

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

### Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

#### 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 Pat

Sun Sept 9

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Pat

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Pat

Havelock (11) **W&C**

**Mon-Fri John & Pat at National**

**Assembly of Priests in Christchurch**

#### 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 Matt

Crawford SM

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

**Sep 22-27: John in Melbourne**

**for two Province meetings.**

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

Sat Sept 22

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Visitor

Sun Sept 23

Seddon (8am) Mass/Visitor

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Visitor

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

### Community Matters

#### Baptisms

This weekend the following begin their journey of Christian Initiation: at Blenheim, Caoihme Meneses; at Kaikoura, Sasha Surgenor, Maddilyn Young.

#### 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.

#### Gluten Free Communion

We have gluten free hosts available for those who have Coeliac disease. Please speak to John or Pat before Mass so we can assist you. Currently available in Blenheim, but can be expanded as needed.

#### BHM: Friday 31st August Mass

The Funeral for Bruno Dalliessi will be at 10.30am and there will be no midday Mass. All welcome.



#### Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need. This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

#### Star of the Sea Collects as follows

**1st Sunday @ Blenheim.**

**2nd Sunday @ Kaikoura.**

**All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock.**

Please bring non perishable foods to church, so our volunteers can take them to the local foodbank.

Blenheim are not needing tinned fruit but do **require tinned soup, tinned vegetables, rice & can openers.**

**BHM Meditation Group**—will now meet at **Mercy Room** at 10:15am every Thurs

### Parish Events

#### Aug 25-26: 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:

**St Andrew's Church 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.

#### Sep 22 .. Combined Churches

**Men's Breakfast**

With Richard Ellena, Bishop of Nelson. At 8am in Nativity Hall. Cooked breakfast \$10. RSVP

#### 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.

### Parish Calendar

#### August

##### 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

St Mary's Preschool Board

#### September

##### Sep 2 .. 23rd Sunday.

**Father's Day**

Sep 4 .. Ministers of Care (KK)

Wairau Stewardship

Sep 6 .. BCMA Blenheim

Christian Ministers Assoc

##### Sep 9 .. 24th Sunday

Sep 10-14 Christchurch National



### 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 32: 26 August 2018

### 21st 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)**

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

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**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:** Greg Stretch

**Parish Finance Committee Chair:** Tom Harrison

## Signs of Life. Signs of God.

### Farm Mass at Seddon/Ward

Last Sunday afternoon Pat and I joined the Seddon/Ward communities for our first Farm Mass at Watson's farm. This was an opportunity to gather for prayer and social interaction over a meal. Lengthier time together than we have at 8am on Sunday morning.

With about 28 people gathered it was a great success. Joining us were several of the Kiribati men who assisted with their wonderful singing.

Just as Jesus went out seeking the people and speaking to them on the hillsides, we too joined together to celebrate an extended time together with Mass and a meal. We hope to repeat this every few months.

### John Burland Comes to Town 2019

We are negotiating with the singer/song writer John Burland from Sydney to come to our schools/parish next year for a series of concerts. Over the coming months we hope to introduce more of his music.

John's work takes him to big places in Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. He looks forward to coming down to us.

Next year he is also cutting an album in Nashville USA. We will also lend him to other parishes while he is here.

### Invitation to Leadership

There is a lot written these days about clericalism in the Church and the need for us to be focused on the ground, or in the paddock, in other words, where we live and work.

The preferred mode of leadership in the Church is where all people share their gifts and talents.

Preparing for Confirmation we have focused on the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Baptised as we are, we are called to respond to the Lord's invitation to participate fully in his mission, not just to be onlookers.

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, priest or sisters and have a chat.

### Pope Francis Responds

On Pg 2-3 of this newsletter is Pope Francis response to the recent revelations from the State of Pennsylvanian USA to sexual abuse and cover up involving priests and bishops. This is a matter of deep shame and concern.

We are all called to ensure the protection of children and other vulnerable persons.

*John Pearce CP*

### Readings for Twenty first Week Ordinary Time

**Sun 26th: Twenty First Week Ordinary Time**

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 Gospel John 6:60-69

**Psalm response:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**Mon 27th:** 2Thess. 1:1-5,11-12 Gospel Matthew 23:13-22

**Tues 28th:** 2Thess. 2:1-3, 14-17 Gospel Matthew 23:23-26

**Wed 29th: Beheading of John the Baptist**

Jeremiah 1:17-16 Gospel Mark 6:17-29

**Thu 30th:** 1Corinthians 1:1-9 Gospel Matthew 24:42-51

**Fri 31st:** 1Corinthians 1:17-25 Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

**Sat 1st Sept:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8 James 1:17-18,21-22,27 Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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

**Recently Deceased:** Bruno Dalliessi, Trish Smith, Patricia McKee, Jim Harris, Wyn Bennett

**Anniversaries:** 19 Aug Jessie Healy 21 Moran Costello,

28 Jim Hogg, Bridget Jennings, Ellen Sweeney,

Bridget Sweeney 29 Laurie Squire, James People 30

William Smith 31 Mary Mackle, Maud Norrie 1 Sept

John O'Donnell, Jeremiah Sweeney 2 Pirihira Te

Awanui, Francis Kerr, Elizabeth McKay

**Other Intentions:**

Terry Crispin, Norah Costello, relatives & friends of O &

M Hickman

### COLLECTIONS:

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

#### Last week:

AP's: \$ 2058.00

Envelopes: \$1314.10

Loose: \$ 873.40

Peters Pence: \$ 5.00

Maori Pastoral Care \$ 10.00

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you!



Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the People of God



**'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'. 20 August 2018**  
**Pope Francis has sent a letter to the People of God today, 20 August 2018, in the wake of the findings of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. Here is the Vatican-provided text.**

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the People of God

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

1. If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands. Mary's song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fa-

thers: "he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty" (Lk 1:51-53). We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: "How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ's betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: *Kyrie eleison* – Lord, save us! (cf. Mt 8:25)" (Ninth Station).

2. ... all suffer together with it

The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has happened, in itself this is not enough. Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 228). Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is "a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egoism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for 'even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light' (2 Cor 11:14)" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 165). Saint Paul's exhortation to suffer with those who suffer is the best antidote against all our attempts to repeat the words of Cain: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (*Gen* 4:9).

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

Together with those efforts, every one of the

baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does. For as Saint John Paul II liked to say: "If we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified" (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 49). To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a *penitential exercise of prayer and fasting*, following the Lord's command.<sup>1</sup> This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says "never again" to every form of abuse.

It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God's People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives.<sup>2</sup> This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church's authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that "not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people".<sup>3</sup> Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say "no" to abuse is to say an emphatic "no" to all forms of clericalism.

It is always helpful to remember that "in salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in the human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 6). Consequently, the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. Without the active participation of all the Church's members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change. The penitential dimension of fasting and prayer will help us as God's People to come before the Lord and our wounded brothers and sisters as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion. In this way, we will come up with actions that can generate resources attuned to the Gospel. For "whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's

world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 11).

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.

Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience.

In this way, we can show clearly our calling to be "a sign and instrument of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race" (*Lumen Gentium*, 1).

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it", said Saint Paul. By an attitude of prayer and penance, we will become attuned as individuals and as a community to this exhortation, so that we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation. Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son's cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus' side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, "to insist more upon prayer", seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, *Spiritual Exercises*, 319). She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. To look to Mary is to discover the model of a true follower of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.  
Vatican City, 20 August 2018  
FRANCIS

1 "But this kind [of demon] does not come out except by prayer and fasting" (Mt 17:21).  
2 Cf. *Letter to the Pilgrim People of God in Chile* (31 May 2018).  
3 *Letter to Cardinal Marc Ouellet, President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America* (19 March 2016).