



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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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.

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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Passionist General Chapter

This coming week is the last week of the month long General Chapter of the Passionists in Rome.

Under the banner of **Renewing our Mission**, there has been dialogue on the various topics that have come from the various suggestions and recommendations on ways we can live our Passionist Community Life and Mission in these times in the world today.

These words from the work of Chapter Discernment are now being formulated into proposals for the Chapter with discuss and vote on in this coming week.

This Chapter Theme is **Renewing our Mission: Gratitude, Hope and Prophecy.**

Third Centenary of Foundation

In 2020 the Passionist will celebrate 300 years since their Foundation in 1720 in Italy. We have experienced suppression by Napoleon, the impact of various wars, loss of members early and late in their lives of ministry, the stretch into new lands and its impact on the remainder of the communities, times of zero vocations and times of plenty.

From the start until after the death of the Founder, St Paul of the Cross, we were centred in Italy. As we later expanded into other countries, we have had times of expansion and contraction. Today we are in 63 countries, Myanmar (Burma) being the latest Foundation just this year.

New Leaders

Last week saw the re-election of Burmese born Australian Fr Joachim Rego as the Superior General for another 6 year term. Fr Gwen Barda from the Philippines is one of his six Consultors.

Finishing his 12th year as a Consultor is Australian Fr Denis Travers. He will be joining our Marlborough Community from January 1 for a few months prior to taking on a new ministry in our Holy Spirit Province. Denis was here for several weeks in 2016.

John Pearce CP

Readings for Thirtieth Week Ordinary Time

Sun 28th: Thirtieth Week Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Psalm response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

Mon 29th:

Ephesians 4:32-5:8

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

Tues 30th:

Ephesians 5:21-33

Gospel Luke 13:18-21

Wed 31st:

Ephesians 6:1-9

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

Thu 1st Nov: All Saints

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Fri 2nd:

Philippians 1:18-26

Gospel Luke 14:1,7-11

Sun 4th: Thirty First Week Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

Passionist General Chapter Meets Pope Francis

Greeting of the Superior General, Fr Joachim Rego CP, to the Holy Father Pope Francis at the General Audience with the Chapter Capitulars.



Holy Father,

As the re-elected and re-confirmed Superior General of the Passionist Congregation, I have the honor to greet you today on behalf of my brothers gathered here with great eagerness in your presence, most of whom are Capitulars participating in the 47th General Chapter of the Congregation which began on 6th October and will conclude on 27th October.

We thank you sincerely, Holy Father, for accepting to meet us in audience despite your full schedule, as we are aware also of your participation in the Synod of Bishops which is taking place at this time. Thank you for giving us the honor and privilege of spending this short time with you.

I want to assure you, Holy Father, that all our brothers in the Congregation who are keeping alive and promoting the memory of the Passion of Jesus in 63 countries, prayerfully support the Petrine ministry entrusted to you, aware of the many challenges which accompany it. In turn, we feel truly supported and strengthened by your magisterium and your humble authentic witness in living the joy of the Gospel.

In particular, we thank you for sharing your faith insights and spirituality on the mystery of the Cross of Jesus drawing us into the merciful heart of God. This has been an inspiration and has assisted us in deepening the charism and spirituality of our founder, St Paul of the Cross, who, in contemplating the Passion of Jesus experienced "the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love".

The theme which we are reflecting on during this 47th General Chapter is: Renewing our Mission: Gratitude, Prophecy, Hope. This theme is one that we want to keep before our focus and attention not only during this Chapter, but also in light of the third centenary of the foundation of our Congregation which will be commemorated in 2020. The journey and process towards this significant event of our Congregation has been launched during this General Chapter. Your strong emphasis, Holy Father, on evangelization and mission: to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to the poor and going out on mission to the peripheries and margins has encouraged and challenged us. However, we know that for us, Passionists, this must be centred on Christ Crucified and in relation to the crucified and suffering humanity

and our earth today. Our response to the ongoing evangelical call to conversion and repentance in the mission of the kingdom of God is the path to holiness and the renewing of our selves for the fruitfulness of our mission.

It is our fervent hope that the fruits arising from our General Chapter and the commemoration of the Congregation's Jubilee will be in response to God's grace for our renewal as Passionists and will assist us: in deepening our commitment to keep alive the Memory of the Passion of Jesus as the ultimate expression of the love of God for all people and all creation; in finding new and contemporary ways to promote the 'Memoria Passionis'; and in the renewal of our mission to proclaim the Gospel of the Passion in the context of today. With eagerness to hear your words of encouragement and challenge to us, Holy Father, I end my remarks with our assurance of sincere esteem and obedience to you, and our prayers for your welfare and service in the mission of the Church. We thank you for your authenticity, courage and gentle, but firm leadership of the People of God. On behalf of the whole Passionist Family,

I humbly ask you, Holy Father, to please pray for the renewal and effectiveness of our beloved Congregation and to impart your Apostolic blessing upon us all. "May the Passion of Jesus be always in our hearts."

**Fr Joachim Rego CP
Superior General
22 October 2018**



**The Holy See
Discourse of Pope Francis to the Participants of the General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus (Passionists)
Consistory Hall Monday, 22 October 2018**

Dear brothers,

I am pleased to meet you on the occasion of your General Chapter and I thank the Superior for his words. These days, your reflections have been guided by the theme «Renewing our Mission: gratitude, prophecy and hope». These three words: gratitude, prophecy and hope express the spirit with which you wish to stimulate your Congregation to a renewal of mission. In fact, besides electing the government of the Institute, you propose to implement a new path of continuous formation for your communities, rooted in the experience of daily life; and you also intend to discern pastoral methodology in your approach to younger generations.

Passionist General Chapter Meets Pope Francis



Your Founder, Saint Paul of the Cross, gave to himself and to his companions this motto: "May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts." His first biographer, St. Vincent Mary Strambi, said of him: "It seemed that God Almighty had chosen Father Paul, in a special way, to teach people how to seek him in the interiority of their own heart." St. Paul of the Cross wanted your communities to be schools of prayer, where they could experience God. His holiness itself was lived between darkness and desolation, but also with a joy and peace that touched the hearts of those who met him.

At the heart of your life and your mission is the Passion of Jesus, which the Founder described as "the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love" (Letters II, 499). The vow that distinguishes you, with which you undertake to keep alive the memory of the Passion, places you at the foot of the cross, from which springs the healing and reconciling love of God. I encourage you to be ministers of spiritual healing and reconciliation, which are greatly needed in today's world, marked by ancient and new afflictions. Your Constitutions call you to dedicate yourselves to the "evangelizing and... re-evangelizing the faithful, especially the poor in more neglected areas" (Const. 70). Your closeness to people, traditionally expressed through popular missions, spiritual direction and the sacrament of Penance, is a precious testimony.

The Church needs ministers who speak with tenderness, listen without condemnation and accept with mercy. The Church today strongly perceives the call to come out of itself and go to the peripheries, both geographic and existential. Your commitment to embrace new frontiers of mission implies not only going to new territories to bring the Gospel, but also addressing the new challenges of our time, such as migrations, secularism and the digital world. This means being present in those situations where people perceive the absence of God, and try to be close to those who, in any way or form, are suffering.

In this age of change, which is rather a change of era, you are called to be attentive to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit, reading the signs of the times. New situations require new answers. St. Paul of the Cross was very creative in responding to the needs of his time, recognizing-as he says in the Rule-that "the love of God is ingenious and is proved not so much by the words, as by the deeds and examples of those who love." (Rule 1775, XVI). Creative fidelity to your charism will allow you to respond to the needs of today's people, staying close to the suffering Christ in order to bring his presence to a world that

suffers.

Your Congregation has given many examples of holiness to the people of God. We recall St. Gabriel of the Mother of Sorrows, a young man whose joyful following of Christ still speaks to the youth of today. The testimony of the Saints and Blesseds of your religious family manifests the fruitfulness of your charism and offers models to inspire you in your apostolic choices. The strength and simplicity of your message, which is the love of God revealed on the cross, can still speak to today's society that has learned not to trust words alone and to be convinced only by facts. For many young people who are looking for God, the Passion of Jesus can be a source of hope and courage, showing them that everyone is loved personally and totally. May your testimony and your apostolate continue to enrich the Church, and may you always remain close to Christ crucified and his suffering people.

May the Apostolic Blessing, which I now impart to you capitulars and to the whole Passionist family, accompany you on your journey.

Please don't forget to pray for me. Thank you.

Francis.



Fr Denis Travers has just completed 12 years as a General Consultor. He will join our Marlborough Community from January 1.



Fr Brian Traynor, Fr Tom McDonough & Fr Denis Travers

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

To assist in planning ahead

30th Sunday of the Year (4)

Sat Oct 27

Blenheim (5) Mass/Fr Ray

Sun Oct 28

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Ray

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Ray

Havelock (11) **W&C**

Ward (4pm) Mass/Fr Pat

31st Sunday of the Year (1)

Sat Nov 3

Blenheim (5) Mass/Fr Ray

Sun Nov 4

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Ray

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Ray

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat

32nd Sunday of the Year (2)

Armistice Day

Sat Nov 10

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Nov 11

Seddon (8am) **W&C**

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Ray

Blenheim (10) **W&C**

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat

Community Matters

All Saints / Holy Souls

On Nov 1-2, over the two days, we honour the Saints, recognised or other, Souls of the good people who have gone before us.

Nov 1 Masses:

Blenheim 9.30am, Bethsaida

10.30am, Picton 7pm

Nov 2 Masses:

Kaikoura 9.30am Blenheim 12.05pm

Blenheim Ministry Rosters

Roster for next four months are now ready. If you have not received yours by email, please collect from the box in the church foyer

New National President for St Vincent de Paul

Congratulations to Picton parishioner Marlene Hoeft-Marwick who was recently elected National President of Vinnies. She has been an active member of the Picton Conference and Marlborough Regional President. Picton is the gateway between the North and South Islands. May Marlene's ministry open new gateways across our nation.

Thank you to the Vincentians in the Picton and Blenheim confer-

ences for all that you do for people through your various engagements, not just the Shops.

Christmas Boxes

Thank you to everyone who participated in The Christmas Box project in Blenheim this year, with more than 300 boxes now returned from across the Churches. Ginetta once again led the way from the St Mary's Hub.



Home and Away

I am away for a month, Oct 22 to Nov 22, mixing annual leave between several Province events.

On Nov 17-21 I will be attending a Conference of the Association of Practical Theology in Oceania at the Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva. This is an Ecumenical gathering. I am presenting a paper called "Fusion, Fracture, Healing & Dreaming: The Marlborough Story". The participants will hear there are other good things happening in Marlborough besides the Sav Blanc. **John.**

Fr Ray Brain CP from Adelaide has arrived from Adelaide and will be assisting in the Parish. Ray has had a colourful career of chaplaincies to retirement villages, retreat centres, street people, and until more recently, community leader of the Passionist House in London. He has recently returned from the USA where he and others preached Mission for our Passionist Missions in PNG and Vietnam.

Sacred Heart Kaikoura Community Gathering

The Kaikoura Stewardship Team is planning for a Community Gathering after Mass on Sunday Nov 25 in place of the former AGM. Time to celebrate how we are re-growing our community and its various ministries, and areas we might need to attend to. After that there is an invitation to 21 Ludstone Road for the Blessing of The Hut and The House.

Parish Events

Nov 2: Sacred Heart Church Kaikoura Lunch @ Koura Bay Lodge

Meet at church at 11.45 am and we will car pool up to Hapuku. Ring Ursula Crampton 319 5229 to book your place at table

Nov 10: Kaikoura: Pot Luck Dinner & Variety Evening

At 6pm in the Church Hall Sacred Heart, Kaikoura. ALL Welcome. Any questions to Patsy 319 7166.

Nov 16: Blenheim Saints & Sinners Quiz Night

A FUNdraiser for St Marys Youth Group. If you missed out on all the fun last year, now's your chance to get in on the action, with prizes for the best dressed, live auctions with lots of goodies, spot prizes and more. At the Community Centre from 7pm. Check notice board for more info. book a table for up to 8ppl. \$10pp. Tickets, contact Maurice 0223918584 stmarysyouthgroup@extra.co.nz

Parish Calendar

October

Oct 28 .. 31st Sunday

Mass @ Ward (4pm)

Oct 29 .. Marlborough Day Holiday

November

Nov 2 .. Sacred Heart Church Kaikoura Lunch

Nov 6 .. Wairau Stewardship

Nov 9 .. Safeguarding Workshop (7)

Nov 10 .. Kaikoura Pot Luck Dinner

Nov 12 .. Sacred Heart Stewardship

Nov 13 .. St Joseph's Board

Nov 15 .. Blenheim Annual Bereavement Mass 7pm

Nov 16 .. Youth group Fundraiser

Nov 20-21 .. Passionist Province Assembly (Pat in Melbourne)

Nov 22 .. John & Pat return

Nov 25 .. **Feast of Christ the King**

Sacred Heart Kaikoura

Community Gathering

Nov 27th Finance Meeting

December

Dec 11 .. Kaikoura, School Mass & Graduation

Dec 14 .. Blenheim, School End of Year Mass & Farewell 10.30am

Dec 16 .. Renwick Pre- Christmas Mass & Community get together

Dec 9...Christmas in the Park, Pollard Park, Blenheim

Dec 11... Finance Meeting

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Jadon Jordan (KK), Bobby Sloan, Pat Martella, Pamela Orchard, Ken Shepherd

Anniversaries: **22 Oct** Hugh O'Donnell, Joseph Garrett, Julia Smith, Josephine Dooley, Francis Smith **23** Marguerite Cavanaugh, Mary McInnes, Henry Mackle, Jessie Chapman, William Peoples **24** Edward Kerr, Eric Creagh, Jennifer Gerard **26** Julia Carroll, Gerard Eaton **27** Norah Parsons, Myrtle Miles, Andrew Harnett **28** Jack Walker, Michael Dee, Hester Stewart, Frederick Gilmour, Mary Smith, Kingi Reardon, John Laugesen

Other Intentions: Joevil Basulgan-dela Cruz

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$2066.00
Envelopes:	\$1656.00
Loose:	\$1078.60
Mission Sunday:	\$413.20

thank you!