

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

### Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

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

Sat Aug 11

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun Aug 12

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

**Sacrament Prep after Mass**

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John

**Sacrament Prep after Mass**

Havelock (11) **W&C**

Filipino (4pm) Mass/ Fr Marlon

**Feast of the Assumption**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Tues Aug 14

Kaikoura (9.30am) Mass/Fr John

St Joseph's School & Par-

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Kaikoura (2pm) Mass/Fr John

Wed Aug 15

Blenheim (12.05) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (6pm) Mass/Fr John

Picton (7pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Thurs Aug 16

Blenheim (11.30) Mass/Fr John

*School Mass in St Mary's Hall*

*(deferred due to strike day)*

#### 20th Sunday of the Year (3)

Sat Aug 18

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Aug 19

Seddon (8am) **Cancelled**

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

**Sacrament Prep after Mass**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr John

**Sacrament Prep after Mass**

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

Seddon/Ward (4pm) Mass at

Watson's Farm /Fr John

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr Pat

#### 21st Sunday of the Year (4)

Sat Aug 25

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Aug 26

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Pat

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John

**Sacrament Prep after Mass**

**Community AGM after Mass**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Pat

**Filipino Community assist with Mass.**

**Sacrament Prep after Mass**

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

Ward (4pm) Mass/Fr John

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

Sat Sept 1

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun Sept 2

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

**Sacrament Prep after Mass**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr John

**Sacrament Prep after Mass**

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

**Aug 6-9, John in Melbourne**

**at Provincial Council meeting**

### Community Matters

#### Blenheim: Young Adults Discussion Group.

Maurice and Mieke have started up a young adults home group for pastoral care, prayer, socialising and deeper discussion on topics of faith. Ages 18-40ish. Our next fortnightly meeting is this Thursday 9th August. 7-9pm. Or come at 6pm for shared pot luck dinner. All inquiries to Maurice 0274445506, and see Maurice or Mieke after Mass today.

#### Awatere-Flaxbourne:

On Sunday 19 August, the community is having Sunday Mass at 4pm at Watson's Farm in Seddon with a Pot Luck dinner to follow. We will welcome our Confirmation Candidates when they will present themselves as candidates for Sacraments. BYO everything.

#### Kaikoura: The Hut & The House

The Hut is nearing the end of construction. Yes, it has been slower than expected, as have most building projects in the past year, mainly due to the tradesmen being stretched across projects from Kaikoura to Christchurch. The end is approaching. Pat and I are looking forward to being on the ground in KK a bit more, though we are well connected electronically, wherever we are.

The House has been well used by the Sisters, and having them near the Church has been a great asset for those who drop in. Many have seen the blessing they have brought to our community, in their quiet and discreet ways. Tea and scones are a specialty of the house.

Have a look: If you want to see what's happening at the House & the Hut, just drop up and see. **John.**

**"I believe in God not because my parents told me, not because the church told me, but because I've experienced His goodness and mercy myself."**

Type "AMEN" if this is you

Beauty of Life

#### Blenheim: Thank You

From the apple sellers to those that bought them after Mass each weekend this year. Donations

have been made from the sales to St Mary's Youth, Preschool and the food bank. Your generosity allowed for a good-sized cheque to be sent out to each group.

#### Sept 15: Advance Notice

#### St Mary's School Working Bee

The Annual working bee morning in the school. Great community building day. See you there.

#### Sept 23rd: SMF (St Marys Friends)

**School- Garage Sale.** If you have anything that you want to donate, drop it off to the School during the week leading up to Saturday. This is fundraising for education outside the classroom. This will be an annual fundraiser and will replace the White Elephant Stall normally at the School Gala in March.

#### MISSING: RED CHAIRS

We normally have 20-25 red chairs in the Mercy Room, but now we are down to 12!! Do you know what happened to them? We would like them back ASAP.

**Blenheim:** If parishioners wish to make contact with Tania & Ben McConway, contact Ginetta at the office for details.

### Parish Calendar

#### August

##### Aug 12 .. 19th Sunday

Aug 13 .. Kaikoura Stewardship

Aug 14-15-16 .. Masses for Feast of the Assumption (refer to Column 1)

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

##### Aug 19 .. 20th Sunday

##### Aug 19.. Sunday Sing:

Blenheim's Churches together celebrating timeless hymns and gospel songs. 2pm at Nativity Church. More info on the noticeboard.

Aug 21 .. Pastoral Council

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 24 .. Priests & Principals

Day at Nelson

##### Aug 26 .. 21st Sunday

Kaikoura: Community AGM, after Mass **POSTPONED**

Aug 27 .. Kaikoura: School Board

Aug 28 .. Finance & Property

Committee

Aug 30 .. Renwick Committee

St Mary's Preschool Board

Aug 31.. Piano Recital: at St Andrew's Church at 6pm. Richard Mapp will be playing Bach, Schubert, Chopin etc. Door sales \$35 adults. More info



### 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 weekend Mass or other times.

### Marriages

Marriages celebrated in all our Churches. Please contact the Parish Office well in advance.

## 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 30: 12 August 2018

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

### 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 Pastoral Council Chair: Greg Stretch

Parish Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison

### "I was sick or in prison and you visited me"

John has asked me to write something on our Pastoral care of the aged and infirm. I do so gladly.

Someone spoke the other day about "the silver Tsunami". I hadn't heard the expression before, but it is rather apt, as in New Zealand, especially in Marlborough, and even in Kaikoura, we are surrounded increasingly by those who are in their senior years. Like a tsunami, it can come unexpectedly and even bowl us off our feet.

Old age to put it starkly is almost as inevitable as death and taxes. It happens almost without you noticing its onset. One day you are playing golf or weeding happily in the garden - next you find yourself breathless trying to blow out that extra candle on your birthday cake, or you are taking so much longer to bend down and to do up your shoelaces.

In Star of the Sea Parish, we have a whole network of people who are doing wonderful things to assist those who are in rest homes, lifestyle villages, hospitals, or who struggle with illness and age at home, I am constantly in awe of those who quietly come

forward to visit the sick and elderly or to be part of those taking Holy Communion to the aged or infirm. They do a truly wonderful job - but we need more too to help in this excellent and important ministry. Even for the young - go along and visit your nana or Pop and share what you have been doing at school-this is such a lovely thing to do.

So we do try to reach out to those who are elderly, if you have someone whom you would like the priest or sister to visit or to receive Holy Communion, do tell the word to Father, Sister or Parish leader so that they can be included.

As Jesus said "I was sick or in prison, and you came to visit me." when we go to visit and spend time with the elderly or infirm, we really meet the Lord himself. It is a wonderful ministry that so many are doing whether it be in Picton, or Kaikoura. Thank you to all who help and are a part of this important service of love in Star of the Sea Parish.

Fr Pat.

### Readings for Nineteenth Week Ordinary Time

#### Sun 12th: Nineteenth Week Ordinary Time

1Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30-5:2 Gospel John 6:41-51

Psalm response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Mon 13th: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28 Gospel Matthew 17:22-27

Tues 14th: St Maxmillan Kolbe, Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 Gospel Matthew 18:1-5,10-14

#### Wed 15th: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Apoc 11:19;12:1-6,10 1Corinthians 15:20-26 Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Thu 16th: Ezekiel 12:1-12 Gospel Matthew 18:21-19:1

Fri 17th: Ezekiel 16:1-15,59-63 Gospel Matthew 19:3-12

Sat 18th: Ezekiel 18:1-13,30-32 Gospel Matthew 19:13-15

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

**Recently Deceased:** Stacey McConway, Max Fitzgibbon (Chch), Joevil Cruz (Philippines)

**Anniversaries:** 13 Aug, Thomas Kerr, John Smith, Lynda McTaggart, Haroldswick Stack, Bernard Mackle, 14, Annie Chapman, John Garratt, 15, June Martin, Ellen Harnett, Belvedine Smith, 16, Lucy Nicholson Nash, William Parsons, Mary Sjoberg,

**Other Intentions:** McConway & Cheesman Families

### COLLECTIONS:

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

#### Last week:

AP's: \$8584.99

Envelopes: \$1649.50

Loose: \$1020.50

Maori Pastoral Care: \$ 10.00

thank you!



Letter From Rome

Introduction

This week’s reading many will find challenging, others will find hope filled.

If we could wind back the clock, most communities would prefer to have a priest living in their community. But we all realise that we do not have sufficient young to middle aged priests to keep up the present number of priests in parishes.

This article opens discussion on another model of priesthood that the author believes Pope Francis is opening up.

Please read and consider. Would this model work for New Zealand?

John Pearce CP

The Implosion of the Roman Catholic Church

By Robert Mickens. 31 July 2017. Letter from Rome



Pope Francis walks past cardinals as he leaves a consistory in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican June 28. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Some five years ago I was invited to speak at the City Club of Cleveland, Ohio.

“Since 1912, the City Club has served as one of the (United States’) oldest, non-partisan and continuously operating free speech forums,” says the organization’s website.

The topic of my talk was the Vatican implosion and, as a result, the long and gradual collapse of the Catholic Church’s monarchical structure of governance and ministry.

I argued that as the last absolute monarchy in the West (and most anywhere else in the world), the organization of the Roman Church has become an anachronism. It made sense when monarchies were a fundamental feature of human society. But no longer.

This outdated model of the Catholic Church’s structure no longer incarnates the reality of the lived experience of believers, the staggering majority of whom live in societies that are becoming more and more, and to vary-

ing degrees, participatory and representative democracies.

A Church where the most important decisions are made almost exclusively by a celibate male clergy, and where bishops are held to little or no accountability, is unsustainable in a world where patriarchal and monarchical societies—begrudgingly, but steadily—are ceding rights and duties to those who are not part of the nobility, the clergy, or one specific gender.

My talk in November 2012 came during the height of the so-called VatiLeaks Scandal. For more than a year the leaking of sensitive Vatican documents and the private papers of Benedict XVI had caused deep embarrassment to the still-reigning German pope and his top aides, especially Tarcisio Bertone SDB, the Cardinal Secretary of State at the time.

It was a mess. Today one could look back and say: “Sure, it was easy back then for someone to spout off about a supposed Vatican implosion.”

Indeed, some people have since told me that the election of Pope Francis has revealed that my analysis was way off base.

But nearly half a decade later, I’m convinced that the thesis argued on that November morning in Cleveland still holds. Because it was not based on what did or did not transpire in Benedict’s pontificate.

Even despite the *kairos*—the special, providential moment—that the overwhelming number of Catholics believe we’re experiencing after the election of the first-ever Jesuit pope, the Church continues to implode. In fact, in some ways Francis seems to be deliberately hastening its inevitable collapse by implementing the principles and methods outlined in *Evangelii gaudium* (EG), his vision and blueprint for Church renewal and reform.

Let’s be clear: we’re not talking about the demise of the Catholic Church. God is not dead and the Holy Spirit will never leave Christ’s faithful people. This we all believe.

No, it’s about the crumbling of the present governing and organizational *structure* that mirrors certain features of the Roman Empire more than it reflects the organizational model of ecclesial life that is found in the

New Testament or was experienced in the first couple of centuries of the Christian Church.

Francis is effectively laying the foundation for the “deconstruction” of the current model by patiently planting the seeds for the Church’s structural conversion by “baptizing” and employing four, key sociological principles (EG 222-237):

- Time is greater than space
- Unity prevails over conflict
- Realities are more important than ideas
- The whole is greater than the parts.

Ultimately the pope’s goal is to make the structures and mentality of the Church more reflective of the Gospel and person of Jesus Christ, and to liberate it from a codified system of rules and philosophical ideas still deeply wedded to the culture of the ancient Greco-Roman world.

Through the process of synodality, he is opening up spaces for dialogue and discussion that involve all the Holy People of God and not just the male clerics. He is not democratizing the Church, but he is creating a large and indispensable forum for all voices to be heard through the classic, but too often forgotten, process of discernment.

It is still a fledgling—and for many, frightening—process that was revived with preparations for the last two gatherings of the Synod of Bishops on marriage and the family where all Catholics were given an opportunity to make their views known to the Church’s pastors.

The process of discernment has been further expanded in the run-up to the next session of the Synod, which will be convened in the autumn of 2018 to reflect on young people, vocations and faith. The pope ordered that a survey be made available on-line where all young people—even non-Catholics—can share their hopes and concerns.

Francis has also begun laying the foundations for Church decentralization by restoring to local bishops or regional episcopal conferences their rightful authority that, over the centuries, had been taken from them and given to offices in the Roman Curia.

For example, he’s done this by streamlining the marriage

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annulment process and giving almost exclusive judicial authority to individual diocesan bishops.

And it is reported that the pope is also considering calling a special Synod assembly exclusively for the bishops in the Amazon region, which will allow them to discern pastoral (and doctrinal) solutions to urgent problems particular to their part of the world.

One of them, though this is not just an issue for the Amazon, is the acute lack of ordained priests. Francis has indicated that he would grant the bishops authority to ordain married men to the priesthood (that is, restore the more ancient tradition of married clergy) if they should discern this is the way forward. This, in turn, could give courage to bishops of other regions to seriously consider a similar move.

It seems more and more clear that the pope favours the possibility of married priests, at least under certain circumstances. One thing is for certain: he believes it is a decision the bishops (at least of a particular region) should make, not just he and his collaborators in Rome.

A key development along this path came in mid-June at the

latest round of talks on Vatican reform that Francis held with his advisory Council of Cardinals (C9).

It was announced that the C9 proposed the possibility of allowing national bishops’ conferences the authority, now held by the Congregation for the Clergy, to decide whether or not to ordain an unmarried or widowed permanent deacon to the priesthood or to allow a widowed deacon to marry.

The proposal is the first step towards opening up a small space for bishops of a nation or region to decide, without the need for Vatican approval, on the dispensation of certain current restrictions on priestly ordination. It will take time, but it is a beginning that could lead to further development. The principle is there.

And if the whole is greater than its parts, the Church will not splinter if one section of it should decide to revive the ancient tradition of married priests—or to ordain women deacons or find other pastoral/doctrinal solutions to particular problems. The most important issue is that these “creative” solutions, as the pope likes to call them, do not stray

from the *kerygma*: the essential kernel of the Christian faith.

Ironically, the greatest evidence that the Church continues to implode is the silent and not-so-silent opposition to Francis’s vision for reform that is found among the clergy, “both high and low,” as a recent article in *L’Osservatore Romano* stated so clearly.

This is ironic because the priests and bishops that oppose the Jesuit pope’s call for pastoral change and conversion believe they are the bulwark of the Church’s stability.

They believe that they, and they alone, can stop the pieces and chunks of this anachronistic structure from caving in simply by a strict and rigid adherence to moralizing norms and liturgical rubrics, an obsession to control and rule Christ’s faithful and an insistence that only the ordained can decide the ordering of ecclesial life.

They, too, are hastening the implosion. And, in a paradoxical way, they may be helping Pope Francis more than one can even imagine.

After all, it’s a long game. And, in the end, time is greater than space.

Faith and Action and Feeding the Poor

Faith is measured by one's treatment of the poor

By Hannah Brockhaus Vatican City, 29 Jul 2018 (CNA/EWTN News).

The love with which individuals and communities treat the poor, the weak, and the hungry, is the best measure of faith, Pope Francis said in his Angelus address Sunday. “Faced with the cry of hunger – all sorts of ‘hunger’ – of so many brothers and sisters in every part of the world, we cannot remain detached and calm spectators,” the pope said July 29.

“The proclamation of Christ, bread of eternal life, requires a generous commitment of solidarity for the poor, the weak, the least important, the defenceless. This action of proximity and charity is the best verification of the quality of our faith, both on a personal level and on a community level.”

Reflecting on the day’s Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, the pope said that though Jesus gave everything for us, even his life, “he certainly did this too: he took care of the food for the body.”

Jesus’ multiplication of the

loaves and fishes “springs from a concrete fact... People are hungry, and Jesus involves his disciples so that this hunger is satisfied.”

“And we, his disciples, cannot fake anything,” he continued. “Only by listening to the simplest demands of the people and by standing next to their concrete existential situations can one be heard when one speaks of higher values.”

The pope also pointed to the moment after Jesus performed the miracle and everyone ate until they were satisfied, when he directed his disciples to collect the leftover food, so it would not be wasted.

Speaking off-the-cuff, Francis asked those present to make an examination of their consciences, thinking about how much food they waste every day, throwing it away instead of putting it to good use.

“At home, what do you do with left-over food? Do you throw it away?” he asked. “Never throw away left-over food. Reuse it or give it to those who can eat it, to those who need it.”

He also told Catholics to reflect on the image of the “brave young man who gives the little he

has to feed a great multitude,” offering Jesus his five barley loaves and two fish: “This boy makes us think... That courage... Young people are like that, they have courage. We must help them carry on this courage.”

“God’s love for humanity hungry for bread, for freedom, for justice, for peace, and above all for his divine grace, never fails,” he said. Jesus continues to feed his people, making himself a living presence, “through us.”

The Gospel invites Catholics to be “available and industrious,” like the boy who gave Jesus his loaves and fishes to be shared.

“Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, so the programs dedicated to development, food, solidarity prevail in the world,” he said.

