we encourage everyone to bring a plate of finger food to share afterwards in the foyer. Even better if this can be food from your own culture. Thank you.



Study Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, Ministry, and Pastoral Theology (including Chaplaincy). You can study either on-campus or across Aotearoa New Zealand through our distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country. Semester 2 starts on July 14th.

For details of papers, go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/>

To enrol, go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>

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St Joseph's School Waipukurau: Celebrating 100 Years 27 Feb-1 Mar 2026. For information email: reunion@stjosephschb.school.nz

SAINT TERESA'S SCHOOL BLUFF is to celebrate 125 years Jubilee. Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October 2025. We would love to see you and do let your friends / relations know. Enquiries to Sonz125@hotmail.com

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

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

Tuesday-27th May

Blenheim 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-28th May

Picton 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9:30am W&C
Blenheim 12.05pm Mass in St
Mary's hall with the School for
Catholic Education Day

Thursday-29th May

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

Friday-30th May

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

Ascension of the Lord

Sat 31st May

Blenheim 5pm –Mass
Picton 5pm—Mass

Sun 1st June

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

If you, or a loved one, are in hospital or at home unable to get out, contact Mary Tolan 021 184 0617 to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to bring out Communion to you.

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**



Readings for:

25th May-1st June 2025

Sun 25 May-6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Apocal 12:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29

Mon 26 May-St

Philip Neri

Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26-16:4

Tues 27 May

Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

Wed 28 May

Acts 17:15,22-18:1
John 16:12-15

Thurs 29 May

Acts 18:1-8
John 16:16-20

Fri 30 May

Acts 18:23-28
John 16:20-23

Sat 31 May-The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Luke 1:39-56

Sun 1st June-Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53

1-8 June: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



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

Blenheim's next meeting is Tuesday 3rd June, 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

Pope Francis;
Michael & Rosemary Wood;
Helen O'Connell;
Ray O'Halloran;
Jack Holden;

Alice Walker;
Hugh Vavasour;
Also all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

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 unnamed that need our prayers at this time.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,646.88
Vocation Sunday: \$130.00
Holy Places: \$40.00
Maori Pastoral Care: \$20.00
Mission Sunday: \$15.00

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 put "Planned Giving" in the reference so we know its purpose and 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 Leo XIV

'With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.'

Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 18 May 2025.

Parish Priest: Fr Sony Marsilin CP– ParishPriest@Staroftheseamarlb.co.nz (arriving Early June 2025)

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