

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

### Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

**22nd Sunday of the Year (1)**  
**Sat Sept 1**  
 Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Clovis,  
 London based Spiritual  
 Director to Family Life In-  
 ternational.

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

**24th Sunday of the Year (3)**  
**Fri Sep 14**  
 Kaikoura (6p) Confirmation &  
 Communion /+John/  
 John/Pat

**Sat Sep 15**  
 Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Matt  
 Crawford SM

**Sun Sep 16**  
 Seddon (8am) **Cancelled**  
 Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat  
 Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

**Blenheim (10) Confirmation &  
 Communion /+John/  
 John**  
 Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat  
**Seddon (2pm) Confirmation &  
 Communion /+John/  
 John/Pat**

Sep 22-27: John in Melbourne  
 for two Province meetings.

**25th Sunday of the Year (4)**

**Sat Sep 22**  
 Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Visitor  
**Sun Sep 23**

Seddon (8am) Mass/Visitor  
 Picton (9am) **W&C**  
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat  
 Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Visitor  
 Havelock (11am) **W&C**

**26th Sunday of the Year (5)**

**Sat Sep 29**  
 Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John  
**Sun Sep 30**

Seddon (8am) **W&C**  
 Picton (9am) Mass/Fr John  
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat  
 Blenheim (10am) **W&C**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Bruno Dalliessi, Stacey  
 McConway, John O'Halloran, Patricia McKee, Mavis Gill  
 (Wgtn)

**Anniversaries: 1 Sep** Gordon Richards **3** Jeremiah  
 Harnett, Margaret Maddock, Kenneth Jacobsen, James  
 Jacobs, Marjorie Stocks, **4** Reta O'Leary, Patrick Calli-  
 gan, George Williams, Clairce Dobbs, Anne Genet, Ken-  
 neth Norton, Helen Rogers, William Morgan, Colin  
 Smith **5** Donald Johnstone, Emily Chapman, Una Poha-  
 rama, May Bendal, Noel Harnett, **7** Vernon Bendall,  
 William Ford, Kathleen Mackle **8** Mary Chisnal **9** Mary  
 Jacob, Mary Harnett



At the recent Seddon Farm Mass we welcomed some of our Kiribati Seasonal Workers, who had no problem taking home the left overs. Great singers at Mass.

### Community Matters

#### EQ: To Strengthen or What?

Our Parish Leadership Groups continue to seek professional advice on necessary actions for our buildings. This week the Archdiocese gave EQ ratings on our buildings, and then days later revised one upwards. Several of us attended Wednesday's EQ talks at ASB. Message there is if one is in a timber house, even on a fault line, there are high chances of the building surviving the next EQ. We have decided to seek a further review on several churches.

#### Social Justice Week: 9th - 15th September 2018

Every year we focus on a social justice issue in New Zealand, and this year we are focussing on removing obstacles that prevent those of us with disabilities from fully participating in society. Our theme is "Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to play."

### Parish Events

**Sep 6: Sacred Heart KK Lunch**  
 The next lunch is at Dolphin Encounter at 12pm. Ring Ursula to book a place at the table. 319 5229.

**Sep 14-16: Confirmation &  
 First Communion**  
 with Cardinal John Dew  
 Kaikoura, Friday 6pm  
 Blenheim, Sunday 10am  
 Seddon, Sunday 2pm

**Sep 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 22nd: 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.

**Oct 7: Rosary Aotearoa** is encouraging parishes and groups to gather across the country at 3pm on Oct 7 to pray the Rosary. To register: [www.rosarynewzealand.nz](http://www.rosarynewzealand.nz)

### Parish Calendar

**September**  
**Sep 2 .. 23rd Sunday.**  
**Father's Day**

Sep 4 .. Ministers of Care (KK)  
 Wairau Stewardship  
 Sep 6 .. BCMA Blenheim  
 Christian Ministers Assoc

Sep 7 .. Sacrament Reflection Day.  
**Sep 9 .. 24th Sunday**  
 Sep 10-14 Christchurch National  
 Priests Assembly

Sep 11 .. Sacred Heart Stewardship  
 Sep 12 .. St Joseph's School Board  
**Sep 16 .. 25th Sunday**

Sep 18 .. Ministry Day in Wellington  
 (John/Pat/Maureen/Frances Anna)

**Other Intentions:** William O'Leary

### COLLECTIONS:

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

#### Last week:

AP's: \$3045.00  
 Envelopes: \$1365.71  
 Loose: \$ 818.90  
 Maori Pastoral Care \$ 269.00

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:  
 Bethesda 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 ad-  
 vance.

## 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 33: 2 September 2018 22nd Sunday (B) & Father's Day

### 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

## A Visit From a Caring Parishioner

### Ministry of Care

#### Blenheim Gathering

Last Tuesday we had a morn-  
 ing tea gathering of people who visit  
 the sick or aged, take communion to  
 people in their homes, or nursing  
 homes and retirement villages.

Fr Pat led us in  
 sharing the impact of  
 this ministry on our  
 lives, how we go about  
 this ministry, and what  
 we feel is the value of it  
 to those who receive it.  
 Some of the points that  
 were shared include:

- The joy in the faces  
 of people when we call
- That for some we are the few  
 who come to their home
- The value of sitting and listening  
 to shared stories
- The power of Communion.

This seemed to fit with my  
 recent series of homilies on a broad-  
 er sense of Communion, on the pow-  
 er of Holy Communion received and  
 given, on sharing what we have re-  
 ceived, God here among us.

### Ministry of Care

We came to realise that our  
 ministry is varied, depending on the  
 person we visit. For some we will  
 share prayer, another we will read  
 Scripture, another we will share Holy  
 Communion, another might be sev-  
 eral of these. Or we just sit and lis-  
 ten. We respond to the  
 needs of the individual,  
 what they want and  
 need.



In this, we are  
 sharing in the Lord's  
 work of the Ministry of  
 Care. We are also the  
 face of the Caring  
 Church.

#### Kaikoura Gathering

Sister Maureen will lead a  
 similar reflection this Tuesday at Sa-  
 cred Heart Church after the morning  
 Word & Communion.

#### Future Ministers of Care

We invite parishioners to dis-  
 cern if this is a ministry they feel  
 called to and have time for, and to  
 let it be known. An opportunity to  
 reach out to others.

John Pearce CP

### Readings for Twenty Second Week Ordinary Time

#### Sun 2nd: Twenty Second Week Ordinary Time

Deute.4:1-2,6-8 James 1:17-18, 21-22,27 Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23  
**Psalm response:** The just will love in the presence of the Lord

**Mon 3rd: St Gregory the Great, P.D** 1Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel Luke 4:16-30

**Tues 4th:** 1Corinthians 2:10-16 Gospel Luke 4:31-37

**Wed 5th:** 1Corinthians 3:1-9 Gospel Luke 4:38-44

**Thu 6th:** 1Corinthians 3:18-23 Gospel Luke 5:1-11

**Fri 7th:** 1Corinthians 4:1-5 Gospel Luke 5:33-39

**Sat 8th:** Micah 5:1-4 Gospel Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

#### Sun 9th: Twenty Third Week Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Gospel Mark 7:31-37



## NCR Editorial on Latest Child Sex Abuse Revelations

### Introduction

The growing revelations across the world of clergy sex abuse is crippling some Dioceses, both with financial pay-outs, and with the departure of many good people who have given up. But the pain and loss for the victims is even greater.

Recent revelations of multiple cases in 6 Dioceses in the State of Pennsylvania USA has provoked the following editorial. It is helpful in so far as it focuses us back on the very nature of the Church as The People of God. Last week we shared the Letter of Pope Francis to the People of God.

There is no place any more for grandstand Discipleship. The only Discipleship is out on the field.

**John Pearce CP**

### The Body of Christ Must Reclaim Our Church

National Catholic Reporter  
17 Aug 2018. By NCR Editorial Staff

### Editor's note:

The following editorial was written and will appear in the Aug. 24-30 print issue of NCR, which went to press the day before Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the U.S. bishops' conference, revealed that the bishops were inviting the Vatican to conduct an apostolic visitation to the country to lead a "full investigation" into questions surrounding Cardinal Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, that the bishops will take steps to create channels for easier reporting of abuse and misconduct by bishops, and that the bishops will push for better procedures under canon law to resolve complaints made against bishops.

We welcome yesterday's announcement as a good first step in resolving the crisis that has enveloped the Catholic Church. Particularly encouraging is that the bishops have listed "substantial leadership by laity" as one of the criteria for meeting their goals. That, too, is a step along the way.

Cardinal DiNardo's statement is addressed to "Brothers and Sisters in Christ" and ends this request: "Let me ask you to hold us to all of these resolutions." The



bishops should know that we will be watching.

### NCR EDITORIAL

With what we have learned about the abuse of minors and seminarians perpetuated by Theodore McCarrick and his parallel rise through the ranks of the church, coupled with the scathing grand jury report out of Pennsylvania that chronicles in vivid detail the rape of children and the culture of secrecy that enabled the abuse to continue for decades, what are Catholics feeling?

Anger and disgust don't seem strong enough words. Revulsion? Horror? Betrayal?

The revelations of the last two months make undeniably clear that it is time for the laity to reclaim our ownership of this church. We are the body of Christ, we are the church. It is time that we demand that bishops claim their true vocations as servants to the people of God. And they must live that way.

At this time, it seems laity can do very little to effect the changes needed to bring about the solutions to the large issues that plague the church now: careerism, abuse of power, lack of transparency, no accountability. The fact is laypeople in our church today have little power.

That said, as any community organizer would tell you, we have the power of the collective. Now more than ever, we, the laity, need to speak with a united voice. We must turn our anger into resolve.

It is shocking that after decades of revelations of sexual abuse of children, there is still no clear accountability for bishops. We must demand change.

**First**, tell our bishops that we no longer trust them, individually or collectively. The trust we may have had is now shattered. **Second**, tell our bishops that regaining our trust requires reform in how the church as an institution operates.

In the next weeks and months, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will be studying the issues that arise from the McCarrick case. The conference will appoint committees, authorize studies and make plans. We must demand and be given full lay participation in all the committees and study groups, and we must have full transparency of all that these committees and groups see and do.

Furthermore, we must demand and receive full lay partici-

pation in whatever tribunals, councils or visitation teams result from these efforts. We won't settle for tokenism or mere "advisory roles."

If canon law doesn't allow the lay involvement we would seek, we respond: Change the law.

Furthermore, women should be as equally represented as men in these study groups, commissions, tribunals and councils. We would especially recommend reserving places in these groups for women religious. There are many leaders of women's congregations who are more than qualified to serve on any of these bodies, particularly those in the U.S. who endured years of Vatican scrutiny under the apostolic visitation and the doctrinal assessment of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

Indeed, if the effort the Vatican had expended on such baseless examinations had instead been focused on cleaning house of abusive or complicit bishops and priests, how much further along might we be in healing from the cancer of sexual abuse that weakens the church among its followers and erodes its moral standing in the world?

What plagues the church today, as the Pennsylvania grand jury demonstrates, resulted from the lack of accountability of bishops and religious superiors. Any Catholic has the right to petition their bishop, a major superior, the apostolic nuncio, the appropriate dicasteries in Rome, even the pope. But from the local level all the way to Rome, there is no accountable, transparent process to ensure that grievances are received, let alone acted upon.

We know, for example, that staff at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith refused to send acknowledgements that they had received letters from victims of clergy sex abuse. Such an attitude perpetuates a culture of impunity that must change.

The next time you go to Mass and as you kneel in that silence that envelops the church just before liturgy begins, utter a prayer for this battered and wounded body we call the church. Pray for a renewal and inspiration from the Holy Spirit and pray for a reform of our broken system. Then glance to your left and your right. Kneeling beside you are likely the strongest allies you have in rebuilding a church so badly in need of reform.

This affects all of us, the people of God. It's more than past time that we the laity demand

## Response from NZ Bishops to Pope Francis' Letter



### 23 August 2018. Statement from NZCBC President Bishop Patrick Dunn

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops welcome the Letter this week to the People of God from Pope Francis asking forgiveness for the sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults perpetrated by clergy and consecrated persons.

As Pope Francis notes, these heinous crimes inflict deep wounds on the victims themselves and on their family members, and

on the larger community of believers and non-believers alike. These wounds never go away.

As a Church community, we apologise again to those who have been so deeply hurt. We acknowledge also that there must be significant changes in the Church, especially the rooting out of a culture of clericalism, whether among priests or people, which ignores the dignity of all the baptised.

Since 1998, we have had in place procedures for responding to complaints of abuse in the Church. These procedures are constantly being revised and are now managed by our National Office for Professional Standards.

In addition, we are asking all parishes and communities to adopt our National Safeguarding Guidelines which mandate police vetting and ongoing formation for priests, employees and volunteers who have interaction with children

and vulnerable adults.

The Catholic Church will also co-operate fully with the New Zealand Royal Commission on abuse, whatever its Terms of Reference may be.

In his letter, Pope Francis writes: *"It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion."*

May the Holy Spirit give us the grace of conversion before these crimes and the resolve to courageously combat them.

## Cardinal John from World Meeting of Families



### Dear Friends,

It is Sunday evening in Dublin (26th August).

Pope Francis left here just a couple of hours ago after what seemed to be a very hectic two days for him. The people gathered for the World Meeting of Families loved his presence in the city, and especially at the Festival of Families in Croke Park last night - 82,000 of them; with much song and dance, family testimonies and wonderful practical words of wisdom from the Holy Father. About half a million gathered at Phoenix Park today for Mass. It was wet and cold, but that did not stop people giving the Pope a very warm welcome. Overall I have found the week of the World Meeting of Families to be a very positive experience, and despite the difficulties and challenges the Church is facing, people are resilient and full of hope.

At the conclusion of Mass this afternoon, Pope Francis met with the Irish Bishops. He said to

them, quoting St John of the Cross, **"It is in the dark night that the light of faith shines purest in our hearts. And that light will show the way to the renewal of Christian life in Ireland in the years ahead."** Remember, this was a day when the Pope himself had been accused of cover up and his resignation was called for. He too knows what "dark nights" are. I had met him just a few moments before this, he looked very tired and his words were, as they always are "pray for me." I assured him that the people of New Zealand do pray for him, so please do that; not just when his name is mentioned at Mass but in other ways too.

Pope Francis went on to encourage the Bishops of Ireland. His words are worth reflecting on, because he really appreciates all that any of us do. He said, **"So my word to you this evening is one of encouragement in these challenging times, so, persevere in your ministry as heralds of the Gospel and shepherds of Christ's flock. In a particular way, I am grateful for the concern you continue to show to the poor, the excluded and those in need of a helping hand...."** The Pope thanks and encourages you too.

By the time you receive this newsletter I will have gone from Dublin to present talks in two dioceses. Please pray for me too.

I conclude with the first of the Prayers of the Faithful that was prayed at the Papal Mass today. "We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and all shepherds of souls. May they help us to look upon our loved ones as God does, and recognise in them the image of Christ our brother."

### With every blessing +John

PS. Interesting fact. In the 36 hours Pope Francis was in Ireland he gave seven major speeches and three homilies.

