



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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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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Winter—A Middle Time

THE MIDDLE TIME

Being in the middle of time is sometimes called a "Liminal Space". It's like we have left one place but haven't arrived at another. Leaving one place can have fears and apprehensions, for we leave the place that is well known, and head towards a place not known. This uncertainty can be innervating.

During my earlier days as a priest when my ministry was mainly high school retreats and parish missions, I changed groups every 3 days or 2 weeks. I found I was more settled if I visited the school or parish in advance, to get a feel for the people and culture and environment I was to work in for the coming weeks. But still there was the anxiety of the first encounter. This was the 70's and 80's of last century. Questions always arose like: Will the kids enter the process? Will they be open? How will I go? And in the Parishes questions like: Will these people be open to an invitation to a new spiritual journey? Will there be many resistances?

When I came to this parish and country 18 months ago, I would have gone through similar turmoils if I hadn't been here before. But I settled in quickly, since I had been here for a week at

the time of the Amalgamation Mass in February 2016. Settling in was also helped by the many times in the past I had been to country schools and parishes in Australia. Being in an environment of Sheep and Cattle was not new, but Mountains and Sounds and Vineyards were. Coming from two previous parishes with a high multicultural mix was also an asset.

As I write this I am aware that I am in a middle time myself, the middle of a 3 year assignment. Looking and Listening back, I am aware of some early questions of people asking help in this post amalgamation time. Hopefully we are on the road to discovering the best ways to shape our leadership and direction as a new parish, while encouraging local leadership and mission.

Looking forward? This will always have it's uncertainty, but our shared faith reminds us we walk together, and the Lord walks with us. Like the great walk across Spain, the Camino, we step out each day knowing God walks with us.

Let us be open to the opportunities to Live the Gospel that the Lord gives us. Let's not be afraid.

John Pearce CP

Readings for Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time

Sun 15th: Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Psalm response: Lord show us your mercy and grant us your salvation

Mon 16th:

Isaiah 1:10-17

Gospel Matt 10:34-11:1

Tues 17th:

Isaiah 7: 1-25

Gospel Matt 11:20-24

Wed 18th:

Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16

Gospel Matt 11:25-27

Thu 19th:

Isaiah 26:7-19,12,16-19

Gospel Matt 11:28-30

Fri 20th:

Isaiah 38: 1-6,21-22,7-8

Gospel Matt 12:1-8

Sat 21st:

Micah 2:1-5

Gospel Matt 12:14-21

Sun 22nd: Sixteenth Week Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel Mark 6:30-34

Pope Francis Message to New Cardinals

Pope's Message to New Cardinals: Serve Christ

Vatican News: 29 June 2018



New Cardinal Joseph Coutts of Karachi, Pakistan, greets fellow cardinals (CNS/Paul Harling)

Don't waste your time being involved in palace intrigue and focus solely on serving Christ and his Church was Pope Francis' message to the 14 new cardinals he created yesterday. Source: *Crux*.

"What does it profit us to gain the whole world if we are corroded within?" asked Francis at a consistory at St Peter's Basilica. "What does it profit us to gain the whole world if we are living in a stifling atmosphere of intrigues that dry up our hearts and impede our mission?"

"Here, as someone has observed, we might think of all those palace intrigues that take place, even in curial offices," Francis continued.

In keeping with what has become his custom, Francis's new appointments to the College of Cardinals come from remote corners of the globe, including non-majority Catholic locations such as Pakistan, Madagascar, Iraq, and Japan.

He announced the names of the new appointments last month during his Sunday Angelus following Mass on Pentecost Sunday on May 20, noting that their locations reflect the "universality of the Church, that continues to preach the merciful love of God throughout the earth."

That evangelical outreach to the ends of the earth – or the peripheries, as Francis frequently says – is the same "missionary key," which he encouraged the newest members of the Church's highest ranks to follow.

"Jesus teaches us that conversion, change of heart and Church reform is and ever shall be in a missionary key, which demands an end to looking out for and protecting our own interests, in order to look out for and protect those of the Father," Francis said.

"Conversion from our sins and from selfishness will never be an end in itself, but it's always a means of growing in fidelity and willingness to embrace the mission," he added.

In his homily, Francis challenged the new cardinals to focus their activities and their energies on the needs of "real people" in order to provide a credible witness to the Gospel.

"This is the highest honour that we can receive, the greatest promotion that can be awarded us: to serve Christ in God's faithful people. In those who are hungry, neglected, imprisoned, sick, suffering, addicted to drugs, cast aside."

Kaikoura News



Death of Carmel Lee

Last Tuesday Carmel's funeral was held at Richmond. She was the last surviving sibling of our Sister Maureen, and mother of Maureen Philips, principal at St Paul's School Richmond. Fr John, Srs Elizabeth Mary and Susannah from Blenheim joined as

our community representatives. Carmel has a large family, so the church was filled with many descendants.

Sr Maureen has recovered well from the surgery on her hand and hopes to be back with us in a few weeks.

St Joseph's School

The Stewardship Team would like to congratulate St. Joe's Primary for an excellent play performance of Noah's Ark, and also thank them for fantastic representation at this years Kaikoura Trash Fashion. Well done and congratulations we are very proud of your achievements!!

Post Synod Day

Thank you to those who participated and attended the Kaikoura Post Synod day this past weekend. The ideas and suggestions will be passed on

to the Stewardship Group for further action this Monday night. If you're interested into being involved in church activities please let either Deb Lawson, Julie Howden or other Stewardship members, including Andreana Hamilton, Barbara Teen, Karen Sparrow, Kevin Smith, Paul Redwood, Judith Ford, Srs Maureen and Francis Anna.

AV Equipment

Setting up the new TV for wifi reception has had a few hiccups, that are being fixed. Not as easy as tying into a TV port.

Adult Sacraments

If any adults are interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) or learning more about the Catholic Church, or want to grow a little more in their faith, please contact Sr Maureen Conner 319 5385

Passionist News

Last Sunday July 8 in Adelaide, five men professed Passionist Vows for the first time, three from Papua New Guinea, two from Vietnam.

The group is: Solanus (PNG), Thong (VN), Joseph (PNG), Quyen (VN), Boaz (VN).

Thong and Quyen now return to Vietnam for continuing studies.

Solanus, Joseph, and Boaz move to Melbourne for continuing studies.



Ignatian Spirituality

St. Ignatius Loyola's 10 Guidelines for Negotiating Life's Journey

Brendan McManus SJ, dot Magis Editor Books, Ignatian Voices.



One June morning, Brendan McManus, SJ, stepped out for a much-needed walk—to be exact, a 500-mile hike on Spain's renowned Camino de Santiago. A few years earlier, he lost his brother to suicide, and the tragedy left Brendan physically, psychologically, and spiritually wounded. Something radical was required to rekindle his passion for life and renew his faith in God.

In *Redemption Road: From Grief to Peace through Walking the Camino de Santiago*, McManus tells his story of walking the Camino through the lens of Ignatian spirituality. Not surprisingly, he learns a number of lessons along the way for how to negotiate life's journey.

- 1) Remember that you are a pilgrim, just passing through life. You put yourself on the road, a journey into the unknown, to be open to hear God's call.
- 2) God is a pilgrim who's always trying to find us, even in difficult situations. God is with you even

- 3) if you are not with God. Walking puts you in touch with your deeper desires, what you really want. Following this longing will bring us to God.
- 4) Keep on track by following the signs that are found only in reflection and meditation. Trust your inner compass to guide you.
- 5) Take time out regularly to reflect on your path (i.e., Review of the Day); be flexible in progressively altering things as you go. Don't be afraid of change.
- 6) Take time over decisions; they are important "crossroads" moments in your life. Never make a hasty decision—rather, play for time, and ponder the options internally before deciding.
- 7) If you get lost, be humble enough to backtrack to a known, sure spot. Beware of pride driving you on, getting you even more lost.
- 8) Possessions are only temporary; don't hold on to things too tightly. Practice detachment: use things insofar as they are useful, and discard them when they get in the way.
- 9) You can expect fierce storms on the road. The important thing is not to be deterred from your course but to hang on tightly to those support structures you know to be sound (prayer, discernment, and reflection). Don't change course, undo decisions, or alter the structure in mid-storm.
- 10) Protecting yourself is important, as is having good defences against whatever comes. This means knowing your own weak spots and "unfree" areas, as this is where you are likely to be vulnerable. (Ignatius recommends fortifying your defences to anticipate challenges.)

Football and Prayer

Croatia's World Cup Soccer Coach Clings to the Rosary as he Finds Success



Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic Credit: wiki-media cc by sa 3.0 Zagreb, Croatia, 11 Jul 2018(CNA).-

On Sunday, Croatia's soccer team will play France in the championship game of the 2018 World Cup, after running victoriously through a string of soccer powerhouses in the tournament.

Here's one reason Catholics in the US might be rooting for the small Central European country: Croatia is a deeply Catholic country, and the coach of its national team, Zlatko Dalic, is a man of sincere faith.

Dalic said recently that his current success is due to his faith in God, and that he always carries a rosary to hold onto in difficult

times.

Dalic spoke about his faith on Croatian Catholic radio when the World Cup began.

"Everything I have done in my life and in my professional career I owe to my faith, and I am grateful to my Lord," Dalic said.

Croatia got a ticket to the final match of the World Cup after defeating England 2-1 in a game that went to overtime July 11.

"I can be very happy with my life," Dalic said, adding that "without strong faith and that motivation, it would be very difficult to achieve it."

"When a man loses any hope, then he must depend on our merciful God and on our faith," he said.

In that sense, Dalic explained that "I always carry a rosary with me" and "when I feel that I am going through a difficult time I put my hand in my pocket, I cling to it and then everything is easier."

Regarding the expectations of the Croatians for the success of their selection at the 2018 World Cup in Russia, he indicated that "I know what our people expect, how many people love Croatian football

and our team."

He stressed that "finding the good in life always brings satisfaction, happiness, a result. Man must always be honest with himself and with others."

Before the July 11 game, Dalic said of his Cinderella-story team: "we do not fear anyone, not even England."

The coach is 51 years old, married and has two children. During his youth he played on Croatian soccer teams, among them Hajduk Split, Inter Zapresic and Varteks Varazdin.

In 2000, he finished his career as a professional soccer and started coaching Croatian teams. In 2010 he went to Saudi Arabia to lead the teams of Al-Faisaly Hama and then Al-Hilal. A year later he moved to the United Arab Emirates to be the coach of the Al-Ain club.

In October 2017 he was appointed head coach of the Croatian national team.

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Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

15th Sunday of the Year (3)

Sat July 14

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun June 15

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Pat

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

16th Sunday of the Year (4)

Sat July 21

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun July 22

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

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

18th Sunday of the Year (1)

Sat August 5

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun July 6

Seddon (8am)

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr John

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

St Mary's Preschool

Our fantastic 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 preschool on 578 0678 for enquiries.



Also, on July 8 the position of Senior teacher/Manager was advertised within this new framework. Closing date for application is 5pm on July 30.



Community Matters

Help needed!

St Vincent de Paul want someone to cut up kindling that will be sold at the shop. Contact Margaret 5784690. Tools are available.

Hearing Aids

There are St Vincent de Paul grants available. Just ask your hearing specialist.

Introduction to Passionist Spirituality & Passionist Companions

So far we have explored the life of St Paul of the Cross through a DVD, and then had reflective evenings, some light reading and questions to explore together a spirituality based on resurrection coming from human suffering.

Companions are those who walk with and share our Passionist Charism, a way of seeing life through the love of God in the Passion of Jesus.

Blenheim Children's Sacraments:

This year Sacrament Preparation is Parish/Family based. Preparation Sessions are held on Sundays after Mass for parents and children together. **First Session is Sunday July 29 at 11am.**

There are two books for Confirmation and Communion. These are worked through at home as a family, so everyone can learn a little more about our religious life and practices. It's never too late to join in. Contact the office.

Kaikoura Children's Sacraments

Sister Maureen will continue the Sacrament Preparation Programme next term. Contact her if you want to join in.

Parish Calendar

July

Jul 7-22 .. School Holidays

Jul 15 .. 15th Sunday

Jul 16 .. Sacred Heart Stewardship Group. Meets at 7pm in Cahill Room.

Jul 17 .. Tapuae-o-Uenuku Stewardship Group meets

Jul 19 .. Blenheim: Intro to Passionist Companions:

In Mercy Room, 7pm. All welcome.

Jul 20 .. Blenheim: Seniors Anointing Mass and lunch.

Join us for Anointing at the Friday Mass and lunch to follow. Please contact Margaret 578 4690 or Pat

5781358 to book your seat. All welcome.

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 14 .. Kaikoura School Board

Aug 15 .. Feast of the Assumption Masses & Services

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

Aug 19 .. 20th Sunday

Aug 23 .. Finance & Property & Committee (7pm)

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 26 .. 21st Sunday

Aug 28 .. Pastoral Council

Aug 30 .. Renwick Community Meeting (10.30)

September

Sep 10-14 Christchurch

National Priests Gathering

Sep 14-16 ... Confirmation & First Communion

with Cardinal John Dew.

Sep 30 .. Renwick Open Day.

After the completion of the repairs and painting of the exterior of the Church, we celebrate with an Open Day from 2pm, 4pm Mass, and pot luck meal to follow.

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Carmel Lee (Richmond), Matthew Tutuila

Anniversaries: **11 July** Cathy O'Regan **16** Woodrow Eaton, John Ford **17** Benjamin Green, Melville Boyd **18** David Roberts, Anthony Bendall, Rongo Clayton **19** Leo Smith, Peter Creagh **20** Patrick Curran, Rupert Smart **21** Josephine Curtis **22** Patrick Keenan, Placid Eaton, William Aitken

Other Intentions:

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$4221.99
Envelopes:	\$1146.50
Loose:	\$ 806.30
Peters Pence	\$ 109.80

thank you!