

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 31, 24th August 2025

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Confirmation, in the parish of Star of the Sea 16/17 August. Celebrated by Arch Bishop Paul Martin. A very good number of our young people confirmed their Baptismal promises (made for them by their parents when they were babies or much younger children), in front of Archbishop Paul, Father Jacob, Sr. Maureen, family and friends and the congregation (church family).

They received the sacrament of Confirmation (laying on of hands and anointing with oil) from Arch Bishop Paul. The candidates then knelt before Arch Bishop Paul, their sponsor with hands on the shoulder, telling their confirmation Name, which the Arch Bishop repeated to them in a prayer.

The candidates here at Sacred Heart, Kaikoura were prepared so well by Sr. Maureen and Brianna, thank you. As a parishioner attending such a wonderful Mass you cannot but help but feel the Holy Spirit touching both the candidates and everyone in the church.

Patsy Buttle, Sacred Heart Church, Kaikoura

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

HOPE & RENEWAL SUMMIT - only 50 seats left! This week, we pray for our bishops—those called to shepherd the Church with wisdom, humility, and faith. Let us intercede for them, asking Mary, Mother of the Church, to accompany and protect them in their ministry. **Let us pray:** *Loving Father, strengthen our bishops with courage, wisdom, and compassion. May they lead with the heart of Christ—rooted in truth, guided by your Spirit, and filled with hope. Mother Mary, gentle guide and faithful disciple, wrap them in your mantle of love and intercede for their ministry. Holy Spirit, set their hearts on fire for mission and renew their joy in shepherding your people. Amen.* To learn more or support the Hope and Renewal Summit, visit hoperenewalsummit.com or email hoperenewal@pndiocese.org.nz.

Blenheim Rosters: A new two month ministries roster will be out late next week. Please advise of your availability. If you have put your name forward for a ministry but have not been to an induction please contact Lorraine to advise which Mass you are available for and to confirm contact details. Call 0276246264 or email trukwalker@gmail.com



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

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.

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.



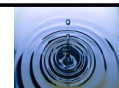
Adoration: is once a month, in the Mercy Chapel between 11am-2pm. The next date is **31st August**.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK - The New Zealand bishops have published their annual Social Justice Statement. It supports the celebration of Social Justice Week, which this year runs from September 7-13. The theme for this year's week is "Let's Build Peace Together". In their message, the bishops explain that the work of building peace is "the vocation of every Christian". Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has produced resources to support Social Justice Week, including in schools and parishes. Find the bishops' message and the resources at: <https://bit.ly/2025SJW>

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.

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



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 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**

Tuesday-26th Aug

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

Wednesday-27th Aug

Picton 9.30am **Mass**
Kaikoura 9:30am W&C
Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

Thursday-28th Aug

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

Friday-29th August

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

Saturday 30th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

22nd Sun of Ord time

Sat 30th Aug

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**
Picton 4pm—**W&C**

Sun 31st Aug

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

Readings for:

24th –31st August 2025

Sun 24 Aug–21st Sun of Ord

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
Luke 13:22-30

Mon 25 Aug

1Thess 1:2-5,8-10
Matt 23:13-22

Tues 26 Aug

1Thess 2:1-8
Matt 23:23-26



Wed 27 Aug-St Monica

1Thess 2:9-13
Matthew 23:27-32

Thurs 28 Aug-St Augustine

1Thess 3:7-13
Matt 24:42-51

Fri 29 Aug-Passion of John

The Baptist

Jeremiah 1:17-19
Mark 6:17-29

Sat 30 Aug

1Thess 4:9-12
Matt 25:14-30

Sun 31 Aug–22nd Sun of Ord

ECC. 3:17-20,28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24
Luke 14:1,7-14

Find peace in God's Word

Collections: We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,822.16
Vocations: \$20.00
Peter's Pence: \$15.00
Maori Pastoral Care: \$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.



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Beth Knudsen;
Angela Collins;
Sonya Ferne;
Paul Mackie;
Wilma Rutherford;
Jim West;
Frank Wutzler;
Wally Mackle;
Sharon Boyd;
Tom Jeffries;

Patricia & Brian
Stretch;
Libby Laurent;
Kathleen Logan;
Eileen Hanley;
Laurie Squire;

Ellen Gallagher;
Terry & Gay Mulvera;
Joan Green;
Chris Fredericks;
Joan Ireland;
Pat Drummond;
Moran & Norah
Costello, family &
Friends of Mary
Hickman;
Dean Sutton;
Terry Lacey;
Graeme Jarvis;
Also all our deceased
parishioners and
benefactors.

Intentions: please keep these parishioners in your prayers.

Richard Booker;
Donna Lippiatt;
Luke Clayton;
Nancy Spatz;
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;
Paul Murphy;
Maria Prutten;
Maira Costello;
Russell Millar;

Nancy Woolford-
Stayner;
Tom Jeffries;
Lex & Mary Agnew;
Peter Smith;
Margaret Searle;
Anne Rundle;
Francesca Perkins;
Aveera & Araylee
Marsh;
Rilee Wright;
Elizabeth & Don
Boyd;
Craig Jackson;
Catherine;
and those unnamed
that need our
prayers at this time.

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.



"The safety of the people shall be the highest law." – Marcus Tullius Cicero

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

'Let us not be afraid to choose life! It may seem risky and imprudent. Many voices whisper: "Why bother? Let it go. Think of your own interests." These are voices of death. But we are disciples of Christ. It is his love that drives us – soul and body – in our time. As individuals and as the Church, we no longer live for ourselves. This – and only this – spreads life and lets life prevail. Our victory over death begins here and now.' – Pope Leo XIV, [Homily](#), 15 August 2025.

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