

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 Body & Blood of Christ

Hardened to Difficulties

"I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties; yes, I will help you." - Isaiah 41:10

If you had faced some of the challenges you encounter today twenty years ago, they might have overwhelmed you. God knows your capacity to handle adversity. As you continue to overcome these tests, He is toughening you against difficulties. You are growing stronger; your faith is deepening, and your endurance is increasing. Your spiritual muscles are being built up.

The reason God is doing this is that there are incredible things ahead for you. He is leading you to a wide and spacious place, ready to enlarge your territories. However, with greater influence comes greater challenges. With greater blessings come greater opposition, and with greater favour comes greater persecution. If He didn't prepare you for these difficulties, you wouldn't be able to withstand what is thrown your way.

You may be facing tough situations right now that are uncomfortable and challenging. It's important to realise that God is not causing your suffering. Instead, He is working through these difficulties to instil something valuable within you. He is helping you grow, getting you stronger, and increasing your faith. Be encouraged that everything you are experiencing is necessary for where God is leading you. The story of the footprints reminds us that during times of trouble, difficulty, and hopelessness, Christ is carrying us on His shoulders.

Father, we thank You for Your hand being upon my life in so many ways, hardening me to difficulties, and making me stronger. Thank You for the deposits You are making in my life to help me withstand the enemy. May Your grace strengthen my path with You, reminding me that I am never abandoned or forgotten. May the Passion of Jesus Christ always remain in our hearts.

Fr Sony

Fr Peter will be leaving us on Tuesday to teach English in Vietnam for the next few months and will be back in September.

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.

Hi everyone. We are looking at running **men's breakfast** each month if there is interest. They will be on a Sunday before church 8am until 9.15ish. The first one will be on the 6th of July at a local cafe.

The first one will be a meet and greet just to see what people think. If all goes well we will look at doing it on a regular basis with a speaker or testimony's or some good old blokes just sharing life stories. Please contact me to express your interest or ideas. Thanks Maurice Davies 0274445506

Volunteers Week: This Year's Theme: *Whiria te tangata – weaving the people together*

This year's theme celebrates the power of volunteering to bring people together. Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our communities for a stronger, more inclusive Aotearoa New Zealand.

Thank you to all who contribute to the life of the parish, in a volunteer capacity. Without you, we wouldn't be the community we are.



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



Adoration: is normally once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am-2pm. The next date is **29 June**.

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 to remove/demolish 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 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 Mass

Tuesday-24th June-Birth of John the Baptist

Blenheim 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-25th June

Picton 9.30am W&C
Kaikoura 9:30am W&C
Blenheim 12.05pm W&C

Thursday-26th June

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

Friday-27th June-Sacred Heart

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

Sts Peter & Paul

Sat 28th June-Immaculate Heart of Mary

Blenheim 5pm –Mass
Picton 5pm –Mass

Sun 29th June

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

Readings for:

15th-22nd June 2025

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

Mon 23 June

Genesis 12:1-9
Matt 7:1-5

Tues 24 June-birth of John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66,80

Wed 25 June

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Matt 7:15-20

Thurs 26 June

Genesis 16:1-12,15-16
Matt 7:21-29

Fri 27 June-Sacred Heart

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Romans 5:5-11
Luke 15:3-7

Sat 28 June-Immaculate Heart of Mary

Genesis 18:1-15
Matt 8:5-17

Sun 29 June–STs Peter & Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11
2Tim 4:6-8,17-18
Matt 16:13-19

Find peace in God's Word



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Pat Cairns;
Margaret Docherty;
Terrence Burtenshaw;
FR Sean O' Connor
SSC;
Graeme Daines;
Tilly van Dyk;

Claire O'Halloran;
Margaret Squire;

Also all our deceased
parishioners and
benefactors.

Moira O'Connell;
Des Holden;

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Donna Lippiatt;
Luke Clayton;
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;
Jan Boese;

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.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: 2,443.04

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.

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 of St Vincent de Paul do? Blenheim's next meeting is Tuesday 17th June, 10am at the Meeting Room in the Parish Office and Picton every second and fourth Monday of the week, the next meeting being 23rd June. 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, and Picton Vinnies 110 High St.

Quote from the Popes

"Our Eucharistic adoration comes alive when we take care of our neighbour like Jesus does. There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation, friendship, good humour; there is hunger for attention, there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the Eucharistic Bread — Christ's attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and feed others." Pope Francis Angelus, 19 June 2022

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