



# 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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## Newsletter No 23: 24 June 2018 Nativity of John the Baptist

### 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 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)

### Parish Priest: Fr John Pearce CP (BHM)

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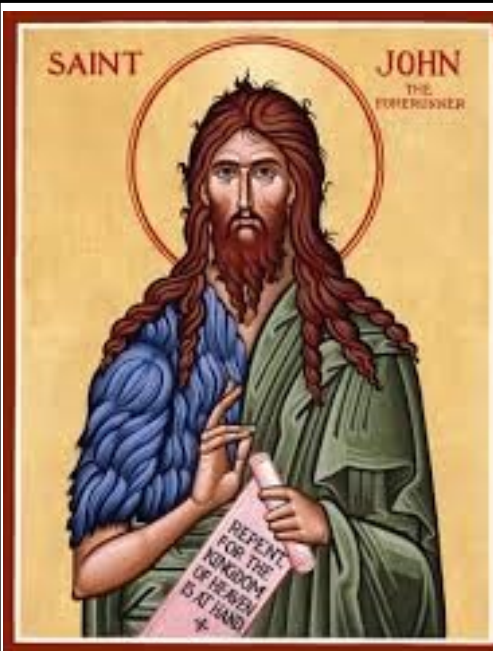
### Youth Ministers: Maurice & Mieke Davies

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### Pastoral Council Chair: Greg Stretch

Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison

## St John the Baptist



### Remembering the Saints

Saints are usually remembered and celebrated on the date of their death. The only exceptions are Mary of Nazareth and John the Baptist, who are both remembered on the dates of their birth.

This is because Mary was conceived without sin, and John was born without sin, due to their encounters with Jesus.

In the Western Church John is called the Baptist. In the Eastern Churches he is called the Forerunner. Both indicate two aspects of his ministry.

### Man with a Name

John became a Man with a Message. He went "bush" and was followed by devotees, people who listened and contemplated the call of the Lord ... **"Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand."**

### Man with a Message

With the entry of Jesus onto the scene, he soon changed the Message to **"There is one coming after me who's sandal I am unfit to tie ... listen to him".**

**John Pearce CP**

### Readings for Twelfth Week Ordinary Time

#### Sun 24th: Birth of St John The Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Gospel Luke 1:57-66,80

**Psalm response:** I praise you for I am wonderfully made

#### Mon 25th:

2Kings 17:5-8,13-15,18

Gospel Matt 7:1-5

#### Tues 26th:

2Kings 19:9-11,14-21,31-36

Gospel Matt 7:6-12-14

#### Wed 27th:

2Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3

Gospel Matt 7:15-20

#### Thu 28th: St Irenaeus, B.M.

2Kings 24:8-17

Gospel Matt 7:21-29

#### Fri 29th: Sts Peter & Paul

Acts 12:1-11

2Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

Gospel Matt 16:13-19

#### Sat 30th:

Lament 2:2,10-14,18-19

Gospel Matt 8:5-17

#### 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

## Prepare a Place

### Homily of Pope Francis for the Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*Salt and Light Media. June 3, 2018*

*Here below is the homily given by the Pope during the celebration of the Eucharist in Ostia, a suburban region of Rome on Sunday June 3.*

The Gospel we just heard speaks of the Last Supper, but surprisingly, pays more attention to the preparations than to the dinner itself. We keep hearing the word "prepare". For example, the disciples ask: "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" (Mk 14:12). Jesus sends them off with clear instructions to make the necessary preparations and they find "a large room... furnished and ready" (v. 15). The disciples went off to prepare, but the Lord had already made his own preparations.

Something similar occurs after the resurrection, when Jesus appears to the disciples for the third time. While they are fishing, he waits for them on the shore, where he has already prepared bread and fish for them. Even so, he tells the disciples to bring some of the fish that they have just caught, which he himself had shown them how to catch (cf. Jn 21:6.9-10). Jesus has already made preparations and he asks his disciples to cooperate. Once again, just before the Passover meal, Jesus tells the disciples: "I go to prepare a place for you... so that where I am, there you may be also" (Jn 14:2.3). Jesus is the one who prepares, yet before his own Passover he also asks us urgently, with exhortations and parables, to be prepared, to remain ever ready (cf. Mt 24:44; Lk 12:40).

Jesus, then, prepares for us and asks us to be prepared. What does he prepare for us? A place and a meal. A place much more worthy than the "large furnished room" of the Gospel. It is our spacious and vast home here below, the Church, where there is, and must be, room for everyone. But he has also reserved a place for us on high, in heaven, so that we can be with him and with one another for ever. In addition to a place, he prepares a meal, the Bread in which he gives himself: "Take; this is my body" (Mk 14:22). These two gifts, a place and a meal, are what we need to live. They are our ultimate "room and board". Both are bestowed upon us in the Eucharist.

Jesus prepares a place for us here below, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives her birth and rebirth; it

gathers her together and gives her strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us a place on high, in eternity, for it is the Bread of heaven. It comes down from heaven – it is the only matter on earth that savours of eternity. It is the bread of things to come; even now, it grants us a foretaste of a future infinitely greater than all we can hope for or imagine. It is the bread that sates our greatest expectations and feeds our finest dreams. It is, in a word, the pledge of eternal life – not simply a promise but a pledge, a concrete anticipation of what awaits us there. The Eucharist is our "reservation" for the heavenly banquet; it is Jesus himself, as food for our journey towards eternal life and happiness.

the consecrated host, together with a place, Jesus prepares for us a meal, food for our nourishment. In life, we constantly need to be fed: nourished not only with food, but also with plans and affection, hopes and desires. We hunger to be loved. But the most pleasing compliments, the finest gifts and the most advanced technologies are not enough; they never completely satisfy us. The Eucharist is simple food, like bread, yet it is the only food that satisfies, for there is no greater love. There we encounter Jesus really; we share his life and we feel his love. There you can realize that his death and resurrection are for you. And when you worship Jesus in the Eucharist, you receive from him the Holy Spirit and you find peace and joy. Dear brothers and sisters, let us choose this food of life! Let us make Mass our priority! Let us rediscover Eucharistic adoration in our communities! Let us implore the grace to hunger for God, with an insatiable desire to receive what he has prepared for us.

As he did with his disciples, so too today Jesus asks us, today, to prepare. Like the disciples, let us ask him: "Lord, where do you want us to go to prepare?" Where: Jesus does not prefer exclusive, selective places. He looks for places untouched by love, untouched by hope. Those uncomfortable places are where he wants to go and he asks us to prepare his way. How many persons lack dignified housing or food to eat! All of us know people who are lonely, troubled and in need: they are abandoned tabernacles. We, who receive from Jesus our own room and board, are here to prepare a place and a meal for these, our brothers and sisters in need. Jesus became bread broken for our sake;

in turn, he asks us to give ourselves to others, to live no longer for ourselves but for one another. In this way, we live "eucharistically", pouring out upon the world the love we draw from the Lord's flesh. The Eucharist is translated into life when we pass beyond ourselves to those all around us.

The Gospel tells us that the disciples made their preparations once they "set out and went to the city" (v. 16). The Lord calls us also today to prepare for his coming not by keeping our distance but by entering our cities. That includes this city, whose very name – Ostia – means entrance, doorway. Lord, how many doors do you want us to open for you here? How many gates do you call us to unbar, how many walls must we tear down? Jesus wants the walls of indifference and silent collusion to be breached, iron bars of oppression and arrogance torn asunder, and paths cleared for justice, civility and legality. The vast beachfront of this city speaks to us of how beautiful it is to open our hearts and to set out in new directions in life. But this requires loosening the knots that keep us bound to the moorings of fear and depression. The Eucharist invites to let ourselves be carried along by the wave of Jesus, to not remain grounded on the beach in the hope that something may come along, but to cast into the deep, free, courageous and united.

The Gospel ends by telling us that the disciples, "after singing a hymn, went out" (v. 26). At the end of Mass, we too will go out; we will go forth with Jesus, who will pass through the streets of this city. Jesus wants to dwell among you. He wants to be part of your lives, to enter your houses and to offer his liberating mercy, his blessing and his consolation. You have experienced painful situations; the Lord wants to be close to you.

Let us open our doors to him and say:

***Come, Lord, and visit us.  
We welcome you into our hearts,  
our families and our city.***

***We thank you because  
you have prepared for us  
the food of life  
and a place in your Kingdom.***

***Make us active  
in preparing your way,  
joyous in bringing you,  
who are the Way, to others,  
and thus to bring fraternity,  
justice and peace  
to our streets.  
Amen.***



## Creating Communion

### Creating Communion Together

by Kevin Bates SM



As we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (*"Corpus Christi" runs more easily off the tongue for those of us who've been around a while!*), it's timely to reflect on the role the Eucharist plays in our lives.

Meals are important, necessary and nourishment. Meals with those we love are the places where the best stories are told, memories unearthed and hopes expressed.

"We must have dinner sometime", is a most often heard phrase around our community. Why? Because it is there we have the best opportunity to share who we are with each other.

The food and drink speak of the host's care for the guests and the guests' enjoyment of the food rewards the host with great joy.

Good meals involve both story-telling and story-listening. They also involve a certain ritual. Imagine a meal without the ritual of food and drink! It would be unthinkable. The stories, the conver-

sations, the eating and drinking belong to everyone there. We all own the event and all play our part in its creation.

Through the stories and the ritual, Communion is created, enhanced and promised.

What a blessing that our community's family meal, the Eucharist contains all these elements.

Our Eucharist, like any other meal, loses its balance when the story-telling takes over, (in other words when the priest talks too much or talks at us rather than engages with us), when the music becomes centre-stage rather than an aid to our communion with each other, when the stories, the readings, are simply read and not proclaimed with faith and passion and when the prayers of the Mass are garbled in rote fashion rather than embraced and unfolded with care. When this happens we turn away for there is little nourishment there and little opportunity for us to contribute.

For some sadly, there seems little understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist beyond being a ritual we use for certain transition moments in our lives, baptisms, weddings, funerals.

Over the centuries we have created this dis-connect with our priest-centred rituals where the people almost became an optional extra!

We are working constantly to make our celebrations as nourishing as possible and to recover from this distorted history.

The Eucharist is our family meal, the place where we sacrifice time, attention and the gift of our faith as nourishment for one another. Our host gladly makes that same sacrifice and in that, embod-

ies God's total love for us no matter from what part of the family we come. Jesus showed that so clearly in his time on earth and through his Spirit still.

Our host Jesus, becomes our best nourishment as we receive him at Communion time. He is both the host and the nourishment, surely the perfect model for us when are hosting one another in our homes.

He welcomes anyone who cares to come to him. Especially he wishes to encounter, feed and nourish, those who have lost touch with him. They are his greatest joy.

So this week, as you prepare your family meals, as you eat, drink and share your stories with each other, know that there is another guest at your table who returns the invitation and longs to share the gift of himself anytime you care to pop by.

Just as you invite others to your table, encourage them to come to share the table Jesus sets for them with such love.

Let's pray too that those who regularly participate in the Eucharist, share that same spirit of welcome that Jesus offers them. Moving up from their normal seat, exchanging a welcoming greeting, showing the new-comers the way around the place and how to join in the prayers and conversations that make up our Eucharist, will go a long way to building up the Body of Christ.

The real presence we celebrate of Jesus in the Eucharist, really needs to be honoured and reflected through our real presence to each other. Let's see to it then!

**Kevin Bates SM is Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Hunters Hill in Sydney.**

## The Start of Francis Pontificate

### Apostolic Blessing "Urbi et Orbi" 13 March 2013



Brothers and sisters, good evening!

You know that it was the duty of the Conclave to give Rome a Bishop. It seems that my brother Cardinals have gone to the ends of the earth to get one... but here we are... I thank you for your welcome.

The diocesan community of Rome now has its Bishop. Thank you! And first of all, I would like to offer a prayer for our Bishop Emeritus, Benedict XVI. Let us pray together for him, that the Lord may bless him and that Our Lady may keep him.

**Our Father...  
Hail Mary...  
Glory Be...**

And now, we take up this journey: Bishop and People. This journey of the Church of Rome which presides in charity over all the Churches. A journey of fraternity, of love, of trust among us. Let us always pray for one another. Let us pray for the whole world, that there may be a great spirit of fraternity.

It is my hope for you that this journey of the Church, which we start today, and in which my Cardinal Vicar,

here present, will assist me, will be fruitful for the evangelization of this most beautiful city.

And now I would like to give the blessing, but first - first I ask a favour of you: before the Bishop blesses his people, I ask you to pray to the Lord that he will bless me: the prayer of the people asking the blessing for their Bishop. Let us make, in silence, this prayer: your prayer over me.

Now I will give the Blessing to you and to the whole world, to all men and women of good will.

Brothers and sisters, I leave you now. Thank you for your welcome. Pray for me and until we meet again. We will see each other soon. Tomorrow I wish to go and pray to Our Lady, that she may watch over all of Rome.

Good night and sleep well!

# 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**

**Birth of John the Baptist (4)**  
**Assisting is Fr Carl Telford**

**Sat June 23**

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

**Sun June 24**

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Carl

Picton (9am) **W&C**

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Carl

Havelock (11am) **W&C**

Ward (4) **Cancelled**

**Tuesday 26th, John returns**

**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

**14th Sunday of the Year (2)**

**Sat July 7**

Blenheim (9.30am) Mass/

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 July 15**

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr John

## Coming Events



### July 8: Kaikoura Post Synod Day.

Last year some of our community members travelled to Wellington as part of the 15 strong Marlborough Parish delegation for the Archdiocesan Synod. Through our participation in the discernment process, we helped shape the concluding statement signed off by our Archbishop, Cardinal John.

Kaikoura missed the Parish Day in Blenheim on February 18, due to the last major slip that cut the Highway for 2 weeks.

On July 8, Kaikoura Community members are invited to participate in a follow up session where we determine local action on Synod recommendations.

#### You are Invited

**Kaikoura Community Post Synod Day**

**Sunday July 8, after Mass**

10.30am Morning Tea in Hall

Post Synod Session

Lunch to follow

**RSVP.** Please let us know if you are participating.

### Home of Compassion

**Christian Meditation Group.** Join us each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All are welcome. 7pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

**Burying a Poet: A photographic exhibition of the tangihanga of James K Baxter** on display at the Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre from 1 June. Open Mon-Sat 10am-3pm | Sun 12noon-3pm. Email: [heritagecentre@compassion.org](mailto:heritagecentre@compassion.org) or Ph. 04 282 1953.

## Parish Calendar

### June

**Jun 24: Birth of John the Baptist**

Jun 26: **Wellington:** Clergy Day (Pat)(10-4)

**John** returns from Brisbane

Jun 28 ... **Blenheim:** Finance & Property Committee

### July

**Jul 1: 13th Sunday of the Year**

**Jul 1: Concert at The Wesley Centre: Around the World in twenty Tunes,** presenting by the Marlborough Singers, directed by our local Operatic Baritone Robert Tucker, Accompanied by Aria Bakker.

Jul 2-6 **Sacraments:** Information & Registration for Confirmation & Communion.

Jul 4 ... **Blenheim: Sacrament** Information Night for Confirmation & Communion

Jul 5 ... **Blenheim Ministers**

**Jul 8: 14th Sunday of the Year**

Jul 8: **Kaikoura: Post Synod Work-shop,** Developing a Local Pastoral Plan ... Stewardship Team to follow.

**Jul 15: 15th Sunday of the Year**

Jul 19 ... **Blenheim: Passionist Companions** Come & See Session (7)

**Jul 22: 16th Sunday of the Year**

Jul 24 ... **Pastoral Council** (with Zoom connection to outer centres)

Jul 26 ... **Finance & Property Committee** (7)

**Jul 29: 17th Sunday of the Year**

### August to 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: Terry Crispin

**Anniversaries: 3 June,** David Campbell, **21,** Moira O'Connell, **22,** Des Holden, Margaret Squire, **23,** Claire O'Halloran, **25,** John Byrne, Theobald Eaton, Edward Le Vavassour, Joseph Smith, Mahue Warwick, **26,** Tim Wilkes, Alfred Roberts, Sarah Reardon, Murray Wilson, William Wilson, **27,** Edith Wells, **28,** Annie Boyd, David Harnett, Janice Smith, Thomas Smith, **29,** Constance Lanyon, Rft Curtain, Mary Cunningham, **30,** Mary Keehan, Richard Riordan, Agnes Mackle, **1 July,** Joseph Kearns

**Other Intentions:** Julian Pereira, Laurie Squire, Mollie Hanley, Eileen Hanley, Eric Hanley, Kathleen Logan, Alec Logan,

## COLLECTIONS:

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

### Last week:

AP's:	\$2046.00
Envelopes:	\$5183.50
Loose:	\$1182.80
Holy Places	\$ 10.00

thank you!