

## 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 19, 1st June 2025 Ascension of the Lord

Today, we commemorate the glorious Ascension of our Lord into heaven, a truly significant event in our faith. It marks the moment when Christ, having completed his earthly ministry, ascended into the highest heaven to be seated at the right hand of God the Father. This sacred occasion fills us with profound hope, reminding us that as members of Christ's body, we are also called to share in that heavenly glory. Furthermore, echoing Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit, we look forward with eager anticipation to the ongoing blessings of divine grace in our lives.

Reflecting this sense of hope and the promise of new beginnings, it brings us immense joy to offer a sincere welcome to Fr Sony, who will join us on the 3rd of June as he becomes part of our Star of the Sea parish family. We feel truly blessed by his presence among us and eagerly anticipate the spiritual leadership, guidance, and sense of community he will bring. We pray that his ministry here will flourish, and that together, under his pastoral care, we may all continue to grow in our faith.

Jacob Kuman CP

### 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/>

To keep up to date, like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/theologyotago](https://www.facebook.com/theologyotago)

Further details about each paper is available here: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/index.html#second-semester>

**Garin College Enrolment Info evening:** Wednesday 18th June, 6pm, at St Mary's Community Centre, all welcome.



**St Joseph's School Waipukurau:** Celebrating 100 Years 27 Feb-1 Mar 2026. For information email: [reunion@stjosephschb.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:Sonz125@hotmail.com)

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



**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.

Are you looking for a daily reflection. Click on the link below which takes you to the Passionist Website and their daily reflections. <https://www.passionists.com/daily-reflection/>

### 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

### Ascension of the Lord

#### Sat 31st May

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Picton 5pm—W&C

#### Sun 1st June

Seddon 8am - Mass,

Kaikoura 9.30am– Mass

Blenheim 10am– Mass

#### Tuesday-3rd June

Blenheim 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

#### Wednesday-4th June

Picton 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm

#### Thursday-5th June

Blenheim 9.30am - Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

#### Friday-6th June

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm –Mass

### Pentecost

#### Sat 7th June

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Picton 5pm—Mass

#### Sun 8th June

Seddon 8am - Mass,

Kaikoura 9.30am– Mass

Blenheim 10am– Youth 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:

### 1st –8th June 2025

#### Sun 1st June–Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

#### Mon 2 June

Acts 19:1-8

John 16:29-33

#### Tues 3 June–St Charles Lwanga & Companions

Acts 20:17-27

John 17:1-11

#### Wed 4 June

Acts 20:28-38

John 17:11-19

#### Thurs 5 June–St Boniface

Acts 22:30,23:6-11

John 17:20-26

#### Fri 6 June

Acts 25:13-21

John 21:15-19

#### Sat 7 June

Acts 28:16-20,30-31

John 21:20-25

#### Sun 8th June–Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1Cor 13:3-7,12-13

John 14:15-16,23-26

#### 1-8 June: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### 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 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;

Miles McConway;

Frankie Connor;

Margaret Neal;

Lauraine Butler;

Alice Walker;

Brian & Pat Stretch,

Libby Laurent;

Ossie Hickman;

Mary-Clare Murphy;

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;

Bishop Steve Lowe;

Willie Ford;

Johan Van der Geest;

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:** \$2,154.00

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

*"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." Laudato Si' 244*

*"We see Jesus' love for us: his is a presence that does not want to limit our freedom. On the contrary, he leaves space to us, because true love always generates a closeness that does not stifle, is not possessive, is close but not possessive; on the contrary, true love which makes us protagonists.....Let us ask ourselves if we really are; and also, if we are capable of loving others, leaving them free and making room for them." - Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 29/5/22.*

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

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