

## 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 29, 10th August 2025**

**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

During this week we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary marking the day when, following her death, God assumed Mary, body and soul into Heaven.

It is named as New Zealand's National Patronal Feast and a Holy Day of Obligation when all Catholics are urged to do our best to attend Mass.

The Church recalls that when Mary's life here on earth was ended her sinless body and soul were assumed. Mary, chosen to be God's Mother and our mother too. 'She of all women was most blessed.' Lk1:42.

On this Feast we also remember the origins of our Church here when in 1838, Bishop Pompallier celebrated the first Mass and dedicated this country under the name and protection of Mary of the Assumption.

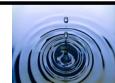
This Feast day is a special date for us all. Perhaps it is a good opportunity to pause and thank God for the gift of our faith, to pray for our country of Aotearoa -New Zealand and all who call it Home, asking Mary to protect and guide us on our journey to Heaven.

Sr Maureen Connor smsm

### Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a webinar on "**Parish Ministry in Aotearoa New Zealand**" with Emily Sit, the Director for Mission and evangelisation for Palmerston North. This webinar is on **Wednesday 20 August** 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/)

**Wellspring: Oct 10-12,** Hosted by St Mary's Youth. Check the poster on the noticeboard for all the details and costs.



St Joseph's Parish & School Hawera are Celebrating 150 years this coming Labour Weekend, 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October 2025. If you are a Past Present Member of our Parish or School we invite you to join in celebrating with us Our Jubilee 1875-2025. Registrations are now open. Registration Forms and Event Activities Calendar are available from the website Website:<http://www.stjoeshawera150celebration.co.nz> Email:[stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com)  
Postal Address.....32 Victoria St Hawera 4610

**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.

**HOPE AND RENEWAL SUMMIT** "Who is it for?" Hope and Renewal Summit – 3 & 4 October, Palmerston North. The Hope and Renewal Summit is for anyone who believes the Church can be more alive, more missionary, and more Spirit-led. Whether you're a parish volunteer, school leader, ministry coordinator - or simply someone who loves your parish and longs for renewal - you are warmly invited. Come be inspired, equipped, and part of something bigger. Register now at: [www.hoperenewalsummit.com](http://www.hoperenewalsummit.com)

**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 the parish office.

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 9th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 19th Sun of Ord time

### Sat 9th Aug

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**

Picton 4pm—**Mass**

### Sun 10th Aug

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,

Kaikoura 9.30am – **Mass**

Blenheim 10am– **Mass**

### Tuesday-12th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

### Wednesday-13th Aug

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9:30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

### Thursday-14th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Picton- 5.15pm Adoration

### Friday-15th August- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm –**Mass**

### Saturday 16th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 20th Sun of Ord time

### Sat 16th Aug

Blenheim 5pm –**Confirmation**

Picton 4pm—**W&C**

### Sun 17th Aug

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,

Kaikoura 9.30am– **Confirmation**

Blenheim 10am **Mass**

## Readings for:

### 10th-17th August 2025

### Sun 10 Aug–20th Sun of Ord

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Luke 12:32-48

### Mon 11 Aug-ST Clare

Deut. 10:12-22

Matt 17:22-27

### Tues 12 Aug

Deut. 31:1-8

Matt 18:1-5,10,12-14

### Wed 13 Aug

Deut. 34:1-12

Matthew 18:15-20

### Thurs 14 Aug-St Maximilian Kolbe

Josh 3:7-11,13-17

Matt 18:21-19:1

### Fri 15 Aug-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast of New Zealand

Apoc. 11:19,12:1-6,10

1Corin 15:20-26

Luke 1:39-56

### Sat 16 Aug

Joshua 24:14-29

Matt 19:13-15

### Sun 17 Aug–21st Sun of Ord

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

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

Angela Collins;

Nick Hassan;

Isobel Norton;

Teresita Icasiano-

Phil;

Rebecca Singson-

Phil;

Carol Smith;

Shirley Walding (nee

Knight)-Auck;

Sonya Ferne;

Dan Murphy;

Francis Logan;

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;

Frank Wutzler;

Paul Murphy;

Beth Knudsen;

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;

Craig Jackson;

Catherine;

and those unnamed that need our prayers at this time.

**Collections:** We are most grateful for your support.

## Last Week:

**Total:** \$3,328.24

Peter's Pence: \$15.00

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.

## 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.



## Quote from the Popes

'The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family... Faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation. – Pope Leo XIV, [Message](#) for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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