

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 30, 17th August 2025

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

News from St Mary's School – Walking in Faith, Growing Together

Kia ora koutou and warm greetings from Te Kura o Hato Mere – St Mary's School, Blenheim.

This weekend we celebrate a special milestone for members of our parish and school whānau as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We offer them our heartfelt prayers and best wishes, and we warmly welcome Archbishop Paul Martin to our parish as he confirms them in their faith journey, here in Blenheim on Saturday the 16th and for Kaikoura on Sunday the 17th of August.

Here at St Mary's School, 2025 has already been a year of growth, learning, and joy as we continue to strengthen our faith and community connections. Earlier this year, we introduced our new school values, each grounded in the Beatitudes: Whakaute (Respect), Manawanui (Perseverance), and Whakamana (Empowerment). These values form the heart of our Catholic learning community and are lived out daily in classrooms, playgrounds, and parish life.

Whakaute reflects "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy," guiding us to treat others with kindness, dignity, and compassion. Manawanui mirrors "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," inspiring perseverance in learning, faith, and doing what is right. Whakamana links to "Blessed are the peacemakers," calling us to lift others up, recognise their gifts, and empower them to flourish. Our ākonga explore these values through Scripture, pūrakau (stories), and acts of service, deepening their understanding of how faith shapes life.

We are also blessed to be in the midst of an exciting building project that will provide new and upgraded learning spaces. Consultation with iwi ensures our local cultural narrative will be woven into the design, reflecting both our Catholic identity and our place in Te Taihū. We look forward to sharing our development as the project progresses.

Ngā mihi nui and blessings from the staff and students of St Mary's School.

Bridget Comer, Principal



The Confirmation candidates are:

Mary, Jasmine, Euan, Kini, Jarenne, Leon, Skye, Olivia, Hola, Saane, Mike, Augustine, Safiya, Peter, Otto, Hezekiah, Aubrey, Lucia, Kolio, Kaloni, Benjamin, Ayla-Jade, James, Finn, Ria, Hannah, Hayley, Jeroine Dwayne, Elijah, Lewka.

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

FAREWELLS: All the best to Sue Cash as she and her husband Bill move to Christchurch to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law, and grandson, Makoa. Sue has been a valued member of our congregation for over 60 years. Her steady presence and quiet faith have meant a great deal to many, and she will be greatly missed. We wish Sue and Bill every blessing in this next chapter.

Kaikoura also farewelled Sr Denyse Martin, who has moved south to be closer to her congregation.

Congratulations: to Sr Maureen who celebrated her 90th Birthday this week.

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/



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 **27th August**. Feel free to bring a friend.

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



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 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**

Tuesday-19th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-20th Aug

Picton 9.30am **Mass**
Kaikoura 9.30am W&C
Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

Thursday-21st Aug

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**
Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C
Kaikoura 10am Scripture
Picton- 5.15pm Adoration

Friday-22nd August

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

Saturday 23rd Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

21st Sun of Ord time

Sat 23rd Aug

Blenheim 5pm – **Mass**
Picton 4pm – **Mass**

Sun 24th Aug

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,
Kaikoura 9.30am – **Mass**
Blenheim 10am – **Mass**

Readings for:

17th-24th August 2025

Sun 17 Aug-20th Sun of Ord

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

Mon 18 Aug

Judges 2:11-19

Matt 19:16-22



Tues 19 Aug

Judges 6:11-24

Matt 119:23-30

Wed 20 Aug-St Bernard

Judges 9:6-15

Matthew 20:1-16

Thurs 21 Aug-St Pius X

Judges 11:29-39

Matt 22:1-14

Fri 22 Aug-Queenship Of Mary

Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22

Matt 22:34-40

Sat 23 Aug

Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17

Matt 23:1-12

Sun 24 Aug-21st Sun of Ord

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Luke 13:22-30

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

Beth Knudsen;
Angela Collins;
Nick Hassan;
Carol Smith;
Shirley Walding (nee Knight)-Auck;
Sonya Ferne;
Paul Mackie;

Mary O' Connor;
Kath Holden;
Ellen Gallagher;
Noel Spencer;

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;
Maria Prutten;

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: \$2,441.92

Peter's Pence: \$10.00

Easter Sunday: \$10.00

Holy Places; \$5.00

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

'Jesus exhorts us not to keep to ourselves the gifts that God has given us, but rather to use them generously for the good of others, especially those most in need of our help. It is not simply a matter of sharing the material goods we have, but putting our skills, time, love, presence and compassion at the service of others'. - Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 10 August 2025.

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