



# 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 27: 22 July 2018 16th 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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## "So they went off in a boat to a lonely place"

### Meditation and Holy Silence

The stories of the survival of the boys and coach from Nthn Thailand contain the reality that despite the absence of food for two weeks, they were sustained by meditation. When you realise they were in darkness for 24 hrs a day, they probably had a lot of times of meditation.

**Meditation or Holy Silence** is a significant component of most religious traditions.

**Holy Silence** was practiced by the desert monks of the Middle East centuries after the resurrection.

**Holy Silence** is recommended in our Eucharistic Liturgies: after the readings, the homily, and Communion.

**Holy Silence** is practiced anew these days by the Christian Meditation Communities founded by the Benedictine Monk John Main.

**Holy Silence** is practiced, knowingly or not, as people trek the New Zealand bush.

**Holy Silence** is an integral part of the prayer times of the Ecumenical Community of Taizé in SE France, where pilgrims and monks gather in prayer morning, noon and evening for prayer. I had the privilege of spending a week there 30 years ago, with 2000 others, and soon found if I wanted a seat on the floor at night in the Church of Reconciliation, I had to arrive 30 mins early, or sit outside in the marquee.



**Holy Silence** is what kept Cardinal John going on his recent Pilgrim Walk to Santiago de Compostello.

**In the silence we simply say: "Speak Lord your servant is listening."**

John Pearce CP

### Readings for Sixteenth Week Ordinary Time

#### Sun 22nd: Sixteenth Week Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel Mark 6:30-34

**Psalm response:** The Lord is My Shepherd there is nothing I shall want

#### Mon 23rd:

Micah 6:1-4,6-8

Gospel Matt 12:38-42

#### Tues 24th:

Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Gospel Matt 12:46-50

#### Wed 25th: St James, Apostle

2Corinthians 4:7-15

Gospel Matt 20:20-28

#### Thu 26th: Sts Joachim & Ann, Parents of Mary

Ecclesiasticus 44:1,10-15

Gospel Matt 13:16-17

#### Fri 27th:

Jeremiah 3:14-17

Gospel Matt 13:18-23

#### Sat 28th:

Jeremiah 7:1-11

Gospel Matt 13:24-30

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

2Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel John 6:1-15

### Lessons in Compassion from Thai Cave Rescue

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It was hard not to be moved, encouraged and impressed by the plight and rescue of the boys marooned in the North Thailand cave. People around the world responded to the boys' youth and the danger they faced and by the generosity and skill displayed in their rescue.

I was particularly moved because what I was seeing done for village boys in Thailand was so different from what was appearing in our adult media: bank executives and insurers profiting by imposing misery on their clients; evidence of unethical and extortionate behaviour in so many businesses that it seemed a royal commission into almost any section of corporate behaviour would yield similar results.

In addition to that, the rat run from international agreements and diplomatic conventions and from anything not grounded in crude self-interest, and the snarling, demeaning exchanges characteristic of public life.

All these made it seem that the neoliberal vision of human well being as unregulated competition for wealth, encapsulated in brow-beating poor and grieving Indigenous women into taking out unwanted funeral insurance, had captured the minds and hearts of the whole world.

Watched from a distance, the events in Northern Thailand showed that this was not so. They disclosed a mature human response to misfortune and a sophisticated culture. The news that the boys were lost in the cave generated concern and attention throughout Thailand.

These boys were everyone's sons. Volunteers flowed in from all parts of Thailand, offering their labour and their gifts to the people who could rescue them.

International volunteers also offered their services, and were welcomed for the skills they

brought and incorporated into an international team that worked co-operatively and tirelessly at the risk of their lives. This encapsulated a society working effectively out of compassion.

**The Thai coordinators of the rescue also emphasised communal relationships over individual interests.** They kept the media informed of the situation and what was being done each day, but kept them away from the cave, the divers and the children. They did not inform the parents that their own child had been rescued until the safety of all was guaranteed, so holding them together in mutual support.



Then they allowed them to greet their children from behind glass. They also kept the rescued children together in hospital, allowing them to continue to support one another after their ordeal free from intrusive media.

These things could be seen clearly. But a deeper Thai cultural strand ran in the story, the counterpart of the emphasis on the competitive individual in the West and in business everywhere.

Its strength can be gauged when we ponder how the boys apparently emerged undamaged after spending more than a week together in a dark cave, without light, with very little food, without the support of family, and unsure whether their whereabouts would be known or that they would be found alive.

That is the stuff of nightmares and of isolation. Yet they seem to have been brought together rather than isolated by the experience.

**Their resilience speaks of a strong Buddhist culture in which the boys were used to struggle, found meaning in attending to the welfare of others rather than their own, and drew strength from meditative practices that set their perilous predicament within a broader human horizon.**

They were fortunate in their coach. He embodied the best of their culture in foregoing food to keep them nourished, taught them meditation and whom they knew as 'Brother' — naming him at once as one of them, and one whom they would like to emulate.

It was characteristic of him that his first message from the cave was to apologise to the parents for the distress the cave expedition had caused, and that he should be the last to be rescued. His thought was consistently for others.

**This culture of compassion and of community based on respect was also displayed in the handling of the rescue and the subsequent care for the boys.** It spoke most deeply to those of us who watched from a distance.

Events like these are epiphanies that give light and hope in times of darkness. Afterwards we may expect that competitive individuals and media will see a buck to be made out of the boys and their experience.

They will try to seduce the boys and their families out of their own culture and then spit them out. We may hope that the example and the values of their admirable coach will persuade the Wild Boars and their families not to sacrifice their cultural horns.



#### 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.



## Our Cathedral Closed

### Wellington's Sacred Heart Cathedral Closed for an Indefinite Period



*CathNews NZ. Monday, 16 July 2018*

Sacred Heart Cathedral in Thorndon, Wellington, closed its doors on Friday.

An assessment has found the building's structural integrity to be just 15 per cent of the standard for a new building.

This means there would be a significant risk to occupants if there was an earthquake.

While Sacred Heart Cathedral is closed, weekday masses will in the short term take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral school. Sun-

day masses will be celebrated at St Mary's College Hall, Guildford Terrace.

A spokesperson said while the detailed planning for remediation work has not started yet, it is likely that the building will be closed for several years. The restoration work will cost several million.

The Cathedral Parish will be enlisting the help of the people of Wellington and others to preserve this Wellington landmark.

Following a verbal report from structural and civil engineers, Dunning and Thornton, the Parish Committee has been working through a process of due diligence regarding the structural condition of the Cathedral.

On Thursday it received a peer review of the detailed seismic assessment (DSA) that recently advised that the Cathedral was 'earthquake prone' under the Building Act 2004.

Both reports have confirmed

that the Cathedral currently presents a significant risk to occupants in the event of an earthquake.

In the 1980s the Cathedral was strengthened and the complex enlarged to include the foyer, Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Connolly Hall.

This work was done well and the building elements that were strengthened are rated well above the 33% minimum of NBS.

However, at roof level, ceiling diaphragms are insufficient to carry loads under the current building codes.

This has resulted in a lower earthquake rating being applied to the building.

Sacred Heart Cathedral, designed by architect Francis Petre, was opened in 1901.

In contrast to most other Wellington churches, its classical rather than Gothic styling has made it a prominent building on the Thorndon landscape.

## Parish Post Synod Workshop Reports

### Blenheim in February

Despite the loss of Kaikoura members due to the slip, we had over 50 people at the day in Blenheim on Feb 25. **These are the priority actions from the members.**

**40 ..** Complete a time and talent survey across the parish to identify the talents and gifts of our parishioners.

**40 ..** Photos and names of those in leadership groups eg. stewardship Teams, up in foyer of churches

**35 ..** Formation workshops in various areas led by competent knowledgeable people, e.g. music, Michael Mangan, Andrew Chinn.

Tongan – Lasi Archdiocese chaplaincy –share skills and knowledge

**24 ...** Publish pamphlets about support services. Notice boards, web site

**22 ...** Summary of action points at Sunday Mass at each of the 7 communities. Sheets in foyer to add Parishes Plan

**22 ...** Expo Parish hall. Seek the assistance of district council. Seek the help of various organisations

**21 ...** Various groups activities revise pamphlet contact details, commentators remind to check notice boards, use notice boards

**16 ...** One meal (Hot) – at least once a week for anybody.

**16 ...** Strengthen welcoming & farewell & net working

**13 ...** Social care group (caring community)

**11 ...** Prepare a series of foundation statements on the why of spirituality of service

**8 ...** Start an overview of groups active in parish, ring around, consult – identify what they do and contact

**8 ...** Links to building a sense of community:

Everyone wear name badges at Mass 3 weekly once a year

**7 ...** Develop a social committee  
7 ... Invite different groups to talk about what they do

**6 ...** Promote – rosary in lent get started now groups

**4 ...** Social care group (caring community)

### Kaikoura in July

On Sunday 8th July, 13 members of the community participated in our Post Synod Workshop. Our participation in the Blenheim day in February was hindered by the road closure. Last Monday the Stewardship Group received the report of the Workshop and the considered all the actions that proposed from the two Table Talks groups. Participants prioritised up to three actions.

**These are the results of the day.**

**5 ...** Community Social twice a year

**5 ...** Music Ministry Evolution: to develop better music and hymns

**4 ..** Youth Leading Youth

**3 ....** Continue to support/integrate

the school into the Church

**3 ...** Have a Community AGM.

**2 ...** Cuppa after Mass on 2nd Sunday of the month

**2 ...** Encourage people to step up for leadership, eg, shoulder tap.

**2 ...** Food bank Sunday once a month

**1 ...** Develop more leaders over time

**1 ...** Newsletter.

### **0 votes**

- Join in the local KK community groups helping those in need

- Music and Choir

- Priest to stay for the week on consecutive weekends.

- Retreats and Spiritual Development, eg, Advent

- Social Media: a communication tool with wider parish and youth

- Stewardship Minutes to be posted on wall in Church Foyer

- St Vincent de Paul Conference

- We need to know who the people are in parish groups

- Word & Communion during the week

Some of these actions are already in place, though not all members are aware they are happening.

You will notice that some others have been activated since these days.

If you want to work on an action, please let one of the leaders know.

# Parish Calendar, News & Notices

## Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

### 16th Sunday of the Year (4)

Sat July 21

Blenheim (5pm)	Mass/Fr John
Seddon (8am)	Mass/Fr John
Picton (9am)	W&C
Kaikoura (9.30)	Mass/Fr Pat
Blenheim (10am)	Mass/ Fr John
Havelock (11am)	W&C
Ward (4pm)	Mass/Fr Pat

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

Sat July 28

Blenheim (5pm)	Mass/Fr Pat
Seddon (8am)	W&C
Picton (9am)	Mass/Fr Pat
Kaikoura (9.30)	Mass/Fr John
Blenheim (10am)	W&C
Havelock (11am)	Mass/Fr Pat

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

Sat Aug 4

Blenheim (5pm)	Mass/
Seddon (8am)	Picton (9am)
	Mass/Fr Pat
Kaikoura (9.30)	Mass/Fr John
Blenheim (10am)	W&C
Havelock (11am)	Mass/Fr Pat

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

Sat Aug 11

Blenheim (5pm)	Mass/Fr John
Seddon (8am)	W&C
Picton (9am)	Mass/Fr John
Kaikoura (9.30)	W&C
Blenheim (10)	Mass/Fr Pat
Havelock (11)	Mass/Fr John
Renwick (5)	Mass/Fr John

## St Mary's Preschool



In super exciting news, our Pre-school will be open with new hours from the start of next term (23rd July)!! Families will be able to choose between mornings (8:30-12:45) and/or longer days (8:30-3pm) Monday-Friday. Ring the pre-school on 578 0678 for enquiries.



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

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Wagg (brother of Fr. Julian), Mathew Tutuila, Barbara Newport

**Anniversaries:** **15 July**, James McElhinney **22**, Hugh McIlveney, **23**, Jim Brunel, Mary O'Donnell, William Stevens, Edward Harnett, **24**, Mollie Hanley, Libby Lawrent, Mollie Hanley, George Chapman, James Mackle, Caroline Clark, **25** Yvonne Norton, Winiata Poharama, David Smith, **26**, Joseph Hailes, Bernald Mackle, **27**, Daniel Broshahan, Nita Norton, Wirihana Wilson, Francis Adair, **29**, James Kerr, Elsie Costello

**Other Intentions:** Margaret Squire, Laurie Squire, Eileen Hanley, Eric Hanley, Kathleen Logan, Alec Logan, Yvonne Brunel & Ethel Hoffman

## Community Matters

**Office hours:** the office will only be open for mornings when Ginetta is away for Jury Service this week.

## Parish Sacrament Programme

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

**Blenheim** Sessions will be for parents/guardians and children. These are held on Sundays after Mass for parents and children together. **First Session is Sunday July 29 at 11am.**

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

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

## July 22 .. Pot Luck Tea

Come along and join us for a mid-year pot luck tea celebration, hosted by the Marlborough Multicultural Centre. Invite your friends and family, and bring a plate of food to share. Interesting guest speaker and cultural performance. Gold coin donation will be appreciated. 4pm-7pm, at Community Centre. Check notice board for more info.

## Jul 27 .. Sacred Heart Church Kaikoura Community Lunch.

12 midday, Friday 27th July 2018. at the Caves Restaurant. Ring Ursula on 319 5229 before the 24th to reserve a seat.

## July 29 .. Picton Combined Church Service.

The next Picton Combined Church Service will be held at Saint Joseph's Church Picton. Our Catholic community is hosting the service which will start at 6.00pm. Please come along and support this gathering and you are asked to bring a plate for supper. All members and wider community are invited.

## Stewardship Groups

### Awatere/Flaxbourne

**Group** met last Tuesday. Former Church land needs a big clean up. Some trees are to be removed. Alternative uses being considered for some of the land. Planning for a Home Mass. Home based Sacrament programme is starting soon on August 1.

**Sacred Heart Group** received report from previous Sunday

Post Synod Day, and encouraging involvement in actions. Sacrament programme to continue in a few weeks.

**Sounds Group** meets on First Sunday afternoon. Plans developing for a social. School being used by a preschool for the next 6 weeks or so. First Sunday morning tea has grown in popularity.

## 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/>

## Youth Group.

Starts again this Wednesday night! Youth rooms in St Mary's hall. Juniors (years 8-10) 5:30-6:45pm. Seniors (years 11-13) 7-9pm. New members very welcome, queries: contact Maurice 022 391 8584

## Parish Calendar

### July

#### Jul 22 .. 16th Sunday

**Jul 23 .. Schools** return, Term 3.

**Jul 24 .. Pastoral Council** (7pm)

**Jul 26 .. Preschool Board** (7pm)

**Finance & Property Committee** (7pm)

#### Jul 29 .. 17th Sunday

**Jul 29 .. Blenheim: Children's Sacraments**

Preparation for parents and candidates, after 10am Mass

### August

**Aug 2 .. Blenheim Christian Ministers meet**

#### Aug 5 .. 18th Sunday

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

**Picton: Sounds Stewardship** (5pm)

**Aug 7 .. Blenheim: Wairau Stewardship meets** (7pm)

#### Aug 12 .. 19th Sunday

**Aug 13 .. Kaikoura: Stewardship Group meets** (7pm)

**Aug 15 .. Feast of Assumption** Masses & Services

**Aug 16 .. Passionist Companions**

## COLLECTIONS:

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

### Last week:

AP's:	\$1861.00
Envelopes:	\$2033.05
Loose:	\$1165.55
Peters Pence	\$65.00

thank you!