

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

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

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
Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Pat
Filipino Community assist with Mass.
Sacrament Prep after Mass
Havelock (11am) **W&C**
Renwick (5) Mass/Fr Pat

22nd 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

23rd Sunday of the Year (2)

Sat Sept 8
Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John
Sun Sept 9
Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John
Picton (9am) **W&C**
Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John
Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John
Havelock (11) **W&C**
*John & Pat at National Assembly of Priests
in Christchurch, Mon-Fri.*

24th Sunday of the Year (3)

Fri Sept 14
Kaikoura (6pm) Confirmation &
Communion Mass/Card
John/John/Pat

Sat Sept 15
Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat
Sun Sept 16
Seddon (8am) **Cancelled**
Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat
Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**
Blenheim (10am) Confirmation &
Communion/Card John/John
Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat
Seddon (2pm) Confirmation &
Communion /Card John/John/Pat

Community Matters

Campus Security

With the introduction of CCTV at St Mary's School, we now have total coverage of school, preschool and parish facilities. We hope to reduce the financial and time costs in repairing damage to property. Photographic evidence of trespass and damage is now handed to Police.

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. M&M have experience as young adult ministers for the Palmerston North diocese and chaplains at Massey Uni. All inquiries to Maurice 0274445506

Invitation to Leadership

We are currently inviting expressions of interest and/or nominations for Parish Leadership. The groups concerned are: Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance & Property C'tee, Area Stewardship Groups. Contact your local leaders, priests or sisters and have a chat.

Ministers of Care

Our Ministry of Care is a significant outreach by members of our church communities, and/or our St Vincent de Paul Conferences. Some do general visiting, or take communion to the sick or elderly at home or the villages. With a growing ageing population, this is a valuable and growing ministry.

Reflection Morning

As an expression of the Parishes appreciation of this good work, we are offering a Reflection Morning in a few weeks at Blenheim and Kaikoura, and invite those already involved, and those considering these ministry to come along. This is an Open Invitation. Further information from Fr Pat or Sr Maureen.

Blenheim: Tues Aug 28, 10-12

In the Mercy Room after Mass.

Kaikoura: Tues Sept 4, 10-12.

In Church after Mass/W&C.

Parish Events

Aug 19: Awatere-Flaxbourne:

This Sunday we celebrate Mass at 4pm at Watson's Farm in Seddon. BYO Pot Luck dinner to follow. We welcome our children as they present themselves as candidates for Confirmation & Communion.

Aug 19: Sunday Sing:

Blenheim's Churches together celebrating timeless hymns and gospel songs. 2pm at Nativity Church.

Aug 23 .. Pamper Day!

Please donate 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 25: Māori Pastoral Care

(Online, planned giving and envelopes): Your prayerful and financial support contributes to work in Māori communities, parishes, schools and groups in the archdiocese. Kia ora tātou katoa, ngā manaakitanga. Thank you all and blessings.

Aug 31.. Piano Recital: at St Andrew's Church at 6pm.

Richard Mapp plays Bach, Schubert, Chopin etc. Door sales \$35 adults. More info on the noticeboard.

Sep 14-16: Confirmation & First Communion

with Cardinal John Dew.

Kaikoura, Friday 6pm

Blenheim, Sunday 10am

Seddon, Sunday 2pm

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.

Oct 7 .. Sounds Like Lunch.

Sounds Communities are having lunch together. Venue to be advised, catering for up to 50 people. An opportunity to meet up and enjoy time together.

Parish Calendar

August

Aug 19 .. 20th Sunday

Aug 21 .. Pastoral Council

Aug 24 .. Priests & Principals Day at Nelson

Aug 26 .. 21st Sunday

Kaikoura: AGM Postponed

Aug 27 .. Kaikoura: School Board

Aug 28 .. Ministers of Care (BLN)

Finance & Property C'tee

Aug 30 .. Renwick Committee

Other Intentions: McConway & Paul family, Margaret Squire, Mollie Hanley, Eric Hanley, Alec Logan, deceased members & friends of Logan, Squire & Hanley families

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$2031.00
Envelopes: \$1664.50
Loose: \$2278.30
Peters Pence: \$ 5.00

thank
you!



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 31: 19 August 2018 20th 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

Confirmation: Be Sealed ...

Confirmation & First Communion

In four weeks Cardinal John will join us for the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation for Children, with Confirmation and Communion.

Our children and families have been preparing for this weekend in our communities in Blenheim, Seddon, Ward and Kaikoura.

In the Eastern Churches, there is only one Sacrament of Initiation, all three sacraments together. In the Western (Roman) Church, many Dioceses celebrate these in two parts, Baptism with the local priest, and, Confirmation & Communion many years later.

The real preparation has been going on for years in living the Christian life in the Family. What we are offering in our preparation is a language and a focus on what we are undertaking. Basically, what all this means about living our lives in Christ.

Presentation & Prayer Buddies

This weekend in Blenheim and Seddon, and next weekend in Kaikoura, our children will present themselves at Candidates for Sacraments.

Prayer Buddies

We present the names of our candidates and ask parishioners to become Prayer Buddies for them. Please join and Novena of Prayer for them each day leading up to Confirmation, and consider writing them a card in the days before telling them you were the Prayer Buddy.

Blenheim:

Dominique Kula, Eliza Tapueluelu, Erin Gleeson, Gabrielle Tiongson, Itua Ponesi, James Franken, Jayden Mitchell, Laufofoga Ponesi, Loleni Pahu, Lukas Dowling, Maddison Hammond, Madison Dowling, Mafi Pahu, Marc Climo, Senetenari Pnesi, Sosifa Tapueluelu, Taetuna'ula Kula, Tali Pahu, Tri Climo.

Seddon/Ward:

Ashlee Hickman, Helena Maher, Holly Hickman, Jonty Hickman, Louise Hickman, Lucia Maher, Matthew Hickman, Samantha Hickman, Victoria Hickman.

Kaikoura:

Abraham Pattison, Amaia Ngaporo, Chloe-Ann Laugeson, Kahurangi Ngaporo, Libby Beel-Speirs, Sasha Sugenor, Thomas Adams.

John Pearce CP

Readings for Twentieth Week Ordinary Time

Sun 19th: Twentieth Week Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20;

Psalm response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Mon 20th: Ezekiel 24:15-24

Tues 21st: St Pius X. Pope Ezekiel 28:1-10

Wed 22nd: Queenship of Mary Ezekiel 34:1-11

Thu 23rd: Ezekiel 26:23-28

Fri 24th: Apocalypse 21:9-14

Sat 25th: Ezekiel 43:1-7

Sun 26th: Twenty First Week Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel John 6:51-58

Gospel Matthew 19:16-22

Gospel Matthew 19:23-30

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Gospel John 1:45-51

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Gospel John 6:60-69

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Jim Harris (Chch), Stacey McConway, Max Fitzgibbons (Chch), Joevil Cruz (Philippines)

Anniversaries: 20 Aug, Kathleen Logan, Mark Smith, Linda Smith, 22, Joseph Kent, Gerald Mackle, Dean Sutton, 23, Patrick McSwigan, Emil Brunel, Maria Adair, Johanna Kirby, Una Roberts, Elizabeth Norton, Michael Hartnett, 24, Alice Rainey, Owen, Guthrie, Martin Eaton, Kathleen Smith, Alan Flint, 25, Margaret McSwigan, William Adair, 26, Eileen Hanley, Robert Poharama

Christianity in Africa

Christianity: A Colonial Religion?

The church was not born to be the religious branch of the colonization of Africa but to work towards the liberation of all people
Fr Donald Zagoré, SMA. August 16, 2018. La Croix.



It is becoming more and more obvious that most of those who adhere unconditionally to different Pan-African movements display vehement hostility towards the Christian religion in general and towards Catholicism in particular.

According to their way of thinking, Christian faith and Pan Africanism are two totally incompatible and antithetical realities.

The fundamental thesis of this incompatibility is based on the concept that, according to our Pan-Africanists, Christianity is a Western, colonial religion, that at the service of colonialism, contributed to the erosion of the intellectual, cultural, religious and political values and richness of Africa.

One of the greatest criticisms of Christianity is the famous statement by the first Kenyan president, Jomo Kenyatta: "When the missionaries arrived, they had the Bible in their hands, and we

had our land in ours. They told us to close our eyes to pray. When we opened our eyes, they had our land, and we had their Bible."

Brandishing Kenyatta's statement, some Pan-Africanists maintain that any dedicated defender of African values cannot in any way be a follower, indeed an accomplice, of a murderous religion like Christianity. For them, an unconditional return to African religions is fundamental for the African.

Any assertion about history may carry within it some germs of truth. However, it may also be a biased, superficial and even erroneous interpretation of history.

We must admit that some missionaries had connections with the colonialists. These missionaries, each in his own way, had some colonialist motives. They were colonists beneath their missionary cassocks.

However, just because of this, must we generalize to the extent of accusing the entire church of being complicit in the cultural, intellectual and humanitarian genocide of Africa?

The church was not born to be the religious branch of the colonization of Africa. The church was born to work towards the advancement, the liberation and the salvation of all people through the unconditional announcement of the Good News of salvation.

This is why it set foot on African soil. These values have been made real through concrete acts in African history.

In spite of climatic, linguistic and cultural obstacles, the church has given Africans social structures allowing for their development and emancipation: the most precious of these continues to be education. Is it not rightly said that knowledge is power?

The church invested in education in order to give Africans the necessary knowledge and solid understanding to create an African intelligentsia at the height of the challenges of the civilizational era: a source of total and integral liberation.

It was the knowledge imparted to the African people that led them challenge, and to free themselves from, the yoke of colonialism in the 1960s.

Furthermore, there is a historical fact that should not be concealed: a great number of the pioneers and precursors of Pan-Africanism were the products of Christian schools.

It was in these schools that they were able to acquire the necessary knowledge and means to consolidate their struggle against colonialism in all its forms.

The church worked, and continues to work, for African people to first of all be conscious of their value and then to fight for their complete liberation from colonial rule.

Christianity and Pan-Africanism are therefore not antithetical. The common *raison d'être* of each is the liberation of people in general and of African people in particular.

Pope Francis on the Assumption

Pope on Assumption: God Saves the Whole Person, Body and Soul



At the Angelus for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis focused on the truth that God wills to save the whole human person, body and soul.

Christopher Wells. Vatican News.

"The Church today invites us to contemplate" the mystery of the Blessed Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven. That was the message of Pope Francis at the Angelus on Wednesday. This mystery, he said, "shows us that God wills to save the whole human person: body and soul."

For the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Holy Father explained that, at the end of her life, Mary was taken "body and soul" into heaven; her body "did not know the corruption of the grave."

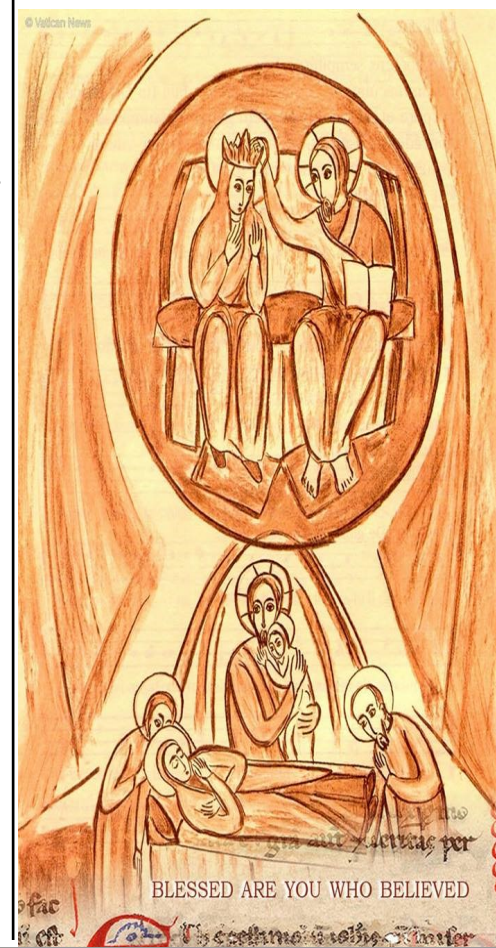
This, he said, was a special privilege granted to the Mother of God on account of her unique corporal and spiritual union with her Son, Jesus.

This privilege, he continued, "gives us the confirmation of our own glorious destiny." In the past, philosophers had understood the value of the human soul, and that it was destined to happiness. But they could not conceive that the body, too, was destined for heavenly beatitude in union with the soul. This is the Christian doctrine of the "resurrection of the body," which Pope Francis described as "an element proper to Christian revelation [and] a pivotal element of our faith."

But the Assumption, while reminding us of the unity of the human person, also reminds us "that we are called to serve and glorify God with our whole being," body and soul. "Serving God only with the body would be an act of a slave," the Pope said; while "serving Him only with the soul would be in contrast with our human nature."

Pope Francis concluded his reflection with words of encouragement: "If we have lived in this way, in the joyful service of God, which is expressed also in generous service to our brothers and sisters, our destiny, on the day of the resurrection, will be like that of

our heavenly Mother. It will be given to us, then, to realize fully the exhortation of Saint Paul: 'Glorify God in your body!' and we will glorify him forever in heaven."



Pope Francis: Call to Action

Fight Evil with Action, Not Apathy, Francis says

Hannah Brockhaus. Aug 12, 2018
La Croix. Catholic News Agency

It is not enough for Catholics not to do bad things, they must counter evil by actively living out charity in the performance of good deeds, Pope Francis told young people and others in St. Peter's Square Sunday.

"If we do not oppose evil, we feed it tacitly. It is necessary to intervene where evil spreads; because evil spreads where there are no daring Christians who oppose with good, 'walking in love,' according to the warning of St. Paul," the pope said Aug. 12.

Speaking to around 90,000 people in St. Peter's Square and the adjoining street before the recitation of the Angelus, Francis warned that people are guilty of the sin of omission when they could do something good but choose not to.

"It is not enough not to hate, it is necessary to forgive," he said. "It is not enough not to have

a grudge, we must pray for [our] enemies... it is not enough not to speak badly about others, we must stop when we hear someone talking badly."

The pope addressed, in particular, Italian young people, who had made a pilgrimage to Rome as a way to pray for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on youth, urging them to be "protagonists of the good!"

He noted that because of the presence of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in every baptized person, Christians must strive to live their lives "in a coherent manner," renouncing evil, temptation, and sin, saying "no" to a culture of death, and by adhering to the good and doing good.

St. Paul urges in his letter to the Ephesians, remove "all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling... along with all malice" and replace it with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, "as God has forgiven you in Christ," Francis said.

He explained that many times he has heard people say that they do not hurt anyone with their actions - "All right but are you good?" the pope asked. Not to do harm, but meanwhile neglect to live out the virtues, leads to apathy and indifference, he said.

Such an attitude is contrary to the Gospel and contrary to the character of young people, "who by nature are dynamic, passionate and courageous."

"Remember this," he said, quoting St. Albert Hurtado: "It is good not to do evil, but it is bad not to do good."

Noting the walking pilgrimage many of those present had made to reach Rome, he said, "therefore, you are trained and I can tell you: walk in love!"

"Let's walk together towards the next Synod of Bishops... May the Virgin Mary support us with her maternal intercession, so that each of us, every day, with deeds, can say 'no' to evil and 'yes' to good," he concluded.

Francis: It's Evil Not to Do Good

Pope Francis at Angelus: 'It's evil not to do good!'

Vatican News 12 August 2018.

Ahead of the Angelus prayer Pope Francis prayed the Angelus in St. Peter's Square on Sunday with tens of thousands of pilgrims, including a large group of young Italians to whom the Pope spoke on Saturday evening.

In his address ahead of the Angelus, the Holy Father said it is not enough simply not to do evil. But to be a good Christian, he said, "we must also adhere to goodness and do good."

The Pope was reflecting on the day's Second Reading, in which St. Paul tells the faithful not to sadden the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30-5:2).

'Do you do good?'

Pope Francis said saddening the Spirit means not living accord-

ing to the promises made at our Baptism, which are to renounce evil and adhere to good. "Many times we hear some saying, 'I don't hurt anyone.' That's fine," the Pope said. "But do you do good?"



Pope to young Italians: 'Hope overcomes misery, oppression'

Pope Francis said many people "do not do evil, but neither do they do any good". These people pass their lives "in indifference, apathy, and lukewarmness."

He said this attitude of simply not doing evil is contrary to the Gospel and the nature of young people. And he gave them a simple formula for life: "It's good not to do evil. But it's evil not to do good!"

Oppose evil

The Holy Father said Christians must forgive and not hate; pray for our enemies and not hold a grudge; bring peace and not cause division. Above all, he said we must "interrupt others when we hear them speaking badly of someone else" and not just refrain from bad-mouthing others.

Pope Francis said evil spreads "where there are no bold Christians to oppose it with goodness."

"If we do not oppose evil, we feed it with our silence."