

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 27, 27th July 2025

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The *Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* falls within the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Hope for a Christian is based on the love of God that has been poured into our hearts. We may well say that this is a work of grace, but we must allow ourselves to be led and sustained by this love. And Christian hope when allowed to act in our lives has extraordinary power; it encourages and opens the heart in expectation, helps us live unselfish lives and leads us to happiness.

To know an older person who has cultivated hope in their life is a true light to the world. For behind a smile or affectionate greeting from an older to a younger person is a reflection of a greater wisdom. Bodies may weaken but nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, and giving. Older people over time have experienced God's faithfulness and can testify to the world the ability to look forward with hope. Our Elders should be regarded as precious treasures that bind generations together and shows us how God is the Lord of every age and every era.

Long Life Blessing

God of mercy, who has given these, your children, the gift of a long life, grant them your blessing. Let them feel the sweetness and strength of your presence:

Looking back on the past, rejoicing in your mercy; and looking towards the future, persevering with undying hope. To you glory and praise for evermore.

Belinda Vavasour

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

A free talk by **Br Guy Consolmagno SJ**, Director of the Vatican Observatory on **"From Gallileo to Laudato Si': Why Science Needs Faith"**. **Wednesday 6 August from 6-7.30pm**, Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Wellington. You can register: www.eventbrite.co.nz or by clicking on the [RSVP](#) link if you want to attend in person or the [Zoom](#) if you want to attend online.

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.

Sausage Sizzle fundraiser - after Sunday Mass in Blenheim, next weekend 3rd Aug. For St Mary's youth group. Bring \$2 and warm yourself up after Mass!

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**.

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

Saturday 26th July

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

17th Sun of Ord time

Sat 26th July

Blenheim 5pm – **Mass**

Picton 4pm – **Mass**

Sun 27th July

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,

Kaikoura 9.30am – **Mass**

Blenheim 10am – **Mass**

Tuesday-29th July

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-30th July

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

Thursday-31st July

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-1st August

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm – **Mass**

Saturday 2nd Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

18th Sun of Ord time

Sat 2nd Aug

Blenheim 5pm – **Mass**

Picton 4pm – **Mass**

Sun 3rd Aug

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,

Kaikoura 9.30am – **Mass**

Blenheim 10am **Mass**

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:

27th July-3rd August 2025

Sun 27 July-18th Sun of Ord

Genesis 18:20-324

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

Mon 28 July

Exodus 32:15-24,30-34

Matt 13:31-35

Tues 29 July-St Martha

Exodus 33:7-11;34:5-9,28

Matt 13:36-43

Wed 30 July

Exodus 34:29-35

Matt 13:44-46



Thurs 31 July-St Ignatius of Loyola

Exodus 40:16-21,34-38

Matt 13:47-53

Fri 01 August-St Alphonsus Liguori

Levit 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37

Matt 13:54-58

Sat 02 Aug

Levit. 25:1,8-17

Matt 14:1-12

Sun 03 Aug-20th Sun of Ord

Eccles. 1:2,2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Luke 12:13-21

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.;
Anne Haynes;
Edna Johnston–
Oamaru;
Anne Morrissey;
Jim West;

Mary Moreland;
Honorah Gallagher;
Susie Nicholls;
Fr Phil King-Turner;
Mollie, Eileen & Eric

Hanley; Margaret &
Laurie Squire;
Kathleen & Alec
Logan; Deceased
relatives & Friends of
Hanley, Squire &
Logan Families;
Brian & Tricia Stretch;
Libby Laurent;
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;
Wilma Rutherford;
and those unnamed
that need our
prayers at this time.

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,48.32

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

Our relationship with God comes first. Although it is true that we must live out our faith through concrete actions, faithfully carrying out our duties according to our state of life and vocation, it is essential that we do so only after meditating on the Word of God and listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to our hearts. To this end, we should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart. This is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today, both as a value for individuals and communities, and as a prophetic sign for our times. Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), 20 July 2025

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