



# 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 28: 29 July 2018 17th 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

## Enough: The Abundance of God

### Synod Focus ... Go ... You are Sent ... to the Peripheries

Pope Francis focus comes back to looking to the edges/peripheries of life and the world. Last year's Archdiocesan Synod gave focus to this aspect of our mission as a church today. Many of the topic areas of the Synod are about Mission to the Edges or Peripheries.

**On Sundays** we are very focused on our Hour of Power, our prayer as Eucharistic Communities. We Gather, we Listen, we Give Thanks, we Receive, We are Sent. We do this together.

**In being Sent** we go to the edges & peripheries of life and the world to bring the gift of the Lord as a blessing to all. Most of that is done silently, but deliberately. The hidden question is: **What can we do to make a difference?**

**The Flaxbourne Hub** is a dream and project of the Flaxbourne Settlers Association. Their request to lease part of our land in Ward has now been approved by our local Stewardship Group, the Parish Finance & Property Committee and our Pastoral Council. Pending approval of the Archbishop, we will now start work on the finer details of this new relationship. We see this work of our Church as facilitating the building of

a place where the local people can gather, since the demise of other facilities in the 2016 earthquake. Some of our Catholic people in the Awatere/Flaxbourne Area are at the heart of this project.

**The Kaikoura Scout Hall** has been given a reprieve by the Kaikoura District Council with funds provided from the Earthquake Fund to get repairs started. Report said it will need larger external funding. Congratulations to KDC for seeing the need for places where the community can gather. Making it safe and useable will cost a lot but will be worth it.

**Our Parish and Emergency Response** is now being discussed across our communities. The main question: **How can we be leaders in responding to an evacuation following a major event? What can we do?** This is a task for discussion and planning by Stewardship Areas in the coming months. This is our time to continue to be good citizens.

**Confirmed for Mission.** The Sacrament is celebrated once in our lives, but lived out every day. Let's confirm we are on Mission every day.

*John Pearce CP*

### Readings for Seventeenth Week Ordinary Time

#### **Sun 29th: Seventeenth Week Ordinary Time**

2Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel John 6:1-15

**Psalm response:** The Hand of the Lord feeds us He answers all our prayers

#### **Mon 30th:**

Jeremiah 13:1-11

Gospel Matthew 13:31-35

#### **Tues 31st: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest**

Jeremiah 14:17-22

Gospel Matthew 13:36-43

#### **Wed 1st Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori, B.D.**

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21

Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

#### **Thu 2nd:**

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Gospel Matthew 13:47-53

#### **Fri 3rd: St Dominic, priest**

Jeremiah 26:1-9

Gospel Matthew 13:54-58

#### **Sat 4th: St John Vianney, priest**

Jeremiah 26:11-16,24

Gospel Matt 14:1-12

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

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel John 6:24-35

## Vocations Today: Where Do They Come From?

### From Bartender to Priest: 'God is Very Insistent!'



**Father Juan de Cáceres (right) during his priestly ordination. Credit: Diocese of Santander, Santander, Spain, 18 Jul 2018 (ACI Prensa).**

How do you go from being a bartender who has not attended Mass for 15 years to becoming a priest? For Fr. Juan de Cáceres, the answer is that God was persistent in pursuing his heart and revealing his call.

Today, Fr. Juan is a priest of the Diocese of Santander in Spain. But he had been away from the sacraments for 15 years when he had a conversion that allowed him to hear God's call in his life.

After finishing his undergraduate studies, Juan enrolled in law school. However, he was not a good student, and in 2006, at the age of 28, he decided to quit law school to open a trendy bar in Santander.

However, with the onset of the economic crisis in Spain, what had initially promised to be a successful business became the focus of his financial problems, compounded by the crisis of turning 30 and feeling a lack of direction in his life.

"I was really lost, drowning in debt and with the [economic] crisis, there were almost no customers. In addition, my friends quit going out like they used to. They began to get married and stopped dating. I found myself all alone," he said in an interview with the El Diario Montañés news.

While Juan had stopped going to Mass 15 years ago, a friend invited him to some talks on prayer, which became the turning point that changed his life.

At first, he went to the talks to spend time with his friend. But something within him changed little-by-little: he began to go to Mass again, returned to confession, and re-enrolled in school.

His life started to come together again, until two years after that new beginning, he "felt the call" to the priesthood. But his first reaction was "to say no."

"I came up with all kinds of objections: my work, my debts, my life. I thought what I needed to do was to settle down, meet a woman who would make me very happy and have a family. But God is very insistent! And from then on, he would not let that thought out of my heart or mind," he told El Diario Montañés.

When he decided to discern a vocation, he asked then-Bishop Vicente Jiménez of Santander if he could enter seminary in another city, because he "had to keep his distance" from his past life. He entered a seminary in Pamplona, about 120 miles away.

"I was working at the bar up to the day before going to Pamplona, where I spent three fantastic years," he recalled. During that time, Fr. Juan also worked with the Chinese Catholic community.

He was ordained a priest last January and was assigned to serve four parishes in Santander. He also teaches religion classes three days a week to teenagers.

The experience of being a bartender ended up having value for the priest, who noted that during those years, "I was sort of a confessor to everyone."

He also helps foster vocations in the diocese because as he explains, "a lot of people have felt the same way I did, but they haven't figured out how to follow up... I'm here to listen and guide."

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### Called to Serve: Church Vocations Today

**Ever thought of being  
A Diocesan Priest?**

**Holy Cross Seminary Auckland**

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

**A Passionist Missionary?**

[www.passionists.com](http://www.passionists.com)

**A Sister of Mercy?**

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

**A Marist Missionary Sister?**

[www.smsmsisters.org](http://www.smsmsisters.org)



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**When a train goes through  
a tunnel and it gets dark,  
You don't throw away the  
ticket and jump off. You  
sit still and trust the  
engineer. Trust God today  
no matter how dark Your  
situation. God says 'You  
are coming out'**

"AMEN"

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### 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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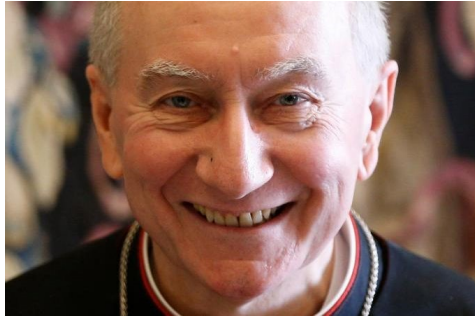
[www.catholicfoundation.org.nz](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.nz)



## A New Approach to Mission

### After World War I, Church Changed Mission Approach

Cindy Wooden. Jul 13, 2018. Crux. CNS



Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state. (Credit: Paul Haring/CNS.)

World War I and its aftermath changed the map of Europe, but also dismantled the notion of the "state church" in a way that forced the Catholic Church to discover again the authentic meaning of mission, said Cardinal Pietro Parolin.

After the war, Pope Benedict XV "was prompt in indicating how the missionary world must change paths, abandoning the colonial ideology in which it had been lulled and promoting autonomy, independence and ecclesial self-governance in all the areas outside Europe," said the Vatican secretary of state.

Speaking at a conference July 12, anticipating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, Parolin looked at the wide-ranging impact of the war and its aftermath on the political map of Europe, and how that affected the fates of peoples in the Middle East and in the countries of what would become the

Soviet Union.

But he also spoke about Benedict's 1919 apostolic letter *Maximum Illud* on the Church's missionary activity. In conjunction with the document's centenary, Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to celebrate a special "missionary month" in October 2019.

Announcing the special commemoration, Francis had said, "In 1919, in the wake of a tragic global conflict that he himself called a 'useless slaughter,' the pope recognized the need for a more evangelical approach to missionary work in the world, so that it would be purified of any colonial overtones and kept far away from the nationalistic and expansionistic aims that had proved so disastrous."

"May the approaching centenary of that letter serve as an incentive to combat the recurring temptation lurking beneath every form of ecclesial introversion, self-referential retreat into comfort zones, pastoral pessimism and sterile nostalgia for the past," Francis said. "Instead, may we be open to the joyful newness of the Gospel."

World War I marked the end of the "state church," which was particularly strong in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Parolin said in his lecture in the northern Italian city of Aquileia. The government had power in the appointment of bishops and

controlled the seminaries and a variety of religious institutions, all of which fed into a mentality that emphasized national belonging over the universality of the Catholic faith, the cardinal said.

*Maximum Illud*, he said, was "the manifesto of a missionary and political revolution whose importance still has not been recognized as it deserves."

"In the encyclical," the cardinal said, "the pope ordered European missionaries to free themselves of nationalism, of the idea of European superiority over the peoples then seen as subordinate, to promote local languages rather than the language of the conquerors, (and) to train and to value indigenous clergy so that 'one day they will be able to take up the spiritual leadership of their people.'"

XV knew it would take some time to change mentalities and ensure the proper training of local clergy in view of their leadership of their communities, Parolin said. But he also knew that the Church had to act both out of respect for the God-given dignity of all peoples and cultures as well because "the Catholic Church also would have been shaken by the imminent end of colonial structures."

Pius XI continued the path dictated by Benedict, he said, and in the 1930s nominated the first local Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and African bishops.

## Kaikoura Matters

### Together Kaikoura

On Thursday our Sacred Heart Community was represented by Sr Maureen, Patsy and Sr Frances Anna at a Kaikoura Expo called Together Kaikoura. There were 30 groups who displayed information about themselves. We had a card prepared in the Parish Office that outlined some of the activities of our Church and School Communities.



### Sunday Morning Tea:

Since last weeks report on our Post Synod Day, there is a request that we reopen a previous practice of having regular morning teas after a Sunday Mass.

So, in partnership with St Joseph's School, let's have Morning Tea after Mass on the Second Sunday of the Month. During school term, this is a School Mass. If you would like to help set up, or bring food to share, please let it be known. And please stay!

# Parish Calendar, News & Notices

## Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

### 17th Sunday of the Year (5)

**Sat July 28**

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

**Sun July 29**

Seddon (8am)

**W&C**

Picton (9am)

Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30)

Mass/Fr John

Blenheim (10am)

**W&C**

Havelock (11am)

Mass/Fr Pat

Picton (6pm)

**Combined**

**Churches at St Joseph's(6pm)**

### 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**

Blenheim (10am)

Mass/Fr John

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

Blenheim (10)

Mass/Fr John

Havelock (11)

**W&C**

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

**Sat Aug 18**

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

**Sun Aug 19**

Seddon (8am)

Mass/Fr Pat

Picton (9am)

Mass/Fr John

Kaikoura (9.30)

**W&C**

Blenheim (10am)

Mass/ Fr Pat

Havelock (11am)

Mass/Fr John

Renwick (5)

Mass/Fr Pat

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

**Sat Aug 25**

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

**Sun Aug 26**

Seddon (8am)

Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am)

**W&C**

Kaikoura (9.30)

Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10am)

Mass/ Fr John

Havelock (11am)

**W&C**

## SM Youth Group:

BBQ after 10am Mass  
on **this Sunday** 29th  
to fundraise for a  
snow trip. Bring your  
change and we will  
bring the bread and  
sauce!!



## Community Matters

### Parish Sacrament Programme

This is Parish/Family based  
with books supplied for work at  
home.

**Blenheim** Sessions start this Sun-  
day after 10am Mass, and continue  
for 6 weeks.

**Kaikoura** Sister Maureen will con-  
tinue the Sacrament Preparation  
Programme this term. Contact her  
this week if you want to join in.

**Seddon** Introductory Session for  
parents on Wednesday August 1 at  
Seddon Church at 4pm. Preparation  
will happen at home.

**Note:** If you can't make these ses-  
sions have a chat with John or Sr  
Maureen.

### Closure of State Highway 1

On August 6-8, SH1 Blenheim  
to Kaikoura has a daytime 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/](https://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/kaikoura-earthquake-response/planned-closures/)

### July 29 .. Picton Combined Church Service.

The next Picton Combined  
Church Service will be held this Sun-  
day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Saint  
Joseph's Church Picton. Our Catholic  
community is hosting the service  
which will start at 6pm. Please come  
along and support this gathering  
and you are asked to bring a plate  
for supper. All members and wider  
community are invited.

## Parish Calendar

### July

#### Jul 29 .. 17th Sunday

**Jul 29 .. Blenheim:** Children's  
Sacraments. Preparation for parents  
and candidates, after 10am Mass  
**Jan 31 .. St Mary's School Board**

### August

**Aug 2 .. BCMA:** Blenheim  
Christian Ministers Association

#### 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 .. Vigil of the Assumption**

Mass at Kaikoura, 2pm School  
Mass at Kaikoura, 6pm

St Joseph's School Board.

### Aug 15 .. Feast of Assumption

Mass at Blenheim ,11.30am  
With School in Hall.

Mass at Blenheim, 6pm

Mass at Picton, 7pm

### Aug 16 .. Passionist Companions

Reflection Night (7pm)

### Aug 19 .. 20th Sunday

#### 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**

## September

### Sep 2.. 23rd Sunday

Sounds Stewardship

### Sep 10-14 Christchurch

National Priests Assembly

**Sep 14-16 ... Confirmation &  
First Communion** with  
Cardinal John Dew.



**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 & Have-**  
**lock.**

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:** Peter Wagg (brother of Fr. Jul-  
ian), Jim Harris (Chch, bother of Mike Harris)

**Anniversaries: 30 July,** John Mackle, Ethel Mackle,  
Graeme Hamilton, William Morgan, Raymond Clayton,  
**31,** Sarah McDonald, William Tahui, John O'Donnell,  
Anastasia Hill, **1 Aug,** Anne Smith, Patrick Kerr, **2,**  
Avery Poharama, Marion Rochford, Kevin Mackle, Peter  
Harnett, **5,** Michael Flannelly, Patrick McSwigan,  
George Eaton, Michael Reardon, William Smith

## Other Intentions:

## COLLECTIONS:

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

### Last week:

AP's:	\$3272.00
Envelopes:	\$1248.50
Loose:	\$ 751.40
Peters Pence	\$ 20.00

thank  
you!