

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 26, 20th July 2025

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Planned gifting Campaign August 2025.

The Archdiocese of Wellington has asked all parishes in the Diocese to undertake a Planned Giving Campaign in the Month of August 2025. All churches in our parish will all be involved and the task we are being challenged with is:

1. Give our parishioners the opportunity to re-visit and review their personal planning giving contributions either through Direct Credit (Automatic Payment) or Envelope contributions.

2. The giving of a sum of money through a will such as a bequest.

The title of the campaign "a spirituality of generosity". A focus of the campaign is for us all to consider our monetary contribution to our parish. The Finance and Property committee is co-ordinating our campaign with the support of the Parish Council. It has been sometime since our parish has asked us all to review our monetary contribution through the planning gifting programme.

At "Star of the Sea Parish" we have been well supported through our gifting programme with several parishioners converting to payment by way of Direct Credit-a slow winding down of the "envelope gifting" due to use of modern technology. At present we receive of an average \$22,000 per month through planned giving with average expenses monthly at \$36,000 so funding has been a challenge for some time.

The gifting of monies to our Parish through the planning gifting programme allows the parish to budget and plan for our future. You as parishioners can claim a tax rebate of 33.33% on any registered donations as recorded by the Parish (a certificate being provided by the parish on annual basis to allow a claim to IRD.)

The Finance and Property committee is very grateful for the support we receive and look forward to your continued support. Please pray that the response to our campaign during August is well received and provides positive benefits to our Parish.

As today's readings explore Mary & Martha, we are called to serve God with action, charity, and contemplation.

Tom Harrison, Chair Finance and Property.

This is the link to the Time, Talent and Treasure form, which updates your details with the parish and gives you the opportunity to give and serve:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/1dda0f3c1e3f46c690b53cce9fabf50a>

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Those wanting to say the Our Father in another language at 5pm and 10am weekend masses, please contact Belinda Vavasour 021 774 858.

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Do you wish to know more about becoming a Catholic? Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program will start in October. Our first inquiry meeting will be in Blenheim, at 11am on Sunday 21st September, the second at 4pm on Saturday 27th of September.

Men's breakfasts will be held on the first Sunday of each Month at 8am. The locations will vary. Please contact Maurice Davies at 0274445506 or Cameron Vawter at 021807648 to be added to the Star of the Sea Men's What's app group.



Adoration: is once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am-2pm. The next date is **27 July**.

Blenheim Women's Friendship Group: Will be at the Omaka Heritage Centre Café from 10am on the 4th Wednesday of the month and meet next on **23rd July**. 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.

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Mass & Liturgy Schedules

Saturday 19th July

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

16th Sun of Ord time

Sat 19th July

Blenheim 5pm – **Mass**

Picton 4pm – **Mass**

Sun 20th July

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,

Kaikoura 9.30am – **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **Mass**

Tuesday-22nd July

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-23rd July

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

Thursday-24th July

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-25th July

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm – **Mass**

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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.



Readings for:

20th-27th July 2025

Sun 20 July-17th Sun of Ord

Genesis 18:1-104

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

Mon 21 July

Exodus 14:5-18

Matt 12:38-42



Tues 22 July-St Mary Magdalene

Songs 3:1-4

John 20:1-2,11-18

Wed 23 July

Exodus 16:1-5,9-15

Matt 13:1-9

Thurs 24 July

Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20

Matt 13:10-17

Fri 25 July-St James, Apostle

Corinthians 4:7-15

Matt 20:20-28

Sat 26 July-St Joachim & Ann, parents of Mary

Eccles. 44:10-15

Matt 13:16-17

Sun 27 July-18th Sun of Ord

Genesis 18:20-324

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

Find peace in God's Word



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.



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Fr. Thomas Nguyễn
Như Thành C.P.;
Caroline Fletcher-
CHCH;
Raymond Henderson
-Wgtn;
Anne Haynes;

James McElhinney;
Aileen Hickman;
Denis Harnett;
Maria Blue;
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;
Paul Murphy;

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.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,425.70

Peter's Pence: \$20.00

Vocations: \$20.00

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 the Popes

'We are a people on the move. This does not set us apart but unites us to humanity like the yeast in a mass of dough, which causes it to rise. The year of the Lord's grace, reflected in the Jubilee, has this fermentation within it. In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice and peace will return, once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves, but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world, but cultivating it and protecting it.' - Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), 7 June 2025.

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