

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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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

As we gather together to celebrate 14th Sunday in ordinary time let us pray for peace around the world. In a world often marked by conflict, division, and unrest, the act of collective prayer can serve as a powerful beacon of hope and a vehicle for positive change. By uniting our hearts and voices in prayer, we acknowledge a shared humanity and a deep desire for harmony to prevail across all nations and communities.

Praying for peace extends beyond mere words; it is an active expression of our commitment to fostering understanding, compassion, and reconciliation. It calls us to reflect on the root causes of conflict and to cultivate a spirit of empathy that recognizes the suffering of others. When we pray for peace, we are not only asking for an end to violence but also for the creation of environments where justice, respect, and mutual flourishing can thrive for every individual.

Let us therefore continue to engage in this vital practice, holding in our prayers all those affected by conflict, as well as leaders and decision-makers around the globe. May our collective prayers contribute to a future where peace is not merely an absence of war, but a vibrant presence of well-being, solidarity, and lasting peace for all of humanity.

Jacob Kuman CP

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

World Refugee Day – Community Event. Friday 4 July 2025, 4:30–7:30 PM, My Space, Marlborough Youth Trust, Redwood St, Blenheim.

Join us as we come together to honour **World Refugee Day** with an evening of delicious food, performances and inspiring stories that celebrate the strength, resilience, and journeys of former refugees who now call Blenheim home.

Theme: "Community as a Superpower" – because small acts of kindness help build a sense of belonging and make a world of difference. This is a time to welcome newcomers, share in our shared humanity, and help everyone feel connected, supported, and truly at home in our community. **All are welcome** – individuals, families, schools, and groups. Let's stand together in celebrating diversity, connection, and unity. MARGARET WESTERN – PH 0211584426

Enrol at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College: Study anywhere, at your own pace, with the support from qualified lecturers, with Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College online courses. Semester 2 starts July 21. To see courses offered in Semester 2, go to: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/distance

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School: Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 2-11 2026! Registrations open July 6th at 1pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.



A Retreat in Daily Life: Inner Peace in Darkness and Light Christian Life Community Wellington invites people to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life. The programme supports self-directed prayer at home during each week. Participants meet weekly in guided small groups to pray and share their experience of prayer. The retreat is open to all and will be held at St Thomas More Church (30 Worcester Street, Wilton in Wellington) over five Sunday in August. It is also being offered by Zoom on Thursday nights in August and September.

The cost of the retreat is \$50, and the cost of the material is \$15 if you don't already own the book. Sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending.

To register or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 021 0814 4424, or email christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com.

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

14th Sun of Ord time

Sat 5th July

Blenheim 5pm –Mass
Picton 4pm—Mass

Sun 6th July

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

Tuesday-8th July

Blenheim 9.30am Mass
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-9th July

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

Thursday-10th July

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

Friday-11th July-

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

15th Sun of Ord time—Day of Prayer for Seafarers

Sat 12th July

Blenheim 5pm –Mass
Picton 4pm—Mass

Sun 13th July

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

Readings for:

6th-13th July 2025

Sun 06 July–14th Sun of Ord

Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Mon 07 July

Genesis 28:10-22
Matt 9:18-26

Tues 08 July

Genesis 32:23-33
Matt 9:32-38

Wed 09 July

Genesis 41:55-57;42:5-7,17-24
Matt 10:1-7

Thurs 10 July

Genesis 44:19-21,23-29;45:1-5
Matt 10:7-15

Fri 11 July-St Benedict, abbot

Genesis 46:1-7,28-30
Matt 10:16-23

Sat 12 July

Genesis 49:29-33;50:15-25
Matt 10:24-33

Sun 13 July–15th Sun of Ord Day of Prayer for Seafarers

Deut 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Find peace in God's Word



Remembering the Holy souls — May they Rest In Peace

Pat Cairns;
Margaret Docherty;
Terrence Burtenshaw;
Graeme Daines;
Tilly van Dyk;
Phylis Barkley;
Joan Kearns (UK);
Raymond Henderson
(Wgtn);

Anne Haynes;
Marita Morrison;

Also all our
deceased
parishioners
and
benefactors.



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;
Frank Wutzler;

Nancy Woolford-
Stayner;
Steven Crundwell-
Nlsn;
Lex & Mary Agnew
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Francesca Perkins
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 of St Vincent de Paul do? Blenheim's next meeting is Tuesday 15th July, 10am at the Meeting Room in the Parish Office and Picton every second and fourth Monday of the week, the next meeting being 28th July. 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.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,207.06

Peter's Pence: \$125.50

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 the Popes

"Those who follow Jesus must tread the path of the Beatitudes, where poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, hunger and thirst for justice, and peace-making are often met with opposition and even persecution. Yet God's glory shines forth in his friends and continues to shape them along the way, passing from conversion to conversion." - Leo XIV, [Angelus](#), 29 June 2025.

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