

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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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In your relationships, what you invest in will be what you receive in return. If you focus on selfishness or associate with people who are always upset and anxious, you will reap worry. If you engage in compromise with those who drag you down and lead you to temptation, you will reap compromise. When you surround yourself with critical individuals who constantly find fault and complain about how bad life is, you will experience a negative, limited, and discouraging life.

On the other hand, when you invest in positive connections—people who are blessed and joyful, and who are where you aspire to be—you will reap favour, growth, and new opportunities.

We all have friends and peers. We mentor and help others, which is commendable. However, it's essential to have a few relationships with people who are further along than we are—individuals who inspire us and into whom we can invest our time, talents, energy, resources, and respect. By connecting with them, you may find that new doors and talents open for you, leading you to heights greater than you can imagine.

As St. Paul reminds us, it is easy to focus on earthly things and neglect spiritual matters. We are called to possess the goods of this world without being possessed by them. We should love one another as Christ has loved us and be as generous as God is generous.

There is a Maori proverb that says, "Naku te rourou, nau te rourou, I te iwi"—which translates to "With your basket and my basket, the people will live." This highlights the importance of collaboration and shared resources in supporting one another.

Fr Sony CP,
Parish Priest

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Sunday Evening Mass trial: During September and October, the priests will preside at a 5pm mass at St Mary's. Based on numbers, they will then decide whether to continue on a permanent basis.

Time, Talent & Treasure: Thanks to all those who signed up for ministries in the parish. If you have not already had contact made, someone will contact you in the next couple of weeks. Your support makes this parish amazing!



A free talk by **Br Guy Consolmagno SJ**, Director of the Vatican Observatory on **"From Galileo 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.

Br Guy is also speaking with Kaikoura Dark Sky Trust: 6pm, Thurs 7th at Mayfair Theatre in Kaikoura and all are welcome. The event is called When Science Goes Wrong: The Cult of Intelligence and is also hosted on Facebook by the NZCBC: <https://www.facebook.com/events/735729758862040>

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. Contact Vicky Raw 021 226 8315 or the parish office.

Sausage Sizzle fundraiser - after Sunday Mass in Blenheim, this 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 to be added to the Star of the Sea Men's What's app group.

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 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**

Tuesday-5th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-6th Aug

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

Thursday-7th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Friday-8th August

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:

3rd-10th August 2025

Sun 03 Aug–18th Sun of Ord

Eccles. 1:2,2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Luke 12:13-21

Mon 04 Aug-St John Vianney

Numbers 11:4-15

Matt 14:13-21



Tues 05 Aug

Numbers 12:1-13

Matt 14:22-36

Wed 06 Aug-Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

2Peter 1:16-19

Luke 9:28-36

Thurs 07 Aug

Numbers 20:1-13

Matt 16:13-23

Fri 08 Aug-St Mary McKillop of the Cross

1Coloss. 3:12-17

Matt 16:25-34

Sat 09 Aug

Deut. 6:4-13

Matt 17:14-20

Sun 10 Aug–20th Sun of Ord

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Luke 12:32-48

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.



"Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, every day." – Unknown



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Edna Johnston–
Oamaru;
Anne Morrissey;
Jim West;
Joan Kearns;
Angela Collins;
Nick Hassan;
Isobel Norton;

parishioners and benefactors.

Also all our deceased

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;
Frank Wutzler;
Paul Murphy;

Nancy Woolford-Stayner;
Tom Jeffries;
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: \$2,740.67

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

'Each of us can and should become a neighbour to all whom we meet. Imitating the example of Jesus, the Saviour of the world, we too are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment. In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together. That is the supreme law that is prior to all society's rules and gives them their meaning.' - Pope Leo XIV, [Angelus](#), 13 July 2025.

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