



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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Parish Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison

Mark 6: "Where did this man get all this?"

Kaikoura Matters

Our Sisters

Sacred Heart Community and St Joseph's School are blessed with the presence of Sisters Maureen and Frances Anna of the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (SMSM). They have quietly entered into the life and ministries of our community.

Accommodation

When we agreed to the Cardinal's offer for the sisters to join our community, the priests offered them their house, rather than the parish renting another one. On advise of the Stewardship Group and the Parish Finance & Property Committee, Cardinal John approved the building of a sleep out and bathroom Hut for priest and/or visitors. Construction has been off and on. Insulation is now installed and waiting for internal walls to be constructed.

Thank you to the families who have offered Pat and I a room when we have been in town. Your kindness is very appreciated.



Fr Eric's Bequest to Our Community

We have received a bequest for \$110,000 from the Estate of Fr Eric, a gift to Sacred Heart Community. The Stewardship Team and Pastoral Council have agreed to establish a Community Pastoral Fund, to support ongoing education and training for teenagers and young adults. Michael Hammond is chair of the Committee.

Church AV Upgrade

With dissatisfaction with the quality of our PowerPoint projections off a wallpapered wall, we have explored several options, and on advise have installed a TV screen. Sound adjustments may follow. This will greatly assist our Liturgical participation

Building Community Connections

In all of our communities, we have strong local connections. That is one of our strengths. But we also need to be aware that it can be hard for newcomers to feel connected when they come to church. Let's keep our eyes open to new people and make them welcome, and introduce them to others. Hospitality is one way we can build our faith communities.

John Pearce CP

Readings for Fourteenth Week Ordinary Time

Sun 8th: Fourteenth Week Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5

2Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Psalm response: our eyes are fixed on the Lord pleading for his mercy

Mon 9th:

Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22,

Gospel Matt 9:18-26

Tues 10th:

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13

Gospel Matt 9:32-38

Wed 11th: St Benedict, abbot

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Gospel Matt 10:1-7

Thu 12th:

Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9

Gospel Matt 10:7-15

Fri 13th:

Hosea 14:2-10

Gospel Matt 10:16-23

Sat 14th:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel Matt 10:24-33

Sun 15th: Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Pope Francis Dines with the Poor & Homeless

Look Who Dropped In For Dinner?

Vatican News 30 June 2018



Pope Francis surprises poor and homeless at new cardinal's dinner

As new Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the pope's alms giver, was treating the poor and homeless of Rome to a dinner Friday night, Pope Francis surprised them with a visit and joined their celebration as a guest.

There was great celebration on Friday in the Vatican when some 280 poor people were invited to a dinner by new Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the official almsgiver of the Pope, who was made cardinal by Pope Francis at the Consistory the previous day, June 28th.

The Pope's surprise visit

Pope Francis surprised Cardinal Krajewski, his guests and volunteers with a visit and joined them at table at the Vatican employees' canteen. "I came for the poor, not for you," a smiling Pope told Cardinal Krajewski, popularly known as Fr. Corrado (instead of Konrad) to the poor he serves on behalf of the Pope.

The Holy Father dined with the poor and spent about two hours chatting with them as if in a family, listening to their stories that often told of suffering but also of hope.

Volunteers of Sant'Egidio

There were about 60 volunteers serving dinner to the poor, including Carlo Santoro of the Community of Sant'Egidio of Rome, who collaborates with Cardinal Krajewski's Office of Papal Charities, to assist the homeless in Rome.

"It was a specially warm visit because it was a dinner of the new cardinal with the poor," Santoro said. "To the surprise of all, the Holy Father arrived. We thought it was a simple greeting and he would be off soon," he said. The new cardinal turned to Santoro asking him to make room close to him for the Pope.

Santoro said the Pope greeted everyone with great affection. At the Pope's table were several Syrian refugees who had arrived through the efforts of the Sant'Egidio Community. One of them travelled to Rome with the Pope after his visit to the Greek island of Lesbos on April 16, 2016. The man told the Pope he is now working and is integrated in Italy.

Talking with refugees

Santoro heard the Pope saying that several times in recent months he has met refugees from Lebanon and was struck by the fact that children were the first to speak Italian. For the Pope, integration is fundamental which is not just welcome. Where there is no job, the Pope said, there is no integration

because without job there is no future.

Santoro said that at the table there was another refugee who narrated to the Pope how he arrived in Italy. It was an 11-month journey through the desert, a journey full of dangers and pitfalls. He has been in Italy for some years and he too has been integrated.

Another guest from Senegal, a Muslim, told him that this was the third time at a meal with the Pope. He had been with both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI for lunch, and this was the third time. Pope Francis jokingly told him, "Make a collection of Popes!"

The Pope's neighbours

Santoro said that they introduced to the Pope some of the homeless who sleep around St. Peter's Square at night and collaborate with them every day. Santoro said the Pope was very affectionate to his neighbours. Cardinal Krajewski explained to the Pope that they collaborate a lot such as for the funeral of someone who dies in the streets.

Pope's worry for children in Texas

The volunteer of Sant'Egidio Community noted the Pope was touched by and enjoyed the presence of children around him. The Pope blessed a Syrian baby girl, born a few months ago, who was baptized on June 28. Talking with the volunteers, the Holy Father expressed his worry over the issue of children being separated from their mothers in Texas, United States.

The Pope repeated that Europe was on the verge of suicide because by not accepting immigrants and not having children gave the continent no hope for the future. He noted this worrying trend in other parts of the world, particularly in the US.



Ex-prisoners, alcoholics

Santoro, the Sant'Egidio Community volunteer said the Pope also talked to some former prisoners, repeating something that he has often said: "But why not me?", meaning he could have been in their shoes.

When the volunteers told Pope Francis the story of a homeless, alcoholic man, the Holy Father said, "Alcohol could affect any of us because it's an evil that kidnaps you, an evil that doesn't leave you, it's an evil that you can only get out of with the help of others." Our problem, even as a Church, is to help people come out of difficult situations and do so together, the Pope said.

Poor helping poor

The Holy Father was very moved to hear that many homeless people help the volunteers help others like them. The Pope heard how during severe cold snap early this year, many a homeless helped in distributing blankets.

Laudato Si': Three Years On

Pope Francis' encyclical has become the subject of many studies, conferences and new publications, illustrating its richness. Joël Molinario. La Croix International. 2 July 2018



Mural of St Francis, St. Francis Parish, Seffner, Florida, United States.

Pope Francis' long-anticipated 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* has not disappointed its readers, receiving a broad and enthusiastic welcome in a rare phenomenon for a magisterial document of the church.

The encyclical has aroused great interest from the time of its publication and this has continued. Indeed, Pope Francis' encyclical has become the subject of many studies, conferences and new publications, illustrating its richness.

One of these studies, a joint article by Canadian theologian C. Vanin and Australian theologian Neil Ormerod, which asks "what does 'ecological conversion' really mean?" is in my view particularly incisive and suggestive.

The article explains the importance of the notion of ecological conversion (LS, Chap. III, §216-221) as well as its theological and spiritual significance.

It also shows how the latter enables us to interpret the significant current overlap between the ecological anthropological crises facing the world. Here, it is necessary to link Pope Francis' concept of integral ecology (LS §10-11 and Chap. IV) with that of ecological conversion.

In effect, conversion is a process that can be understood as having four dimensions: religious or spiritual, moral, intellectual and psychological. Moreover the concept is applicable to Catholics as well to other believers.

Religious conversion opens us up to the love of God, to loving him naturally but also to love that which God loves in the way that God loves it.

Thus, ecological conversion opens us up unconditionally to the whole created universe.

"For they are yours, O Lord, who love the living." (Wis 11:26) This is the basis of our conviction that, as part of the universe, called into being by one Father, all of us are linked by unseen bonds," Francis explains.

"Here I would reiterate that 'God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement.'" (LS §89).

In the view of Vanin and Ormerod, the moral and cultural dimension of conversion is key.

Drawing on other studies, their article explains

that the central issue in the encyclical is the re-balancing between the cultural anthropological and the cultural cosmological axis of life and church doctrine over the course of centuries.

Historically, Christianity contributed to making a place for the human being at the heart of the pagan cultures of antiquity. It achieved this via the concepts of the human person and consciousness.

Thus, the rational and political western concept of this subject has progressively taken over, obscuring the link to the cosmos and its symbolism, which became suspect and associated with witchcraft, paganism and various heresies.

It was as if the church and Western culture from the end of the Middle Ages and the Modern Era had abandoned the cosmos.

The summit of this movement can be found in the invention of an exclusive, atheistic humanism of the 19th century, where humans were re-conceived in the place of God as dominating the world by their intelligence and their machines.

Consequently, nature was understood as simply subject to domination and exploitation for economic and consumer needs.

This is where the figure of St. Francis of Assisi is decisive for the encyclical.

In effect, at the very moment when an anthropological imbalance began to weigh on medieval history, St. Francis emerged at the centre of cosmological and anthropological culture.

With St. Francis, it is possible in the same canticle to re-hear both damaged nature and sinful humanity as well the beauty of the cosmos and the greatness of humankind.

The common home "cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her," the encyclical reads.

"We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life." (LS §2).

For St. Francis and Pope Francis, ecological conversion consists in taking care of the nature that we have wounded. It is a matter of loving what God loves as God loves it.

Ecological conversion thus involves anthropological conversion but certainly not anthropocentrism.

C. Vanin, N. Ormerod, *Ecological Conversion : What Does it Mean?*, Theological Studies, 2016, Vol. 77. Joël Molinario is director of the Higher Institute for Pastoral Catechetics (ISPC) in Paris.

Note: The Encyclical is available on the internet on the Vatican Web site, www.vatican.va

Called to Serve: Church Vocations Today Ever thought of being

A Diocesan Priest? Holy Cross Seminary Auckland

www.holycross.org.nz

A Passionist Missionary? www.passionists.com

A Sister of Mercy? www.sistersofmercy.org.nz

A Marist Missionary Sister? www.smsmsisters.org

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

14th Sunday of the Year (2)

Sat July 7

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun July 8

Seddon (8am) **W&C**

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John

Post Synod Session to follow

Blenheim (10am) **W&C**

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

15th Sunday of the Year (3)

Sat July 14

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun July 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

Congratulations to our Youth Workers, Maurice & Mieke Davies, who welcomed little Maia on Tuesday Morning. An amazing 8.8 Lbs. Mother and baby doing well. Thanks for the prayers.

St Mary's Preschool

In super exciting news, our fantastic Preschool 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.



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.

Jul 7-22: School Holidays

Time for a break and to re-connect for our families. We hope it's a good holiday time for all of us.

Foodbank:

Our Community Food Banks need our help. Blenheim Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishables to be put in the basket this Sunday at Mass. In Picton and Havelock, this opportunity is available every Sunday.

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: The Introductory Session was held last Wednesday.

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.

Sea Sunday 8th July

Today the Catholic Church with all other Churches in NZ and around the world remembers and prays for

all seafarers. They are far from family, endure unsafe working conditions and paid low wages because of isolation from authorities. Lonely, unloved and treated badly, they are for us are the suffering Christ. Please pray for them in mass. Take a brochure available in the Church if interested in this apostolate, Stella Maris or Apostleship of the Sea-027 4920250. www.aos.org.nz

Parish Calendar

July

Fr Tom McDonough's Visit this week has been cancelled, due to his presence needed in Port Moresby where our only Aussie CP is down with dengue fever.

Jul 7-22 .. School Holidays

Jul 8 .. 14th Sunday

Kaikoura: Post Synod Workshop, Developing a Local Pastoral Plan.

After Mass, come, share and discern how we apply the Archdiocesan Synod recommendations from last year. The theme was "Go you are sent". Several recommendations are relevant to our local pastoral planning. Morning tea will be provided and the time frame is approximately 90 minutes of discussion.

Kaikoura: Kaichorus (Community Choir)

This Sunday, at Donegal House at 2pm, Kaichorus is holding a Fund-raiser for the Mayfair theatre. Door sales: are 10 includes afternoon tea.

The historic Mayfair theatre was our only movie theatre in Kaikoura. It was badly damaged in the Kaikoura Earthquake 2016. It is community owned 1930's art deco building. Plans are underway to re-develop the venue into a multipurpose movie, concert and conference centre. The funds generated by this concert will go towards this project.

Jul 15 .. 15th Sunday

Jul 19 .. Blenheim: Intro to

Passionist Companions:

In Mercy Room, 7pm. All welcome.

Jul 20 .. Blenheim: Seniors

Anointing Mass and lunch.

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 .. Finance & Property

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Flo Brook, Terry Crispin,

Anniversaries: **9 July** Terence Smith **10** Hugh Byrne, John Roache, Leo Wallace, William Broughan, Tabitha Betts **11** Florence Poharama, Agnes Lawson, Lawrence Genet **12** Ellen Willa, Elizabeth Eaton, Marie Harnett **13** Edna Turner, James Pickworth, Margaret O'Connor, Maurice Daly **14** Catherine Peoples, Nancy Stokes, Thomas Kerr, Hayden Broughan **15** Frances Hamilton, Colleen Guthrie, Patricia Harnett

Other Intentions: Special favours obtained

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$2650.00
Envelopes:	\$1862.00
Loose:	\$ 1057.80
Peters Pence	\$ 325.00

thank
you!