



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 ad-
vance.

Open Church

Our Churches at St Mary's
and Sacred Heart Kaikoura
are open every day if you
want to a quiet place for
prayer.



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

LIVING OUR LIVES WITH LOVE

Saint Patrick: Bringer of Faith, Chas- er of Snakes

Legend has it that Saint Patrick
chased the snakes out of Ireland, and
brought the Christian Faith to that land.
He is known as the Apostle of Ireland.

Irish Missionaries for many cen-
turies took the Christian Faith back to
parts of Europe and Asia and Oceania
and the Americas, some for the first
time, some renewing the faith that had
waned.

Remembering Ash Wednesday Proclamation: Turn Away from Sin and be Faithful to the Gospel

It was only 10 days ago that we
started Lent, but the call of the Procla-
mation as we received the ashes re-
mains strong "Turn Away from sin and
be faithful to the Gospel".

The sins of priests, bishops and
cardinals continue to be publicised
around the world, especially the breach
of trust with children. There is a grow-
ing mistrust felt by many priests as a
consequence.

In the Australian context, there
have been a variety of responses to the
verdict of guilt and sentencing of Car-
dinal Pell in recent weeks. Our prayers and

thoughts must go out to the victims and
their families, as much as the perpetra-
tors. The Appeal is in June. We wait.

As a proactive response and
compliance with our duty of care for all
people, our Church in New Zealand is
asking us to ensure the safety of minors
and vulnerable adults through the vet-
ting of all ministers. Thus the implemen-
tation of Safeguarding Polices and Police
Checks.

Safeguarding: Our Parish Implementation

Starting this weekend, Star of
the Sea Parish is implementing the re-
cent Policy requirement by our Bishops
and Religious Leaders regarding a Code
of Conduct and National Police Check for
Volunteers and Employees.

During the coming weeks before
Easter, all Parish Ministry Volunteers and
Employees are asked to read and sign
these.

Regarding the Code of Conduct.
This is a declaration that we will live and
serve as a Church member and minister
to the highest ideals. Regarding the Po-
lice Check. We declare we have no con-
victions in regards to care of children.

In anticipation of this, we ask
that all completed forms be returned to
the Parish Office for processing and
sending to the Archdiocese.

Thank you for joining us in this
collective action of Safeguarding.

John Pearce CP.

Readings for Second Week of Lent (C)

Sun 17th: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36

Psalm Response: The Lord is my Light and Salvation

Mon 18th: Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6:36-38

Tues 19th: 2Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Romans 4:13,16-18,22

Matthew 1:16,18-21,24

St Joseph, Husband of Mary

Wed 20th: Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28

Thu 21st: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31

Fri 22nd: Gen. 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Sat 23rd: Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun 24th: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 1Cor. 10:1-6,10-12 Luke 13:1-9

Code of Conduct for Employees & Volunteers in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand

Background

This Code of Conduct was approved for use as a Parish Policy by the Pastoral Council on Tuesday 26 February 2019, and to be introduced during Lent with the National Police Check.

National & Parish Code of Conduct

The skills and expertise that employees and volunteers bring to their role is vital to the life of the Church, and is very much appreciated. All those who undertake work for the Church, whether paid or unpaid, are representing the Church and there are expectations for the way they perform their role.

This "Code of Conduct for Employees and Volunteers" sets out these expectations of behaviour. All employees and volunteers are asked to read and sign this Code of Conduct to acknowledge they understand and accept these standards of conduct.

As a Church Employee or Volunteer I agree that:

- I will be honest and trustworthy.
- I will fulfil my role as set out in my role or job description.
- I will seek support if asked to do something beyond my experience, qualifications or comfort-zone.
- I will comply with all policies and procedures provided to me during my work.
- I will treat everyone with respect and courtesy.
- I am personally accountable for my decisions and actions in helping to create a safe and supportive environment within my Church community.
- I will avoid any activities that could bring the Church or my Church community into disrepute.
- I will ensure my actions are not affected by my

- personal interests or relationships
- I will follow safeguarding procedures when I am with a child or group of children, or providing ministry or service to any adult.
- I will respect the rights of people to privacy and confidentiality, and confidential information will only be shared with others with the informed consent of the person, unless there is clear danger to them or to others.
- I will take all allegations of harm or abuse seriously and will follow our reporting procedures.
- I understand that I also have the right to report any concern or allegation of abuse or harm directly to the Police or Oranga Tamariki (Ministry for Children).
- I will honour the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in my work. I will be respectful of other people's cultures.
- If my behaviour or conduct is considered to be in breach of any aspect of this Code of Conduct, I understand that consequences may include a requirement to apologise, training, a performance improvement strategy, warnings, or dismissal.

If I do not understand any aspect of this Code of Conduct, I will speak to my manager, supervisor, or ministry leader.

Signed as an acknowledgment that this Code of Conduct has been received by me, I have had an opportunity to read it and ask questions about it, and that I agree to be bound by its terms:

Name:

Signature:

Date:.....

Religion in a Secular Environment

Religion Just as Important as it Always was



Thursday, 28 Feb 2019 CathNews NZ.

Juliet Chevalier-Watts is challenging the view that New Zealand is becoming more secular. She says religious belief appears to be just as important to society as it's always been.

Chevalier-Watts is a University of Waikato senior law lecturer who is a charity law specialist and is in completing a PhD in which she reviews religion and charity law.

She says that charity law is

the ideal vehicle to support religion "because of the rules surrounding charity law that actually may give confidence to the public that when it comes to charity, religion is not always the tyranny that people might presume it to be."

Chevalier-Watts said she found that it is extremely rare for people not to have some kind of belief system.

"If you try to remove a system out of society, as occurred in a number of Communist states, it simply goes underground.

"Once religion is permitted again, it flourishes once more."

She suggests that religion "is here to stay and in many regards it is fundamental to society."

Chevalier-Watts says there are some high-profile and influential people who denigrate religion, demanding that it should not exist anymore.

"Obviously, people are entitled to be as negative as they wish, and it is perhaps right in a contemporary society that we can challenge beliefs and religions.

"However, I'm coming at it first from a legal context, and then a societal context and, if you examine the way humans operate, it is apparent that in many ways humans prefer to operate within a religious construct.

"As a result, it is right that it is recognised, and charity law provides a way of ensuring that it is recognised, and charity law provides a way of ensuring that religion is acknowledged and also underpinned by stringent govern-

Called to Serve: Church Vocations Today

Ever thought of being
A Diocesan Priest?

Holy Cross Seminary Auckland

www.holycross.org.nz

A Passionist Missionary?

www.passionists.com

A Sister of Mercy?

www.sistersofmercy.org.nz

A Marist Missionary Sister?

www.smsmsisters.org

NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference Encourages Renewal of Pastoral Life Post-Royal Commission

By Mary Brazell, 28 February 2019



Fr Frank Brennan SJ at the NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference.

170 attendees from Catholic parishes across New South Wales have gathered together for the NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference, held at the Dooley's Catholic Club, Lidcombe on Tuesday 26 February 2019.

Organised by the NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Pastoral Workers (NAPPA), the conference titled **Drawing and Giving Life**, with a focus on the scripture **'you will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation'** (Is12:3), invited attendees to renew their pastoral life in the post Royal-Commission Church.

Richard McMahon, NAPPA co-chair and Director of Pastoral Planning & Implementation, Diocese of Parramatta and Ana Pintos, NAPPA co-chair and Pastoral Associate at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, began the conference with an acknowledgement of country and prayers. Carmel Fenton, NAPPA Secretary and Pastoral Associate of Luddenham-Warragamba Parish, proclaimed the Gospel, which was followed by a sprinkling rite.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson, Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay, addressed attendees as part of the welcome.

"Andrew Reedy, an American sociologist, once commented that there is no more ingenious form of community than a Catholic parish. It's an extraordinary network of relationships.

"The Catholic parish has a prophetic quality about it, particularly today. It is form of community that we require more than ever because of the forces of disconnection and of isolation that mark our contemporary experience.

"Here in Australia, the parish continues to be the place primarily by which people become church – that living social body that bears the light of the risen Christ.

"It is my hope that particularly as we journey towards the Plenary Council 2020, our parishes of Australia will enjoy focus and development.

"The Plenary itself is prefaced on the notion of 'synodality' – this sense of walking together. As we walk together, we are discerning what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

"It will become incumbent of us as we journey forward to think how we make synodality a living character-

istic of each of our parish communities.

"We can only do that as we call each one who belongs in those communities into active listening so that our parish communities before circles of listening and places of deep conversation in which people experience a sense of inclusion and belonging and recognising their identity as disciples."

Before the keynote address, attendees were asked to reflect on three questions in a way of fellowship and networking.

Fr Frank Brennan SJ, a Jesuit priest and CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia, then addressed the conference as the keynote speaker.

Fr Frank's presentation discussed how we can renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post-Royal Commission Church in Australia and in what ways those in ministry need to move forward in order to serve the mission of Christ.

"My perspectives will be quite different from some of yours, and that's fine because one of the great things about the Catholic Church is that we have this plurality of experiences and we can reflect on those experiences in light of our traditions, the scriptures and our papal teachings," Fr Frank said.

"We are not going to build an international situation of tolerance and peace unless we build it locally. What is our commitment in our neck of the woods to build a culture of tolerance and of living together in peace?"

"How are we to give women their place at the table when they cannot preside at the Eucharist?"

"How can we ensure that our church is more accountable and transparent and true to the gospel in the wake of the Royal Commission?"

"What should be our approach to employment of LGBTIQ staff and to pastoral care of LGBTIQ parishioners in the wake of the same sex marriage debate?"

"How are we to assure Indigenous Australians their place at the table when governments make laws and policies impacting especially on them and their heritage?"

"How can we make our community more welcome and open to refugees, asylum seekers and new migrants?"

"What should we be drawing from Pope Francis to animate our parishes about stewardship of the environment, responsibility for the poor, spiritual contemptment in an age of disruption and getting the mix right of truth, justice, love, mercy and joy?"

Stalls were available to all attendees from ministries across the state, including the Institute for Mission from the Diocese of Parramatta, Harvest Journeys and the Australian Catholic University.

After morning tea, attendees split up into smaller groups for their first workshop.

Workshops included 'Supporting Muslim-Christian Dialogue' by Rev Dr Patrick McInerney SSC, Director for the Columban Centre for

Christian-Muslim Relations and 'Young People and the Church' by Christy Honeysett, National Liaison Office for the Youth Mission Team.

Following lunch, attendees returned to smaller groups for a secondary workshop.

Workshops included 'What next for Plenary 2020' by Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator for the Plenary Council 2020, and 'Alpha – Encountering Jesus' by international speaker Josh Angrisano.

In the afternoon, after the workshops, attendees had time to share their experience of the day in small groups and considered what could be taken back to their parishes and ministries.

An optional Mass and dinner were available to attendees at the conclusion of the conference.

Lisa Bright, Pastoral Associate of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown said that the highlight of the conference was the keynote address by Fr Frank.

"He spoke with such a genuine passion for all the areas of our world that we need to pay more attention to. He highlighted that every minister at the conference was the face of Christ in the Church and in whatever circumstance we find ourselves in and with whomever we are accompanying, we must always offer respect, dignity and justice.

"Fr Frank's keynote address left me feeling empowered and encouraged to put our faith into action every single day in the days that can really make a difference in our parish communities.

"Each year the NAPPA Conference has grown to include more elements where we can learn and use in our own parishes.

"Even though we think we may not have time to go to Conferences such as this, they are vital for our own revitalisation, for our professional development and to ensure that as ministers of the Church, we are doing the best we can to be the face of Christ to all in this time and space in which live."

Richard McMahon said he was delighted by the interest in this year's conference, which led it to be a sell-out event.

"I believe the increased engagement with our conference is testimony to the quality keynotes and workshops, and points to a hunger for people in pastoral ministry to network with others, share practical resources, and take time out to reflect upon their role.

"Pastoral ministry can be a tough and lonely road, so I was pleased that so many people through our day together felt affirmed and connected in their work and were re-energised to go back with new ideas and fresh enthusiasm to serve the mission of Jesus Christ.

"My advice to those thinking about coming next year is to get in early to avoid disappointment."

Parish Matters

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WITH LOVE**

Weekend Mass Times

2nd Sunday of Lent (3)

Guest Speakers from Caritas NZ at Blenheim and Seddon

Sat Mar 16

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Mar 17

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr John

3rd Sunday of Lent (4)

Sat Mar 23

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Mar 24

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Senele

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Senele

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

Tongan C'y Mass/Fr Senele

Ward (4pm) Mass/Fr John

5th Sunday of Lent (5)

Fr Chris Skinner SM & Mrs Bev

Mc Donald

Sat Mar 30

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun Mar 31

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

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr John

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10) **W&C**

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr John

Tongan Community Mass/Fr

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr John

Parish News & Events

Church repaint:

Due to St Mary's church undertaking a repair and repaint, the weekday mass has moved to the Mercy Room till the end of winter.

St Mary's Children's Liturgy of the Word

It's back! Children's Liturgy starts this weekend at 10 am Mass.

Order Of St. Luke

The Order of St. Luke the Physician Healing Ministry are holding a special meeting this afternoon (Sunday 17th March) at **3.15pm** at St. Christopher's Anglican Church Lounge (Weld St). The Rev. Jenny

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Please remember those parishioners who have passed away over the years and are noted in our memorial books at Blenheim, Kaikoura and Picton. People will be mentioned specifically each week if family notify the office of their loved ones anniversary.

Other Intentions:

Parish Lenten Retreats

This year we have two weekends where retreat days will be offered to anyone who wants to come, Catholic or other Christians. They are on the two weekends before Holy Week. **Registration would be appreciated for planning.**

March 30th-31st: Fr Chris Skinner SM and Bev McDonald

The Marist Laity Team is offering these reflection days
Saturday: Kaikoura 10.30-2.30pm following 9.30am Mass.
Sunday: Picton 10-2.30pm Following 9am Mass.

April 5-6: Reflection on The Passion with Fr Denis Travers

Denis is coming to us for the weekend, coming from Auckland where he led a retreat to Passionist Companions the previous weekend.

Saturday: Blenheim, 9.30-1pm

Mass and following

Sunday: Kaikoura, 9.30-1pm

Mass and following

Bookings at Parish Office.

Lenten Reflection Groups:

Blenheim

Mon Eve, ph Alan 578 7463

Tues 1.30pm ph Heather 578 9440

Kaikoura

1.30pm Thurs, Church foyer

Stations of the Cross:

Kaikoura

7pm Wednesday (Rosary)

Picton 5.30pm Friday

Blenheim

6pm Friday, Tongan, English, Indian followed by Lenten discussion group

Quince the National Chaplain will be the guest speaker. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

International Womens Night.

Mar 23, 7pm at the Marlborough Convention Centre. Hosted by the Marl. Multicultural centre. Entry by donation.



Parish Calendar

March

- 19 .. Finance & Property Committee
- 20 .. Blenheim Sacrament of Reconciliation (7pm)
- 25 .. St Mary's Youth Committee
- 26 .. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
- 30-31 .. Retreat Days with Marist Laity

April

- 2 .. Wairau Stewardship Group
- 4 .. BLN Christian Ministers Assoc
- 7 .. Sounds Stewardship Group
- 8 .. Kaikoura Stewardship Group
- 11 .. St Mary's Pre School AGM & Elections**
- 14 .. Palm Sunday**
- 15 .. Reflection Day** for priests and lay pastoral leaders.
- 15 .. Chrism Mass at St Mary's** with Cardinal John, Top of the South Parishes. (7pm)
- 18 .. Holy Thursday
- 19 .. Good Friday
- 20 .. Easter Vigil
- 21 .. Easter Day**
- 23-25 .. Pat & John at CP Province Assembly
- 26 .. CP Provincial Council

June-August

- Jun 9 .. Pentecost
- Jul 8-12 .. CP Provincial Chapter
- Aug 7-9 .. John Burland, Sydney singer, author, musician, in our parish and schools.
- Aug 17 .. Confirmation @ Blenheim (5pm)
- Aug 18 .. Confirmation @ Kaikoura (9.30am)

April 15: Chrism Mass Comes to Blenheim

St Mary's will be this year's host church for the Top of the South Parishes Chrism Mass with Cardinal John.

We will need help catering for the travellers before Mass, and with the music and liturgy, so that we present our selves as a whole of parish experience.

The meal will be 5:30pm in the Community Centre. Contributions of soup and sandwiches will be much appreciated. Please contact the Parish office.

**Let's support this
Diocesan Event in our Parish**

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 347.00
Envelopes:	\$1547.00
Loose:	\$ 831.00
Maori Pastoral Care	\$ 10.00
Easter Dues	\$ 20.00
Holy Places	\$ 5.00

thank
you!