

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.

Parish Office: 61 Maxwell Road, Blenheim 7201

T. 03 578 0038 EM. office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz

FB. Star of the Sea Marlborough (883 followers)

WEB. www.staroftheseamarlb.co.nz

Mass-UTube: <https://youtube.com/@staroftheseaparish4103>



Newsletter 33, 7th September 2025

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

What does it mean for *me* to be a Christian? We measure people's commitment to a cause by the sacrifices they are prepared to make for it. There are people who have great goals in life, but they will never achieve these goals, because they are not willing to pay the price. In the Gospels we can see that Jesus didn't hide the realities from his disciples. He pointed out the difficulties, the hardships, and the sacrifices that would be required of those who would follow him, and we cannot hope to be followers of Christ *without* making sacrifices. Jesus had one great goal in His life; to carry out the task his Father had given him. And he was willing to pay whatever the price demanded in order to fulfil his goal.

There is a cost to discipleship. Jesus doesn't mean we should literally hate our mother and father. He is telling us we need to be ready to sacrifice the dearest things in life, because the goal that Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile - the goal of an authentic life here, and an eternal life hereafter. It is not easy, but no one can be a disciple without carrying the cross in some way. Our lives are often not easy, sometimes difficult, but Jesus knows our weaknesses and frailties and showers us with his grace when we sincerely work to follow him.

Belinda V

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

HOPE & RENEWAL SUMMIT! 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.

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!



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.

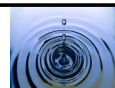
Those wanting to say the Our Father in another language at 5pm and 10am BHM weekend masses, please contact Belinda Vavasour 021 774 858.

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 6th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

23rd Sun of Ord time

Sat 6th Sep

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**

Picton 4pm—**Mass**

Sun 7th Sep

Seddon 8am - **Mass**,

Kaikoura 9.30am– **School Mass**

Blenheim 10am– **Youth Mass**

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**

Tuesday-9th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Wednesday-10th Sep

Picton 9.30am **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am W&C

Blenheim 12.05pm **Mass**

Thursday-11th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am - **Mass**

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Kaikoura 10am Scripture

Picton– 5.15pm Adoration

Friday-12th Sep

Kaikoura 9.30am -W&C

Blenheim 11am - Exposition

Blenheim 12.05pm –**Mass**

Saturday 13th Sep

Blenheim 9.30am **Mass** followed by reconciliation

24th Sun of Ord time

Sat 13th Sep

Blenheim 5pm –**Mass**

Picton 4pm—**Mass**

Sun 14th 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:

7th-14th Sep 2025

Sun 07 Sep–23rd Sun of Ord

Wisdom 9:13-18

Philemon 9:10,12-17

Luke 14:25-33

Mon 08 Sep-Birth of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4

Matt 1:1-16,18-23

Tues 09 Sep

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 6:12-19

Wed 10 Sep

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 6:20-26

Thurs 11 Sep

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 6:27-38

Fri 12 Sep

1Tim 1:1-2,12-14

Luke 6:39-42

Sat 13 Sep-St John Chrysostom

1Tim 1:15-17

Luke 6:43-49

Sun 14 Sep–24th Sun of Ord,

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Find peace in God's Word



Remembering the Holy souls – May they Rest In Peace

Maria Martin;
Marie Devescovi-
WGTN;
Tom Jeffries;
Kevin Connolly-
Timaru;
Dianne Fairhall-
Masterton;

Cecylia Stevic;
Mary Jamie;

Morgan McSweeney;
Narcisa Gear;
Aurelio Ferrer Jr;

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;
Charlotte Cagney;
Johan Van der Geest;
Terry Price;
Paul Murphy;
Maria Prutten;
Moira 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.

Collections:

We are most grateful for your support.

Last Week:

Total: \$2,14.15

Maori Pastoral Care: \$43.00

Peter's Pence: \$2.00

Easter Dues: \$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.

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

Parish Priest: Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP– ParishPriest@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz

Assistant Priest: Fr Jacob Kuman CP– jacob.kuman@passionists.com

Community leader: Fr Peter Gardiner CP peter.gardiner@passionists.com

Pastoral Assist: Sr Maureen Connor SMSM – maureensmsm@yahoo.co.nz – 03 319 5385

Pastoral Assist: Sr Frances Anna SMSM– francesmsm@gmail.com

Youth Ministers: Maurice & Mieke Davies – stmarysyouthgroup@xtra.co.nz – 022 391 8584

Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Blair McLean Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison