

## 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 32, 31st August 2025

#### 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Over the past few weeks, Archbishop Paul Martin has invited us to reflect deeply on the spirituality of giving—how Planned Gifting can be a meaningful part of our discipleship. This isn't just about finances; it's about mission, legacy, and love.

Planned Gifting supports the pastoral plans of our parishes, sustains outreach ministries, and helps build a Church that serves with compassion and justice. Whether through regular giving, bequests, or support of the Catholic Foundation, each of us can play a part.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." — Proverbs 3:9

You and I are invited to prayerfully discern how we can contribute—not just to keep the lights on, but to keep the flame of faith burning brightly for generations to come. Planned Gifting is a way to say: "I was here. I believed. I gave."

To learn more or begin your journey of Planned Gifting, visit the Archdiocese of Wellington's official page.

*In Christ Crucified*

*Jacob Kuman CP*

### 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.

**A Reminder** that the Blenheim carpark has a 5 km speed restriction at ALL times, not just when the carpark is full. This is for everyone's safety!



Thank you All so very much for your love, kindness, very thoughtful messages and gifts for my Birthday. You are so very generous and helped make this day happy and special, especially when it all came as a big surprise as it did. God bless each one. Love and prayers.  
Maureen smsm



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



**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 30th Aug

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 22nd Sun of Ord time

### Sat 30th Aug

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

### Sun 31st Aug

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

### Tuesday-1st Sep

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

### Wednesday-2nd Sep

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

### Thursday-3rd Sep

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

### Friday-4th Sep

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

### Saturday 5th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

### 23rd Sun of Ord time

### Sat 5th Sep

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

### Sun 6th Sep

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,  
Kaikoura 9.30am– **Mass**  
Blenheim 10am– **Mass**  
Blenheim 5pm –**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:

### 31st Aug-7th Sep 2025

### Sun 31 Aug-22nd Sun of Ord

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

### Mon 01 Sep

1Thess 4:13-18  
Luke 4:1-30



### Tues 02 Sep

1Thess 5:1-6,9-11  
Luke 4:31-37

### Wed 03 Sep-St Gregory the Great

Colossians 1:1-8  
Luke 4:38-44

### Thurs 04 Sep

Colossians 1:9-14  
Luke 5:1-11

### Fri 05 Sep

Colossians 1:15-20  
Luke 5:33-39

### Sat 06 Sep

Colossians 1:21-23  
Luke 6:1-5

### Sun 07 Sep-24th Sun of Ord

Wisdom 9:13-18  
Philemon 9:10,12-17  
Luke 14:25-33

## Find peace in God's Word

## Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

## Last Week:

**Total:** \$2,535.26

Maori Pastoral Care: \$106.00

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

Paul Mackie;  
Wilma Rutherford;  
Jim West;  
Frank Wutzler;  
Wally Mackle;  
Sharon Boyd;  
Tom Jeffries;  
Kevin Connolly–  
Timaru;  
Dianne Fairhall–  
Masterton;

Des Maney;  
Randal Kennedy;  
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;  
Moir Costello;  
Russell Millar;

Nancy Woolford-  
Stayner;  
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.

Wanted: Donations of Clean Linen, Cutlery, Crockery and Summer Clothing for the Vinnies Shop at 63 High St. Items can be left at the shop or placed in the Clothing Bin. Thank you.



**Safeguarding Quote: "Children should feel safe, valued, and heard – always." – Unknown**

## Quote from the Popes

'Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others, whoever they may be, with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbours to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and proves more powerful than evil and death.'

- Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 13 July 2025

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