



# 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. Seven Communities**

Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward

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## Newsletter No 29: 5 August 2018 18th Sunday of the Year

### Our Liturgy Plan

*When a priest is not available, Word & Communion will be led by parishioners.*

#### **Blenheim**

**Tues:** 9.30am Mass

**Wed:** 12.05pm Mass

**Thurs:** 9.30 am Mass

**Except 1st Thurs:** Bethsaida **10.30am**

**Fri:** 11am Adoration

11.30 Reconciliation

12.05pm Mass

**Sat:** 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation to follow

**Sat:** 5pm Mass

**Sun:** 10am Mass

(2nd & 5th Sunday  
Word & Communion)

#### **Havelock**

**Sunday:** 11am

(4th Sunday  
Word & Communion)

#### **Kaikoura**

**Tues:** 9.30am

**Wed:** 9.30am

**Wed:** 7pm Rosary

**Thurs:** 5.15pm

**Fri:** 9.30am

**Sun:** 9.30am

(1st & 3rd Sunday  
Word & Communion)

#### **Picton**

**Wed:** 9am Mass

**Sun:** 9am Mass

(4th Sunday:  
Word & Communion)

#### **Renwick**

**3rd Sunday** 5pm Mass

#### **Seddon**

**Sun:** 8am Mass

(2nd & 5th Sunday  
Word & Communion)

#### **Ward**

**4th Sunday** 4pm Mass

### Baptisms

Celebrated during week-end Mass or other times.

### Marriages

Marriages celebrated in all our Churches. Please contact the Parish Office well in advance.

### A Warm Welcome to Our Parish Family of Marlborough

**We the people of  
Te Whetu O Te Moana,  
Star of the Sea Parish,  
are committed by our baptism  
in Christ, to share our  
living faith, and make God  
visible, in joyful union with  
all people, by our actions in  
the community.  
(Parish Mission Statement)**

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**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:** Greg Stretch

**Parish Finance Committee Chair:** Tom Harrison

## Sharing the Bread of Life

### New Zealand National Vocations Awareness Week

Around the Feast of our ANZAC Saint Mary MacKillop, the Catholic Church in New Zealand and Australia celebrate this week, a focus on the Call to Missionary Discipleship of all the Baptised. That's us, all of us. Being Baptised is to be immersed in the life and mission of Jesus. Future Church needs us all.

Within this call we recognize four key expressions of Catholic Vocation today: Married life, Single Life, Religious Life and Priestly life.

**Marriage is a vocation.** Called by God, couples call each other to live a married life, to be bonded together in love and to be open to the creation of new life in their children.

**Single life is a vocation.** Called by God, single life is a vocation within the wider community of the Church. We are part of the family called Church.

**Religious Life is both communal and individual.** Being a religious you never lose your individual call, but you live it out as a member of a religious community, one with others. And you grow in the Charism of the Institute you are called to. The three religious communities in Marlborough Parish are the Mercy Sisters, the Marist Missionary

Sisters and the Passionists. The six of us are in our senior years, but we are all still actively engaged in the work of the Charism of our Institutes, the work of Church today, serving as all people do.

**Priestly life has two key expressions:** through Diocesan Priesthood, or through a Religious Institute. The priests of the Archdiocese of Wellington are Diocesan, they belong to the Diocese, work with their Bishop, and are committed to serve here on the ground. Religious Priests like Pat and I belong to a Congregation called Passionists,, and so we are committed to serve the Church beyond Diocesan or National boundaries. Both of us have the pleasure of being your priests at this time in our lives.

Blending these Vocations together, working together, Marlborough is blessed by the dedication of all of us living our vocations fully, as Married, Single, Religious, Priests.

### Let Us Pray

Our Church Communities are aged. Our religious and priests are aged. Lets pray that our young people will be as generous in serving the Lord with their full lives as we "oldies" have. We are all Called to Serve the Lord.

**John Pearce CP**

### Readings for Seventeenth Week Ordinary Time

#### **Sun 5th: Eighteenth Week Ordinary Time**

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel John 6:24-35

**Psalm response:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven

#### **Mon 6th: The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

**Tues 7th:**

Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22

Gospel Matthew 14:22-36

**Wed 8th: St Mary McKillop**

Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Matthew 6:25-34

**Thu 9th:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel Matthew 16:13-23

**Fri 10th: St Lawrence, D.M.**

2Corinthians 9:6-10

Gospel John 12:24-26

**Sat 11th: St Clare, V.**

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4

Gospel Matt 17:14-20

#### **Sun 12th: Nineteenth Week Ordinary Time**

1Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel John 6:41-51

## In China government-aligned bishops release 'Sinicization' plan



*Pilgrims from China at a general audience in St. Peter's Square Credit: Martha Calderon/CAN Kevin Jones Beijing, China, Jul 25, 2018 / 12:00 am (CNA).-*

Continuing a controversial plan, Chinese bishops allied with the government have told dioceses to prepare local versions of a "Sinicization" program to bring the Catholic Church more in-line with the government's understanding of Chinese culture, society and politics.

"It is to complete the Chinese-style socialist road within five years," a source in Hubei province told UCA News. "Even if they do not get approval from the Holy See, they will still get trust from the government."

The Sinicization program could be a factor in ongoing Chinese-Vatican relations, the source said: "China and the Vatican can establish diplomatic relations regardless of the conditions, and the mainland can still tighten its grip on the Church with its plan."

The Catholic Church in China has been split between the government-sanctioned Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association and the underground Church, which is persecuted and whose episcopal appointments are frequently not acknowledged by Chinese authorities.

The underground churches are monitored by local officials but

generally tolerated. However, many underground priests, bishops, and laity have faced persecution and harassment.

In June, government authorities in Henan province destroyed images of the Way of the Cross at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a popular Christian destination since 1903.

The Holy See has pursued an agreement with the Chinese government, one that could eventually lead to Vatican recognition of seven illicitly ordained bishops aligned with Beijing and to a more normal life for underground Catholics. However, there have been reports that some bishops long loyal to the Holy See have been asked to resign their sees or retire early to make way for government-appointed replacements as part of this plan.

In June, the government-approved Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church in China and the state-run Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association issued a 15-page five-year plan to all dioceses promoting the Chinese Catholic Church's adherence to Sinicization. They have asked the dioceses to create their own five-year plans and report back before the end of August.

Training programs about the process have been run in all the dioceses of Hebei province, which is in northern China near Beijing, and in the Diocese of Yibin in southwestern China's Sichuan province.

The Sinicization effort follows new regulations on religious activities in China which took effect February 1. Worship is allowed only in designated churches and according to a schedule approved by government administrators. Worship is illegal in every other place, including private houses.

Group prayer in private houses is forbidden, and can result in arrest. The regulations also require that every church must display at its entrance a notice that the building is "prohibited to minors under age 18" and that children and teenagers are not allowed to take part in religious rites.

The Sinicization program has met considerable resistance from critics, both in China and abroad.

In February, Daniel Mark, chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, wrote in First Things that Sinicization of religion is "a process of manipulating and subduing faith so as to render it compatible with the state's totalitarian aims."

Fr. Benoit Vermander, a Jesuit priest in China, attempted to outline a path for "Sinicization" of religion in the March 3 issue of the Jesuit-run journal *La Civiltà Cattolica*, whose publication is overseen by the Vatican's Secretariat of State.

While there are "evident dangers" in following a top-down policy that can bring "a substantial loss of identity," he argued, Catholics should not avoid "Sinicization" simply because it is government backed. Rather, despite the problems created by the policy, dialogue between Catholics and the Communist government is needed.

Vermander argues that Christian churches should listen to the government's appeal for Sinicization and "examine which kind of changes it could lead them to imagine and undertake," while "being aware of the danger."

Professor Ying Fuk-tsang, director of the divinity school at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, told UCA News that Sinicization is unavoidable for all religions in China following President Xi Jinping's proposal of the program in 2015.

The Chinese government has proposed Sinicization in three areas: political identity, social identity and cultural identity. The Catholic five-year plan accommodates all three of these aspects.

Interpreting progress from the basis of Catholic theology and doctrine will be the main focus, Ying said, "because the central government's main concern for the Sinicization of religion is not cultural, but political and social."

According to Ying, Sinicization is the Communist Party's effort to strengthen control over religions by ideological means. Religion must conform to the Communist Party's core socialist values and must align with Chinese society while being compatible with traditional Chinese culture.

Ying said the Sinicization plan would be incorporated into the localization of the universal Church within the context of the Second Vatican Council.

The plan says the history of the Chinese Catholic Church can learn lessons from Catholicism's actions under the Ming and Qing imperial dynasties, when the faith was sometimes banned and the faithful persecuted.

"If you have a bad relationship with an imperial power and tradition, you will have the consequences of prohibition," said Ying. He contended that Matteo Ricci should be the basis for this reli-

## **Called to Serve: Church Vocations Today**

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A Diocesan Priest?**

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**A Sister of Mercy?**

[www.sistersofmercy.org.nz](http://www.sistersofmercy.org.nz)

**A Marist Missionary Sister?**

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gious Sinicization in the 21st century because of the Jesuit missionary's efforts to adapt Christianity to Chinese culture.

Fr. Vermander said that Catholic and Protestant evangelization in 19th century "often lacked cultural sensitivity" and combined the Gospel with elements foreign to it, meaning Western civilization exported not only its faith, but its conflicts.

However, he said, "inculturation is the result of a process of popular appropriation that no one can really govern." He pointed to Chinese Catholics who have adopted the rosary and litanies to saints into their family life.

He proposed Christian engagement in "creative inculturation." Spiritual theology can draw on Confucian and Taoist resources to consider how God makes people experience his presence. In culture and art, Christians can try to speak to a wider audience in a way "of great benefit for Chinese Christianity and for the society in general." They can also respond to current situations with "awareness and social action," such as in addressing the inequalities and social imbalances President Xi Jinping has lamented.

"Christianity," Fr. Vermander concluded, "can certainly become more Chinese; at the same time, it can help China to become more open and harmonious."

### **Faith is Measured by One's Treatment of the Poor**

*By Hannah Brockhaus Vatican City, 29 Jul 2018 (CNA/EWTN News).-*

The love with which individuals and communities treat the poor, the weak, and the hungry, is the best measure of faith, Pope Francis said in his Angelus address Sunday.

"Faced with the cry of hunger – all sorts of 'hunger' – of so many brothers and sisters in every part of the world, we cannot remain detached and calm spectators," the pope said July 29.

"The proclamation of Christ, bread of eternal life, requires a generous commitment of solidarity for the poor, the weak, the least important, the defenseless. This action of proximity and charity is the best verification of the quality of our faith, both on a personal level and on a community level."

Reflecting on the day's Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, the pope said that though Jesus gave everything for us, even his life, "he certainly did this too: he took care of the food for the body."

Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes "springs from a concrete fact... People are hungry, and Jesus involves his disciples so that this hunger is satisfied."

"And we, his disciples, cannot fake anything," he continued. "Only by listening to the simplest demands of the people and by standing next to their concrete existential situations can one be heard when one speaks of higher values."

The pope also pointed to the moment after Jesus performed the miracle and everyone ate until they were satisfied, when he directed his disciples to collect the leftover food, so it would not be wasted.

Speaking off-the-cuff, Francis asked those present to make an examination of their consciences, thinking about how much food they waste every day, throwing it away instead of putting it to good use.

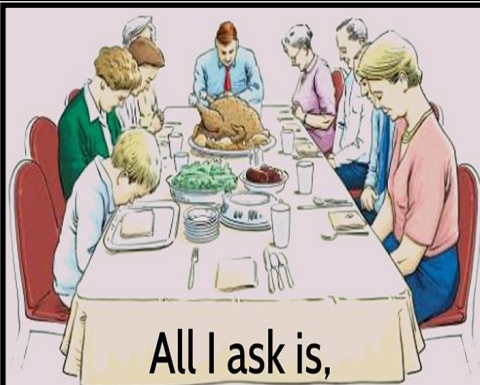
"At home, what do you do with left-over food? Do you throw it away?" he asked. "Never throw away left-over food. Reuse it or give it to those who can eat it, to those who need it."

He also told Catholics to reflect on the image of the "brave young man who gives the little he has to feed a great multitude," offering Jesus his five barley loaves and two fish: "This boy makes us think... That courage... Young people are like that, they have courage. We must help them carry on this courage."

"God's love for humanity hungry for bread, for freedom, for justice, for peace, and above all for his divine grace, never fails," he said. Jesus continues to feed his people, making himself a living presence, "through us."

The Gospel invites Catholics to be "available and industrious," like the boy who gave Jesus his loaves and fishes to be shared.

"Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, so the programs dedicated to development, food, solidarity prevail in the world," he said.



All I ask is,

May God bless my family and friends who need a Miracle. Strengthen all who are weak. Lighten those who carry heavy burdens.

Amen!

Beauty of Life

## **Catholic Foundation Scholarships**

**The Catholic Foundation Scholarships open on Monday 31 July and close 31 August 2018.**

Catholic Foundation Scholarships are available to Catholic students residing in the Wellington Archdiocese who are in their final year of secondary education.

Each Catholic College is entitled to nominate a maximum of two students for a Catholic Foundation scholarship and two students for a Refugee Scholarship.

In circumstances where students attend a State or Private secondary school or The Correspondence School or are home-schooled a Parish Priest, Lay Pastoral Leader or Parish Secretary may nominate a maximum of two students from their own parish for a Catholic Foundation Scholarship.

It is important that we make catholic students who are not attending catholic colleges, aware of the scholarships and would be pleased if, in the course of your activities, you would make any students you encounter who are in this category, aware of the

scholarships.

Full criteria and application forms are available on our website or through the Secretary – details below.

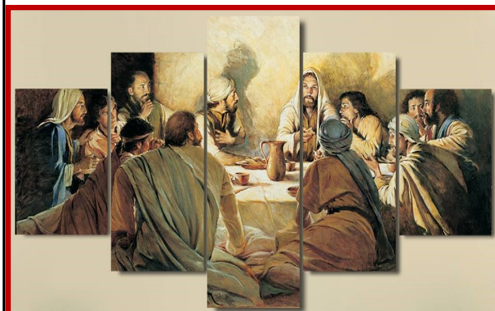
Kind regards

**Kathy Whelan,**

Secretary, Catholic Foundation, PO Box 1937, Wellington. Phone 04 496 1721

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# Parish Calendar, News & Notices

## Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

### 18th Sunday of the Year (1)

#### Sat Aug 4

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

#### Sun Aug 5

Seddon (8am) Mass /Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

*Sacrament Prep after Mass*

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr John

*Sacrament Prep after Mass*

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

*Aug 6-9, John in Melbourne at Provincial Council meeting*

### 19th Sunday of the Year (2)

#### Sat Aug 11

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

#### Sun Aug 12

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) **W&C**

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

*Sacrament Prep after Mass*

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John

*Sacrament Prep after Mass*

Havelock (11) **W&C**

### Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)

#### Tues Aug 14

Kaikoura (9.30am) Mass/Fr John

St Joseph's School & Parents

Kaikoura (6pm) Mass/Fr John

#### Wed Aug 15

Blenheim (12.05) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (6pm) Mass/Fr John

Picton (7pm) Mass/Fr Pat

#### Thurs Aug 16

Blenheim (11.30) Mass/Fr John  
School Mass in St Mary's Hall  
(deferred due to strike day)

### 20th Sunday of the Year (3)

#### Sat Aug 18

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

#### Sun Aug 19

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

*Sacrament Prep after Mass*

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr John

*Sacrament Prep after Mass*

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr John

### 21st Sunday of the Year (4)

#### Sat Aug 25

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

#### Sun Aug 26

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Pat

Picton (9am) **W&C**

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John

*Sacrament Prep after Mass*

*Sacred Heart Community AGM after Mass*

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Pat

*FPhillipino Community will assist with Mass.*

*Sacrament Prep after Mass*

Havelock (11am) **W&C**

Ward (4pm) Mass/Fr John

## Community Matters

### Aug 6-8 State Highway 1 Closure

This week SH1 Blenheim to Kaikoura has closure 8am-4pm to stabilise rock face at Ohau Point, the road is open outside of those times. <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/kaikoura-earthquake-response/planned-closures/>

### Blenheim Sunday School Mass

This Sunday St Mary's School assists with the 10am Mass. Welcome as we share morning tea.

### Kaikoura Sunday School Mass & KK Foodbank Collection

Next Sunday St Joseph's School assists with 9.30am Mass. It's **Foodbank Sunday**, so please bring non perishable food to assist Kaikoura Foodbank. We are starting a monthly morning tea after Mass.



### Sacraments of Christian Initiation for Children and Teens

We have begun the next step of preparation for Confirmation & Communion.

We have a wide range of ages in our candidates once again. We have 19 in Blenheim, 8 in Seddon/Ward and 8 in Kaikoura. It's not too late to join the program.

In Blenheim our Sessions are Sundays at 11am for parents and candidates.

In Kaikoura, it's a children's group after Mass with some adults sitting in.

In Seddon/Ward preparation is happening in the homes.

### Confirmation & Communion Masses with Cardinal John are as follows:

Fri Sept 14: Kaikoura, 6pm

Sun Sept 16: Blenheim, 10am

Sun Sept 16: Seddon, 2pm.

### Young Adults Discussion Group.

Maurice and Mieke have started up a young adults home group for pastoral care, prayer, socialising and deeper discussion on topics of faith. Ages 18-40ish. Our next fortnightly meeting is this Thursday 9th August. 7-9pm. Or come at 6pm for shared pot luck dinner. All inquiries to Maurice 0274445506, and see Maurice or Mieke after Mass today.

## Parish Calendar

### August

#### Aug 5 .. 18th Sunday

**Aug 5 .. John to Melbourne** for Council meeting Aug 6-8

**Aug 7 .. Wairau Stewardship**

#### Aug 12 .. 19th Sunday

**Aug 13 .. Kaikoura Stewardship**

**Aug 14-15-16 .. Masses for Feast of the Assumption** (refer to Column 1)

**Aug 16 .. Passionist Companions Reflection Night** (7pm)

#### Aug 19 .. 20th Sunday

**Aug 19.. Sunday Sing:**

Blenheim's Churches together celebrating timeless hymns and gospel songs. 2pm at Nativity Church. More info on the noticeboard.

**Aug 21 .. Pastoral Council**

**Aug 23 .. Pamper Day!**

Can you donate something to this worthy cause. Info on the church noticeboards. You can leave items at the Parish Office, or ring Libby Macdonald 021 105 5003 if you want to help.

**Aug 24 .. Priests & Principals**  
Day at Nelson

#### Aug 26 .. 21st Sunday

**Kaikoura:** Community AGM, after Mass

**Aug 27 .. Kaikoura:** School Board

**Aug 28 .. Finance & Property**  
Committee

**Aug 30 .. Renwick Committee**

**St Mary's Preschool Board**

**Aug 31.. Piano Recital:** at St Andrew's Church at 6pm. Richard Mapp will be playing Bach, Schubert, Chopin etc. Door sales \$35

## FOODBANK

### Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need.

This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

### Star of the Sea

**Collects as follows**

**1st Sunday @ Blenheim.**

**2nd Sunday @ Kaikoura.**

**All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock.**

Please bring non perishable foods to church, so our volunteers can take them to the local foodbank. Blenheim are not needing tinned fruit but do require tinned soup, tinned vegetables, rice & can openers.

### Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

**Recently Deceased:** Stacey McConway, Stuart Howden (Picton), Jim Harris (KK), Lionel Jefcoate (Picton), Michael Hogg

**Anniversaries:** Aug 1, William O'Leary, 8, Margaret Keenan, Aroha Starkey, Henare Gray, Thomas Hails, Beatrice Bassett, Doreen McGillan, 9, Benjamin Burland, Arnold Robert, Sharyn Smith, 10, Mary Hails, Frederick Gilmour, Brian Mackle, 12, Anne McGuire, Alice Gibson, James King

**Other Intentions:** Souls in Purgatory, Reta O'Leary

### COLLECTIONS:

We are most grateful for your support of our Parish of Star Of The Sea.

### Last week:

AP's:	\$1978.00
Envelopes:	\$2003.50
Loose:	\$1243.40
Peters Pence	\$ 15.00

thank  
you!