



Te Whetu o te Moana | The 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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Little Girl I say to you arise!

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

We have received a revised Policy & Procedure Framework for all Diocesan Clergy, Employees and Volunteers who engage in work or ministry with Children (aged 0 to under 18) and Vulnerable Adults (all ages).

We will study this in the coming weeks and advise where we need to go with compliance. Our main focus is the protection of children who are associated with church or schools.

In Australia, people working with children or vulnerable adults need a State Working With Children Check (Card or Certificate) that is renewed every 3 or 5 years. In my recent trip to Sydney I had to renew mine for NSW, so that I can keep my Faculties to celebrate public masses while in Sydney.

Adults who engage with youth groups, children's liturgy, or communion to the sick are people who will need a Police Vet. **Mandy Li** is our Parish Safeguarding Officer. More information on how we do this will be communicated as it comes to hand.

Parish Emergency Response

I am passing over to the Pastoral

Council the matter of forming an Emergency Response Plan for our Parish and its Communities. It's not about an escape Plan, but more a matter of how we respond as a civic community in a time of a disaster or any form. This will probably call on us to appoint co-ordinating officers in case of an emergency.

Association of Practical Theology in Oceania (APTO)

I have accepted an invitation to present a paper at the APTO Conference in Suva in November with the encouragement of my Provincial Fr Tom McDonough CP.

Under the banner of "Weaving Theology in Oceania", I have chosen to present on "Fusion, Fracture, Healing & Dreaming", on how we are weaving the new Parish of Marlborough today.

In the coming weeks I will invite your participation in this project so that it reflects a community response.

When we stop and reflect on how we are growing as a parish, there is much good that is happening, because we make it happen together. I look forward to being your voice at the Conference.

John Pearce CP

Readings for Thirteen Week Ordinary Time

Sun 1st July: Thirteenth Week Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24 2Corinthians 8:7-9,13-15 Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Psalm response: I will Praise you Lord for you have rescued me

Mon 2nd: Amos 2:6-10,13-16

Gospel Matt 8:18-22

Tues 3rd: St Thomas, Apostle Ephesians 2:19-22

Gospel John 20:24-29

Wed 4th: Amos 5:14-15,21-24

Gospel Matt 8:28-34

Thu 5th: Amos 7:10-17

Gospel Matt 9:1-8

Fri 6th: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12

Gospel Matt 9:9-13

Sat 7th: Amos 9:11-15

Gospel Matt 9:14-17

Sun 8th: Fourteenth Week Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5 2Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Pope Francis

In every human person there is the imprint of God

Pope Francis reflected on the "sublime mission" of parents that he said, makes each family a sanctuary of life. He was speaking during the Sunday Angelus in St. Peter's Square. By Linda Bordoni. Vatican News 24 June 2018.



Pope Francis on Sunday took his cue from the **Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist** and from the Gospel reading of the day to reflect on how parents, when generating a child "act as co-workers of God".

To the crowds of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Sunday **Angelus**, the Pope said that in "every human person there is the imprint of God, the

source of life" and he described the role of parents in "generating a child" as a "truly sublime mission that makes each family a sanctuary of life".

The work of God is beyond our logic

After having reflected on the Gospel of Luke that tells of the birth of John the Baptist to his elderly parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, the Pope pointed out that "God does not depend on our logic and our limited human capacity." "It is necessary, he said, to learn to trust and remain silent before the mystery of God and to contemplate in humility and silence his work, which reveals itself in history and which often surpasses our imagination".

Awe, surprise, gratitude

Francis spoke at length of the sentiments of wonder and joy with which John's parents, neighbours and relatives received the birth of the baby.

"Awe, surprise and gratitude" he said, were the sentiments surrounding the birth of John the Baptist, and he pointed out that the faithful "immediately understood that something great – although humble and private – had taken place", and they asked themselves: "What, then, will this child be?".

Inviting those present to look to their own faith and ask themselves "is it joyful and full of wonder and gratitude?" or is "flat and always the same?" – Pope Francis urged believers to open their hearts to God and feel the grace of the Lord moving within them.

Family sanctuary of life

Parents, he concluded, "are collaborators of God" when they generate life, and this "sublime mission makes each family a sanctuary of life" where "the birth of every child reawakens the joy, the wonder, the gratitude".

Pope Francis in Geneva

Ecumenism Operating at a Loss

From an address at an ecumenical prayer service. By Susy Hodges. Vatican News 21 June 2018

Reflecting on the Apostle Paul's advice for Christians to walk in the Spirit, Pope Francis stressed that "for us Christians walking together is not a ploy to strengthen our own positions" and reminded his listeners that the Lord "begs" us for unity. His words came during an address on Thursday at an ecumenical prayer service held at the headquarters of the World Council of Churches (WCC) during his one-day visit to Geneva to mark the WCC's 70th anniversary.

"Walking in the Spirit means rejecting worldliness"

The Pope acknowledged it was "challenging" to walk in the Spirit because it means "rejecting worldliness. It means opting for a mindset of service and growing in forgiveness." He lamented that "the thirst for material things blinds us to our companions along the way and "we become slaves to unbridled consumerism."

Stressing the need for constant conversion, Pope Francis told his listeners that divisions between Christians have often arisen because at their root, "in the life of communities" a worldly mindset has seeped in."

"Even some past attempts to end divisions among Christians failed miserably because they were chiefly inspired by a worldly way of thinking," he said.

Ecumenism: viewed as "operating at a loss"

Pope Francis said the ecumenical movement came about as a grace of the Holy Spirit but said in the eyes of the world, it is often viewed as "operating at a loss" because it means belonging to Christ before belonging to our own group.

The Lord "begs for unity"

Referring to the 70th anniversary of the WCC, the Pope urged his audience to "strengthen" their steps on the path towards Christian unity, by walking, praying and working together.

"The Lord asks us for unity: our world, torn by all too many divisions that affect the most vulnerable, begs us for unity," he said. The Pope Francis concluded his address by saying that for us as Christians, "walking together is not a ploy to strengthen our own positions but an act of obedience to the Lord."

Pope at Mass in Geneva: 'Unity found in forgiveness'

From his homily at Mass. By Devin Watkins. Vatican News 21 June

Pope Francis celebrated Mass at Geneva's Palexpo Convention Center on Thursday afternoon, offering a message of forgiveness and a pathway towards Christian unity.

In his homily, the Holy Father spoke about three words from Jesus' Our Father prayer: father, bread, and forgiveness.

Our Father: Church focused on

God

Pope Francis said the prayer begins with Our Father, which is "the key to opening God's heart." He said these words are a reminder that Christians are not orphans or living in isolation.

"The words 'Our Father' reveal our identity, our life's meaning: we are God's beloved sons and daughters."

Jesus' prayer, he said, teaches us to think as a Church focused on "the you of God", which is "a roadmap for the spiritual life." We are called, as sons and daughters of God, to take "care of our brothers and sisters in the one human family."

"This includes the unborn, the older person who can no longer speak, the person we find hard to forgive, the poor and the outcast."

Bread: Necessary for material and spiritual life

Pope Francis then reflected on the second word. Bread, he said, "is essential for life" and warned: "Woe to those who speculate on bread!" He said the "simplicity of bread" can help us to rediscover "the courage of silence and prayer, the leaven of a truly human life." The Pope said bread is not only a material good, which everyone needs to survive, but also a spiritual necessity, which is "Jesus himself." *"If he is not our daily bread, the center of our days, the very air we breathe, then everything else is meaningless."*

Pope Francis at World Council of Churches

Ongoing Ecumenism of Blood Urges us to Go Forward

Pope Francis addressed the Central Committee of the WCC and other ecumenical delegates during his visit to Geneva calling on all Christians to experience a more intense fraternity in the exercise of concrete charity. By Linda Bordoní Vatican News 21 June 2018



Pope Francis has called on all Christians to overcome the temptation to make their own cultural paradigms absolute and get caught up in partisan interests noting that our ecumenical journey is preceded and accompanied by an ecumenism of blood that urges us to go forward on the path to full Christian unity.

The Pope was addressing the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in Geneva as well as a number of ecumenical delegates, civil authorities and members of the papal entourage.

His speech represented the highlight of his one-day visit to Geneva where he is marking the 70th anniversary of the WCC.

Gratitude for those who paved the way

Francis began his discourse giving thanks to those who paved the way that allows us to come together today as brothers and sisters "choosing the path of forgiveness and sparing no effort to respond to the Lord's will 'that all may be one'.

He said that out of love for Jesus "they did not allow themselves to be mired in disagreements, but instead looked courageously to the future, believing in unity and breaking down barriers of suspicion and of fear".

He praised the World Council of Churches that, he said, was born in service to the ecumenical movement, which itself originated in a powerful summons to mission: for how can Christians proclaim the Gospel, Francis noted, if they are divided among themselves?

Missionary mandate of all Christians

He expressed his concern that perhaps, today, ecumenism and mission are no longer so closely intertwined as they were at the beginning, and reminded those present that the missionary mandate of all Christians determines our very identity.

"Faith in Jesus Christ is not the fruit of consensus, nor can the People of God be reduced to a non-governmental organization" he said, pointing out that the gift we are called to offer is the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection.

"This is the treasure that we [...] must offer to our world, so beloved yet so deeply troubled" he said.

Francis said that what is really needed is a *new evangelical outreach* and expressed his conviction that an increased missionary impulse will lead us to greater unity.

Commitment of the Catholic Church

The Pope reaffirmed the commitment of the Catholic Church to the cause of ecumenism and reflected briefly on the motto chosen for this day: *Walking, Praying and Working Together*.

Regarding *Walking*, he said that we must walk 'In' so as to move constantly to the center to acknowledge that we are branches grafted onto the one vine who is Jesus; and 'Out' towards the many existential peripheries of today's world, in order to join in bringing the healing grace of the Gospel to our suffering brothers and sisters.

As for *Praying*, he said, prayer is the oxygen of ecumenism: "Without prayer, communion becomes stifling and makes no progress, because we prevent the wind of the Spirit from driving us forward".

Finally *Working together*: here, he said, "I would like to reaffirm that the Catholic Church acknowledges the special importance of the work carried out by the Faith and Order Commission and desires to keep contributing to that work through the participation of highly qualified theologians".

The Pope said that "the quest of Faith and Order for a common vision of the Church, together with its work of studying moral and ethical issues, touch areas crucial for the future of ecumenism".

Call to heed the cry of those who suffer

Francis concluded his address noting that for all Christians the way to follow the Master is to serve – not to be served – and this is witnessed also by the "broad gamut of services provided by the member churches of the World Council".

"The credibility of the Gospel, he said, is put to the test by the way Christians respond to the cry of all those, in every part of the world, who suffer unjustly from the baleful spread of an exclusion that, by generating poverty, foments conflicts".

Calling for concrete action for the more vulnerable who are increasingly marginalized, lacking their daily bread, employment and a future, while the rich are fewer and ever more wealthy, the Pope said: "Let us be challenged to compassion by the cry of those who suffer".

Ecumenism of blood

He invited those present to "see what we can do concretely, rather than grow discouraged about what we cannot" and to "look to our many brothers and sisters in various parts of the world, particularly in the Middle East, who suffer because they are Christians. Let us draw close to them. May we never forget that our ecumenical journey is preceded and accompanied by an ecumenism already realized, the ecumenism of blood, which urges us to go forward".

He encouraged all Christians "to overcome the temptation to absolutize certain cultural paradigms and get caught up in partisan interests" and to heed the summons to responsible service of the human family and the protection of creation.

"Let us ask ourselves: What can we do *together*? If a particular form of service is possible, why not plan and carry it out together, and thus start to experience a more intense fraternity in the exercise of concrete charity?"

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

June 11-26, Fr John
in Sydney and Brisbane for
National Religious Leaders Conference, &
Passionist Provincial Council Meeting

13th Sunday of the Year (1)

Sat June 30

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun July 1

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

Wed July 4: Mass at 11am in the Church for the funeral of Flo Brook. No Mass at 12.05pm.

14th Sunday of the Year (2)

Sat July 7

Blenheim (9.30am) Mass/Pat

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 Day 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 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 Pat

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 (4) Mass/Fr Pat

Caritas:

Nationwide, the Lenten Appeal raised over \$950,000 and our parish contributed \$3,198 to that figure. Thank you for your generosity.



The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

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 1: Around the World in Twenty Tunes.

A Concert at The Wesley Centre presented by the Marlborough Singers, directed by our local Operatic Baritone Robert Tucker, Accompanied by Aria Bakker.

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 next Sunday at Mass.

In Picton and Havelock, this opportunity is available every Sunday.

Introduction to Passionist Spirituality

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.

Parish Calendar

July

Jun 30-Jul 1: Tongan Community

Monthly gathering for meeting, Mass & kai with chaplain Fr Senele.

Jul 1: 13th Sunday

Picton: Sounds Stewardship (5pm)

Jul 3 .. **Blenheim: Wairau**

Stewardship (7pm)

Jul 4 .. **Blenheim: Intro to Children's Sacraments:**

For Children and parents seeking the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion in September. In Community Centre at 6pm.

... **Blenheim: Cultural**

Committee:

Inaugural meeting of the Parish Cultural Committee, a gathering of reps from various Catholic Cultural Groups. Open to people wanting to assist. To be held at the Migrant Centre at 6pm.

Jul 5: .. BCMA: Blenheim Christian Ministers Meeting

Jul 8 .. 14th Sunday

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

All the community are invited to join in conversation as we seek to implement several of the recommendations of last year's Archdiocesan Synod. In the Hall after Mass for 90 minutes.

Jul 9-14: Visit by Fr Tom McDonough CP

Fr Tom is Provincial Superior of the Passionists for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam.

Jul 15 .. 15th Sunday

Jul 19 .. Intro to Passionist Companions:

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. In the Mercy Room at 7pm. All welcome.

Jul 20 .. Seniors Anointing Mass and lunch.

Please contact Margaret 578 4690 or Pat 5781358 to book your seat. All welcome.

Jul 22 .. 16th Sunday

Jul 24: Pastoral Council (7pm)

Jul 26: .. Finance & Property Committee (7pm)

Jul 29 .. 17th Sunday

August-September

Aug 1+ All Centres Preparation starts for Confirmation & Communion.

Sep 10-14 Christchurch National Priests Gathering

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

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Flo Brook, Terry Crispin, Julia McConnell (Fielding)

Anniversaries: June 29 Robert Montgomery **July 2** George McKinley, Kevin Sweeney **3** Hilton Parker, Reginald Miles **4** Patrick Mackle, Sarah Dooley **5** Mary Smith **6** Ian Muir **7** Rev. Arkwright Jacobs, Mary Poharama, Eunice Wade, Mary Machen, James Hickey, Infant son of Henry Mackle **8** Elsie Day, Raymond Starkey, John Solomon, Maurice Harnett, John Pitiroi Solomon, Elsie Macleod.

Other Intentions: Julian Pereira, Jeanne Jenkins, Denis Harnett

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$3052.00
Envelopes:	\$1409.20
Loose:	\$ 727.20
Seminary Appeal	\$ 20.00
Peters Pence	\$ 5.00

thank you!