

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

### Weekend Mass Times

*To assist in planning ahead*

**23rd OL Star of the Sea (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**  
**Word & Communion Tuesday to Friday.**

**24th Sunday of the Year (3)**  
**Fri Sep 14**  
**Kaikoura (6pm) Confirmation & First 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 & First Communion**  
**+John/John**  
 Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat  
**Seddon (2pm) Confirmation & First 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**  
 Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr John

**27th Sunday of the Year (1)**  
**Sat Oct 6**  
 Blenheim (5pm) Mass/  
**Sun Oct 7**  
 Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr  
 Picton (9am) Mass/Fr  
 Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**  
 Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr  
 Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr

### Community Matters

#### Announcement: New Preschool Head Teacher Appointment

The Board of Governors is pleased to advise we have appointed **Charlotte Alford** to the position. She is currently Head Teacher at John St Preschool. She is bright and enthusiastic, highly professional, and is experienced in leadership roles. She is very willing to learn about our special preschool, and about our relationships with the school and parish – and is looking forward to meeting our community. The Board is confident that Charlotte is a great fit, and will ensure that St Mary's continues to provide a learning environment that is focused on positive outcomes for our tamariki. Charlotte will start at the beginning of term 4.

**Kate Gaines**  
**From your Board of Governors**

#### Children's Sacraments

Next weekend we welcome groups of our children as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation in Kaikoura, Blenheim and Seddon with Cardinal John. Congratulations in advance.

#### Adult Sacraments

Every year at Easter we welcome adults into the life of the Christian Community through Baptism, Confirmation &/or Communion. Preparation will start in Blenheim on September 20, and other centres as requested. We are enriched by the presence of adults who come from other traditions. If you want to inquire about the process, chat with Pat, John, Maureen, Frances Anna.

### Parish Events

#### Sept 13th BHM: BBQ Crew for Pensioners at Council Flats.

Meeting at 7 pm at 273 Alabama Road to organise Friday night BBQ's at various council flats during the summer. This is a St Vincent de Paul initiative, but all are invited to join in. For more information phone Tina on 577 9994 or 021 262 1742.

#### Sept 14-16: Confirmation & First Communion with Cardinal John Dew.

Kaikoura, Friday 6pm  
 Blenheim, Sunday 10am  
 Seddon, Sunday 2pm

As we celebrate with our children completing Christian Initiation, please bring finger food to share afterwards with others.

### 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. We will be there all morning.

### Sept 16th: KK Anniversary of Fr Eric's Passing

Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea in his honour, after Word & Communion

### Sept 16th: Nativity at 4pm

Choral Evensong and all are invited to this service of worship.

### Sept 22nd: 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.

### Sep 30: Renwick Mass

Renwick Mass (5pm) with BYO finger food to follow. Celebrating the completion of the external repairs and painting.

### Oct 7 .. Sounds Like Lunch.

Join us for a Community Lunch for the Sounds Communities and Friends, at Alan Scott's Winery, Jacksons Rd, Renwick @ 12.30pm. Contact Bill, Leanne, Carolyn, Ted or Parish Office to book.

**Oct 7: Rosary Aotearoa** is encouraging parishes and groups to gather at different locations around the country at 3pm on Sunday 7 October to pray the Rosary. For more information and to register a group and location see [www.rosarynewzealand.nz](http://www.rosarynewzealand.nz)

### Parish Calendar

#### September

#### Sep 9 .. 24th Sunday

Sep 10-14 Christchurch National Priests Assembly

Sep 11 .. Sacred Heart Stewardship

#### Sep 16 .. 25th Sunday

Renwick Mass has changed to Sep 30, 5pm.

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

Sep 20 .. St Mary's Preschool Board

Sep 22 .. St Mary's School Garage Sale

#### Sep 23 .. 26th Sunday

Sep 28 .. Last Day of School Term  
 Sep 29 .. Picton Church & Grounds

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

**Recently Deceased:** Bert Smith, Isikeli (Fiji)  
**Anniversaries:** 2 Jack O'Neil 9 Shane Benseman 10 Leo Wareham, Peter McHerron, Peter Oaks, Fr. Michael Cahill 11 Mary Harnett, Bernald McSwigan, Cyril O'Donnell, Francis Smith, Rupert Murray-Sherman 12 Agnes Bloomfield 13 Mahaia Poraine, Jeremiah Shelley 14 Pauline Brown, Joseph Ropata, John Reardon, Leslie Guthrie 16 Fr. Eric Ulrich, Sarah Harmon, Joseph Keehan, Patrick Maguire, Maureen Hampton, Mavis Gill (Wgth)

**Other Intentions:** Jeanne Jenkins

### COLLECTIONS:

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

#### Last week:

AP's: \$2149.33  
 Envelopes: \$1492.50  
 Loose: \$ 912.80  
 Maori Pastoral Care: \$ 175.50

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 34: 9 September 2018 23rd 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)

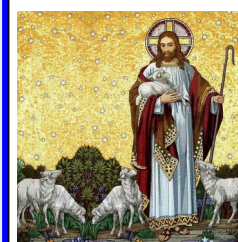
**Parish Priest:** Fr John Pearce CP (BHM)  
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**Parish Pastoral Council Chair:** Greg Stretch  
**Parish Finance Committee Chair:** Tom Harrison

## National Assembly of Priests



### National Assembly of Priests 10-14 Sept in Christchurch

From this Monday, the priests of NZ will gather in an Assembly called by the Bishops. This will be a time for fraternity and for ongoing formation. It happens about every 5 years.



At the end of the Assembly, Pat and I will be driving back to Kaikoura with Cardinal John for Confirmation and First Communion, then on to Blenheim and Seddon/Ward. A great weekend is ahead for all of us.

Please pray for our Bishops and Priests, that we will continue to be faithful servants of the Lord and his People.

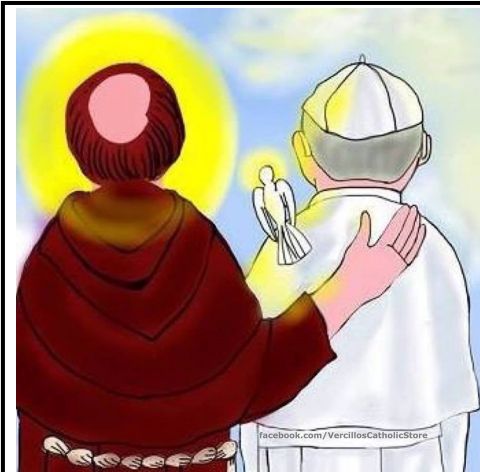
**John Pearce CP**

### Readings for Twenty Third Week Ordinary Time

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

Isaiah 35:4-7	James 2:1-5	Gospel Mark 7:31-37
<b>Psalm response:</b> Praise the Lord My soul		
<b>Mon 10th:</b>	1Corinthians 5:1-8	Gospel Luke 6:6-11
<b>Tues 11th:</b>	1Corinthians 6:1-11	Gospel Luke 6:12-19
<b>Wed 12th:</b>	1 Corinthians 7:25-31	Gospel Luke 6:20-26
<b>Thu 13th:</b>	1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13	Gospel Luke 6:27-38
<b>Fri 14th:</b>	Numbers 21:4-9	Gospel John 3:13-17
<b>Sat 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	Philippians 2:6-11	Gospel John 19:25-27
<b>Sun 16th: Twenty Fourth Week Ordinary Time</b>	Hebrews 5:7-9	
Isaiah 50:5-9	James 2:14-18	Gospel Mark 8:27-35





### A Reflection About Pope Francis

"You're a man and not an Angel. That's right, sometimes you're wrong, and you dare to say, not what everyone wants to hear, but what the Holy Spirit inspires you.

"You addressed the roman curia and dared to tell the bishops of the world that a shepherd must have the smell of his sheep. As the world says justice, you say mercy.

"You broke the rigorous protocol of Rome, and you took the path of simplicity and austerity. You went to live in the Vatican guest house, occupying a simple room, and avoided the luxury and predilection of palaces.

"You have been found visiting immigrants in the peripheries of Rome; visiting prisons, having breakfast with beggars, kissing the sick and invalids, raising children, consoling widows and victims of persecution and war.

"You're not "Saint John Paul [the Great] " nor " Benedict XVI ", you're just "Francisco " You have been accused of hosting divorced people or those who are in irregular relations and dare to say that the Sacraments are not changed.

"You hit the Achilles heel of the Masons, which has been trying to stain the Church's name for so long. People wanted a judge and you were a shepherd, they wanted a Pharisee and you declared yourself a simple sinner, a man in need of God.

"With simplicity you say you're nothing but the bishop of Rome. You don't want to be called "your holiness", you'd rather be just Francisco.

For this, and for many more things, they declare you: guilty!

Guilty for opening the eyes of the blind- the eyes of the heart.."

*Gabriella San Severino*

### Church in Australia responds to the Royal Commission

*The Australian Bishops and religious leaders respond on Thursday to the Royal Commission report, addressing victims of sexual abuse and their loved ones, the Catholic community, government and the people of Australia, saying it is a "significant step".*

By Sr Bernadette Mary Reis, fsp  
A 57-page response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was released on Thursday by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA), a group representing Australia's men and women religious and members of Societies of Apostolic Life. The response, with a Preamble signed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, ACBC's President, and Sr Monica Cavanagh, CRA's President, responds point by point to recommendations made by the Royal Commission.

#### Sincere, unreserved apology

The response begins by thanking both the Royal Commission for its service and the courageous abuse survivors who came forward. "To them and their families we offer our sincere and unreserved apology, and we commit anew to doing whatever we can to heal the wounds of abuse and to make the Church a truly safe place for all", the response says.

There is a clarification regarding the "extent of the authority" which the Catholic Bishops and religious leaders of Australia have with respect to the wider Catholic reality. Thus, the report states clearly that the ACBC and the CRA do not "speak for the entire Catholic Church".

#### Recommendations of the Royal Commission

Of the 80 recommendations proposed by the Royal Commission, 47 were accepted, 1 was not accepted, 13 were passed on to the Holy See, 1 is being taken into further consideration, 5 were accepted in principle, 12 are supported, and 1 is supported in principle. In response to all the accepted or supported recommendations, the response also states how they are already being implemented, that Church institutions will comply with any future legislation, or that standards are in development by Catholic Professional Standards Ltd.

#### Recommendations referred to the Holy See

Some of the recommendations made by the Royal Commission are actually addressed and have been forwarded to the Holy See by the Australian Bishops.

These include: practices in the appointment of bishops; the possibility of voluntary celibacy for diocesan priests; the amendment of Canon Law to include canons relating to child sexual abuse; modification of the pontifical secret in sexual abuse cases; canonical procedure in sexual abuse cases regarding approach and time limits; establishment of a canonical tribunal in Australia capable of judging cases against the clergy; publication of decisions made by the Vatican and canonical tribunals; amending the canons regarding the destruction of documents connected with canonical criminal cases; that the ACBC should consult the Holy See on matters pertaining to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and victims or perpetrators of sexual abuse and make the response public.

In some cases, the report states that recommendations passed on to the Holy See have become "normative practice in the Catholic Church in Australia". Responding specifically to the recommendation for optional celibacy for diocesan priests, the ACBC states that the Royal Commission "made no finding of a causal connection between celibacy and child sexual abuse", and suggests that inadequate formation of priests could have been a contributing factor in the sexual abuse of minors.

#### Recommendation not accepted

Recommendation 7.4 concerning the exemption of confessors in reporting abuse, which is a direct violation of the seal of confession, was the only one that was not accepted on grounds that "it is contrary to our faith and inimical to religious liberty".

#### Nothing will repair the harm done

In conclusion, on behalf of the ACBC and the CRA, Bishop Coleridge and Sr Monica say that "Our hope and prayer is that all that we have done, are doing and will do may help to bring healing to those so gravely harmed". At the same time, they acknowledge Pope Francis' words that "no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient". Embracing the Pope's words in his Letter to the People of God, they express their commitment to spare no effort to "create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated".

### Response to Racist Maiden Speech in Oz Parliament

*the recent racist outburst in the Australian Parliament has caused a rise in support for all people at grass roots levels, irrespective of their origins.*

#### Please Consider:

- To what level would I speak up when another is racially vilified?
- Have I ever met a Muslim, Jew, Hindu and had conversation, even a coffee, with them?

### If We Can Do It, Why Can't the Rest of the Country?: Inside Parliament's Unlikely Friendship

By Stephanie Peatling. The Age (Melbourne) 16 August 2018.

Liberal cabinet minister Josh Frydenberg and Labour rising star Ed Husic have long had each other's backs. When Husic was criticised for swearing his oath of office on the Koran, Frydenberg went on radio to defend him. A few years later, it was Husic's turn. When others in his party suggested Frydenberg had questions to answer regarding his citizenship, Husic, publicly, told them to pull their heads in.

Both men know a bit about not fitting in.

Husic, the son of Bosnian immigrants who moved to Australia in the 1960s, and Frydenberg, the son of Jewish refugees fleeing the horrors of the Holocaust, have back stories many Australians, but not many politicians, can relate to.

When Katter's Australian Party senator Fraser Anning praised the White Australia Policy and called for a plebiscite as "the final solution to the immigration problem", both men knew they would have to respond.

Neither knew the response would come in the form of a bipartisan repudiation of Senator Anning's speech, a rare moment of political and parliamentary spontaneity that saw the Coalition, Labor, Greens and independents come together to condemn the speech and speak in support of a non-discriminatory immigration program.

Husic's speech was widely praised. "There are often occasions I can't believe I'm here. There are probably instances, with the way that I carry on, where some of you on that side and even on my side probably agree with that statement," Husic said with the mix of self-deprecation and clarity he is known for.

"The reason why it's hard for me to believe I'm here is because my parents were a product



of poverty. I visited my mum's place in rural Bosnia and the house that she grew up, which is probably no bigger than this area."

"There were eight people crammed into that house, and my dad's place wasn't much different....They made it here in the late sixties, and Australia opened its doors to allow us to have the chance to be here."

At the end of the off-the-cuff speech, Frydenberg jumped up from his seat on one side of the chamber and moved towards Husic. Husic was already on his feet. The pair met in the centre of the chamber and embraced.

The image of Josh Frydenberg and Ed Husic embracing in Parliament was shared widely. The image was widely shared on social media, a joyful exclamation mark that raised the spirits of many who were shocked and saddened following Senator Anning's speech.

"It was personal and it was heart felt," Frydenberg said of his friend's speech, admitting he had wiped away a tear or two as Anne Aly, a Labor MP and the first Muslim woman elected to federal parliament, spoke of her experiences.

Also in the building on Wednesday were Frydenberg's parents. It was their first visit in a couple of years.

Frydenberg's mother, Erica, was born in Budapest in 1943 and was for a time interned in the city's ghetto before escaping the Holocaust with her family. They lived in a displaced persons' camp and gained entry to Australia in 1950. His father, Harry, was born to Polish parents who left their homeland amid rising anti-Semitism before World War II.

Responding to the Katter Party Senator's call for a "final solution" on immigration, Labor MP Ed Husic said politicians can "do better".

One of Frydenberg's great aunts has her Auschwitz prisoner number tattooed on her arm.

Late on Wednesday afternoon, Frydenberg, his parents and Husic had afternoon tea in Frydenberg's ministerial office. Erica and Harry were quick to tell their son and his friend how many people had contacted them to praise Husic's speech. Nobody mentioned Senator Anning by name. Neither Husic nor Frydenberg volunteered it when they spoke to Fairfax Media on Thursday. Both are frustrated by the divisive racial messages spread by parties such as One Nation and Katter's Australian Party and fanned by sections of the media.

Both wish for the day when they do not have to refute falsehoods about Muslims, Jews and any other group whose members do not look like the result of an Anglo Saxon goldfish bowl.

After all, if two MPs from opposing parties in the rough world of politics can be friends, it can't be that hard for others to look beyond their differences.

"If we can do it, why can't the rest of the community?" Frydenberg sighs.

"The thing I was happiest about yesterday [Wednesday] was the spontaneous way people came together to demonstrate we can be better," Husic says.

"If the aim had been to tear people apart, well, the opposite occurred."

