

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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Most holy Trinity

Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate the Trinity. When I was little, the nuns who taught me, used the clover leaf to explain the Trinity, three leaflets on one stem making a whole leaf; or the triangle with three edges (straight sides) and three vertices (corners) making up a whole triangle. We can acknowledge that we might not understand this Trinity. Three Persons, one God; it makes little sense. But does it need to make sense? We know this Parent who loves us all, who created the earth and everything in it – for us. We know Jesus who came to dwell among us, who performed miracles, who was crucified and then rose from the dead – for us. We know the Holy Spirit who enlightens our hearts and minds, who inspires and astounds us. The sign of the Cross we make every day is an acknowledgement of the Trinity. Understanding is not essential and is in fact impossible. It is the belief in the Trinity and the inspiration the belief can make in our lives that is crucial for without the belief we have nothing. The love of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is poured out on all creation.

And this creation that we have been given by God is ours to care for, and then to pass on to the next generation in as good a state – or better than – we received it. Is that what we are doing with our world, treating it as well as we can? Or are we taking God's great goodness for granted and not caring how we treat our natural world. Friday, June 20th marks Matariki, the Maori New Year. A time when we rejoice in God's creation; a time to remember our history and roots; a time of growth and change; a time to celebrate what we have and what gifts we have to use. Matariki is a celebration of culture, language, spirit and people. We celebrate the gift from God of this planet Earth, while we give thanks for Matariki, season of new beginnings and quiet growth.

Belinda Vavasour

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

St Mary's has returned to using the small fonts to bless yourself as you enter the church instead of the large baptismal Font. This is to avoid congestion at the church entrance as people arrive and leave.

Message from the ADW Ecology Justice and Peace Commission: Prayer and action for peace: Our NZ Catholic Bishops recently issued a statement **Fighting hopelessness in the Jubilee Year of Hope**. They spoke of various conflicts in our world. In terms of non-violent actions in response to those conflicts you may wish to pray, donate, write letters to our Foreign Minister and Prime Minister. Following Pope Francis' and Pope Leo's calls for a ceasefire in the Gaza conflict you can fast for peace and join various groups seeking stronger government action for a ceasefire and investigation into war crimes and possible genocidal acts.

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/pastoral-statement-fighting-hopelessness-in-the-jubilee-year-of-hope/>
<https://www.caritas.org.nz/holyland>

Message from the ADW Ecology Justice and Peace Commission: Regulatory Standards Bill Submissions:

The government has introduced a Regulatory Standards Bill which has attracted a good deal of discussion. The Commission encourages parishioners to participate in growing awareness of the proposed legislation and in making submissions. Submissions close 1pm, 23 June. The EJP will be making a submission guided by Catholic Social Teaching and has also offered some thoughts at: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/commission-for-ecology/regulatory-standards-bill-ecology-justice-and-peace-commission-guidance/>

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



St Mary's School will celebrate Matariki with a shared breakfast on Thursday June 19th, 7.30-8.30am in the Quad. All whānau (parents & caregivers) are to please wait beside Room 3 (between preschool and school) so we can welcome you in. The events of the morning will be followed by a sausage sizzle, milo and marshmallows. If you would like to bring some kai to share (scones or muffins) there will be a table by the staffroom where this food can go.



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 **25th June**. Feel free to bring a friend.



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.

Are you looking for a daily reflection. Click on the link below which takes you to the Passionist Website and their daily reflections. [Daily Reflection | The Passionists](#)

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

Most Holy Trinity

Sat 14th June

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Picton 5pm—Mass

Sun 15th June

Seddon 8am - Mass,

Kaikoura 9.30am– Mass

Blenheim 10am– Mass

Tuesday-17th June

Blenheim 9.30am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-18th June

Picton 9.30am W&C

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Thursday-19th June

Blenheim 9.30am - Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 11am Scripture

Friday-20th June-Matariki

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 9.30am –Mass

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Day of Refugees & Migrants

Sat 21st June

Blenheim 5pm –Mass

Picton 5pm—Mass

Sun 22nd June

Seddon 8am - Mass,

Kaikoura 9.30am– Mass

Blenheim 10am– Youth Mass

Readings for:

15th-22nd June 2025

Sun 15 June–Most Holy Trinity

Prov 8:22-31

Rom 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Mon 16 June

2Cor 6:1-10

Matt 5:38-42

Tues 17 June

2Cor 8:1-9

Matt 5:43-48

Wed 18 June

2Cor 9:6-11

Matt 6:1-6.16-18

Thurs 19 June

2Cor 11:1-11

Matt 6:7-15

Fri 20 June

2Cor 11:18,21-30

Matt 6:19-23

Sat 21 June-St Aloysius

Gonzaga, Religious

2Cor 12:1-10

Mark 6:24-34

Sun 22 June–Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Day of Refugees & Migrants

Genesis 14:18-20

1Cor 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

Find peace in God's Word



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Miles McConway;

Frankie Connor;

Margaret Neal;

Lauraine Butler;

Nyra Wharetutu

Luafutu;

Bernard Rundle;

Pat Cairns;

Margaret Docherty;

Terrence Burtenshaw;

Dan Murphy;

Joan McGrath;

Ossie Hickman;

Mary-Clare Murphy;

Gerard & Christopher

Riordan;

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;

Nancy Spatz;

Jim West;

Phil Best;

Esme Murphy;

Eileen Moreland;

Mary Norton;

Glenn Ormsby;

Graham Check;

Craig & Viv Grant;

Maria Martin;

Charlotte Cagney;

Johan Van der Geest;

Terry Price;

Nancy Woolford-

Stayner;

Steven Crundwell-

Nlsn;

Lex & Mary Agnew

Peter Smith;

Margaret Searle;

Anne Rundle;

Francesca Perkins

Marita Morrison;

Aveera & Araylee

Marsh;

Rilee Wright;

Elizabeth & Don

Boyd;

and those unnamed

that need our

prayers at this time.

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**

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



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

Blenheim's next meeting is Tuesday 17th 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.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$3,000.41

If you would like to contribute to the running costs of the Parish, here is our account number:

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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

"Jesus tells us that this Gift is the love between him and the Father that comes to dwell within us. ... The Holy Spirit, brings to maturity within us the fruits that enable us to cultivate good and healthy relationships: This is also a critical yardstick for the Church. For we are truly the Church of the Risen Lord if there are no borders or divisions among us; if we are able to dialogue and accept one another in the Church, and to reconcile our diversities; and if, as Church, we become a welcoming and hospitable place for all." Pope Leo XIV Homily, 8 June 2025

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