

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

31st Sunday of Ord (1)
Sat Oct 31
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob Cuppa after Mass
Sun Nov 1 All Saints Day
 Seddon-8am **W&C**
 Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat Cuppa after Mass
 Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
 Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob Cuppa after Mass
 Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

Nov 2: All Soul's Day
 Blenheim-10am Mass Fr Pat

32nd Sunday of Ord (2)
Sat Nov 7
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat
Sun Nov 8
 Seddon-8am **W&C**
 Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob
 Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat
 Blenheim-10am **W&C**
 Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

33rd Sunday of Ord (3)
Sat Nov 14
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob
Sun Nov 15
 Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob
 Picton-9am **W&C**
 Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Pat
 Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Jacob
 Havelock-11am NONE
 Renwick-5pm Mass/ **W&C**

Feast of Christ the King (4)
Sat Nov 21
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr
Sun Nov 22
 Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr
 Picton-9am Mass/ Fr
 Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
 Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr
 Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr
 Ward-4pm Mass / Fr

1st Sunday of Advent (5)
Sat Nov 28
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr
Sun Nov 29
 Seddon-8am Mass/Fr Pat
 Picton-9am Mass/Fr
 Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr
 Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat
 Havelock-11am Mass/Fr

Parish News & Events
With the ever-changing situ-

ation due to COVID-19, some of the following events may be postponed to a later date.

Working Bee-Blenheim:
 Saturday 7 Nov 8am-12noon. Many hands make light work, so if you have some time, please come along. For details contact Blair McLean or Lex Agnew.

SEEK - EXPLORE YOUR CALL
 Sunday 8 Nov, 1 - 5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay. An opportunity for young adults (18+) to explore different vocations as Catholics. How are you called to serve God with your talents & gifts? What does vocation look like in 2020? The afternoon will conclude with a Young Church Mass at 5pm. To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

YOUNG CHURCH MASS 2020 with Cardinal John
 Sunday 8 November @ 5pm Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay
 All young people are welcome!

BHM Bereavement Mass- 12th Nov: Parishioners who would like loved ones who have passed away in the last 12 months remembered at this Mass, please call Annie Wooding 972 3669.

SVdP Festival: There will be a Festival Meeting of the Nelson Marlborough St Vincent de Paul on 15th Nov commencing with 10am Mass at ST Mary's which will incorporate the annual Commitment ceremony. After Mass a meeting will begin in the Community Centre. All members and associate members are urged to attend.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy: Online Session (Evening): The Gospel of Mark with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. 4 Fridays in November, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM. All sessions are

connected but also stand alone. Topic for Part 1 on 6 Nov: *What is a Gospel?* For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz
 See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-mark-2/>
Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? - Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 28 November, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

27-29 Nov ADVENT RETREAT with Rex Begley & Fr. Donald Hornsey SSC - time to reflect on what's happened to You, our Church, our World since last Christmas. Magnificat Retreat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston. Cost \$190.00. Registration required Contact: rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com Phone: 027 545 6808 or 027 967 2299

Parish Calendar
November
 Nov 1.. All Saints Day

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.

Annual Foodbank Drive
23 Nov from 6pm

Star of the Sea
Collects as follows:

1st Sunday @ Blenheim

We **Urgently** Need *rolled oats, salt, sugar, baby food, spreads & jams, and other non-perishable foods*

1st Sunday @ Kaikoura
All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 2713.00
Envelopes:	\$ 643.00
Cash:	\$ 463.10
Mission Sunday:	\$ 105.00
Maori Pastoral Care:	\$ 10.00

thank you!

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Eyvonne Kerehoma, Barry Quirke, Josephene McLean, Erin Gray (nee Maher) CHCH

Anniversaries:

Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Mary Griffiths, Paul McIntyre, Pat Swindell, Heather Alexander, Des Maney, Royal Commission of inquiry into Abuse in Care.



When a priest is not available, Word & Communion will be led by parishioners.

Blenheim
Tues: 9.30am Mass
Wed: 12.05pm Mass
 Rosary: 5.30pm
 Ph: 572 9067 or 5782507 for venue
Thurs: 9.30 am Mass
Except 1st Thurs: Bethsaida **10.45am**
Fri: 11am Adoration
 11.30 Reconciliation
 12.05pm Mass
Sat: 9.30am Mass
 Reconciliation to follow
Sat: 5.00pm Mass
Sun: 10.00am Mass
 (2nd & 5th Sunday Word & Communion)

Havelock
Sunday: 11am
 (4th Sunday No Mass)

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
Mon: Adoration 4-5pm
Wed: 9.00am Mass
 Adoration & Reconciliation: 9.30-10.30am
Fri: 7.30pm Rosary - 24 York Street
Sun: 9.00am 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.

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

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 41: 1 November 2020 All Saints Day

OUR CALL TO GOODNESS OF LIFE: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

- For you personally, what qualities must someone possess, for you to regard her or him as a good person?
- Are they different for a man than for a woman?
- Are they qualities that Jesus showed?
- What would you like to change in yourself to be the best person you can be?
- Can you do this on your own?

In today's gospel (Matthew 5:1-12), Jesus gives us his challenging advice on how to be good people. He has told us, in fact, how to be the best people we can be, and about the qualities he wants to see in us, his followers. A quick focus on those qualities shows us that they are the very opposite of common and accepted standards and values.

The world around us says, 'Blessed are the rich, because they can have anything they want.' But Jesus says, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit.' By 'poor in spirit' he means those who put their trust in God rather than money; and those who admit that it is not their income, possessions or bank account that makes them rich in the eyes of God, but what kind of people they are.

The world says, 'Blessed are those who live it up, and never stop having fun.' But Jesus says, 'Blessed are those who mourn.' He means those who let themselves feel the misfortune, pain and sorrow of the hungry, the homeless, the shunned, the orphans, the aged, the tortured, the persecuted, the outsiders, the outcasts and the overlooked, and who respond to them with understanding, sympathy, kindness, compassion, and the most practical assistance.

The world says, 'Blessed are the assertive and aggressive that talk tough and act tough.' But Jesus says, 'Blessed are the gentle.' Gentleness is not weakness, but a form of strength. St Francis de Sales used to say that you can catch more flies with a spoon full of honey than a barrel full of vinegar. In Jesus' book there's just no place for bullies and bullying.

The world says, 'Blessed are those who hunger for power, status, and fame.' But Jesus says, 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right.' The only power and status we really need is to keep living in God's way and to keep doing the right thing. More satisfaction and contentment will be found in living with a good conscience than in hanging out with the movers and shakers and wannabes of this world.

The world says, 'Blessed are those who show no mercy and who take no prisoners.' But Jesus says, 'Blessed are the merciful.' Happy are those who make allowances for the faults and sins of others, and whose greatness lies in their ability to forgive. They will receive mercy and forgiveness from God for their own sins.

The world says, 'Happy are those with clean fingernails, sparkling eyes, gleaming teeth, and unblemished skin.' But Jesus says, 'blessed are those with clean hearts.' It's from the heart that all our thoughts, words, and actions flow. If the heart is clean, then everything that flows from it will be clean, as clean as water flowing from an unpolluted spring.

The world says, 'Blessed are those who get even and exact revenge.' But
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Readings for Thirty First Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 1st Nov: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12 **All Saints**
Psalm: Lord this is the people that longs to see your face
Mon 2nd: **All Souls**
Tues 3rd: Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 14:15-24
Wed 4th: Philippians 2:12-18 Luke 14:25-33 **St Charles Borromeo, B.**
Thurs 5th: Philippians 3:3-8 Luke 15:1-10
Fri 6th: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 16:1-8
Sat 7th: Philippians 4:10-19 Luke 16:9-15
Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun 8th: Wisdom 6:12-16 1Thess. 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Pope: The Beatitudes

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Good morning and happy Feast Day!

The [Solemnity of All Saints](#) is "our" celebration: not because we are good, but because the sanctity of God has touched our life. [The Saints](#) are not perfect models, but people through whom God has passed. We can compare them to the Church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of colour. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own "hue". But they were all transparent; they fought to remove the stains and the darkness of sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through. This is life's purpose: to enable God's light to pass through; it is the purpose of our life too.

Indeed, today in the Gospel, Jesus addresses his followers, all of us, telling us we are "Blessed" (Mt 5:3). It is the word with which he begins his sermon, which is the "Gospel", Good News, because it is [the path of happiness](#). Those who are with Jesus are blessed; they are happy. Happiness is not in having something or in becoming someone, no. True happiness is being with the Lord and living for love. Do you believe this? True happiness is not in having something or in becoming someone; true happiness is being with the Lord and living for love. Do you believe this? We must go forth, believing in this. So, the ingredients for a happy life are called [Beatitudes](#): blessed are the simple, the humble who make room for God, who are able to weep for others and for their own mistakes, who remain meek, fight for justice, are merciful to all, safeguard purity of heart, always work for peace and abide in joy, do not hate and, even when suffering, respond to evil with good.

These are the Beatitudes. They do not require conspicuous gestures; they are not for supermen, but for those who live the trials and toils of every day, for us. This is how the saints are: like everyone, they breathe air polluted by the evil there is in the world, but on the journey they never lose sight of Jesus' roadmap, that indicated in the Beati-

tudes, which is like the map of Christian life.

Today is the celebration of those who have reached the destination indicated by this map: not only the saints on the calendar, but many brothers and sisters "next door", whom we may have met and known. Today is a family celebration, of many simple, hidden people who in reality help God to move the world forward. And there are so many of them today! There are so many of them! Thanks to these unknown brothers and sisters who help God to move the world forward, who live among us; let us salute them all with a nice round of applause!

First of all — the first Beatitude says — they are "poor in spirit" (Mt 5:3). What does this mean? That they do not live for success, power and money; they know that those who set aside treasure for themselves are not rich toward God (cf. Lk 12:21). Rather, they believe that the Lord is life's treasure, and love for neighbour the only true source of gain. At times we are dissatisfied due to something we lack, or worried if we are not considered as we would like; let us remember that our Beatitude is not here but in the Lord and in love: only with him, only by loving do we live as blessed.

Lastly I would like to quote another beatitude, which is not found in the Gospel but at the end of the Bible, and it speaks of the end of life: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" (Rev 14:13). Tomorrow we will be called to accompany with prayer our deceased, so they may be forever joyful in the Lord. Let us remember our loved ones with gratitude and let us pray for them. May the Mother of God, Queen of the Saints and Gate of Heaven, intercede for our journey of holiness and for our loved ones who have gone before us and who have already departed for the heavenly Homeland.

Pope Francis

01.11.17

Angelus,

St Peter's Square

Key highlights of our Annual accounts (31/03/2020)

Income	2020	2019
Collections (incl Planned Giving)	292,499	311,589
Donations	18,626	19,189
Rent (PN Presbytery, hire of buildings)	67,192	55,104
St Mary's Community Charitable Trust Assistance	249,443	123,325
Expenses		
Archdiocesan Costs	160,766	171,299
General Expenses (ie power, phone, rates)	108,381	94,323
Property costs	290,581	90,889
Depreciation	96,391	95,718
Surplus (deficit)	(\$125,308)	(\$57,660)

The above is a summary of "Key" areas in our Annual accounts. A full audited copy is available for perusal at the Parish Office and copies will be posted on the Notice boards in the foyers of our churches.

A Statement of Service Performance was included in the Parish Newsletter on 27/09/2020. The Finance & Property Committee wish to thank everyone for the support shown to the Parish Through Planned Giving in what has been a challenging year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Tom Harrison, Chair

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Jesus says, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' Graced are those who spread understanding among people, those who welcome strangers, and those who work for a more just and equal society. They are truly the children of God.

The world says, 'Blessed are those who lie, cheat and steal, and get away with it.' But Jesus says, 'Blessed are those who make a stand for what is right and true.' They may suffer for their stand, but the wounds they bear will be marks of honour and integrity.

Jesus practised what he preached. In his own person he was the beatitudes. Living them day after day made him the thoroughly good person he was. It's the same for us too.

Today's Feast of All Saints is less concerned with the official canonised saints than about all the good and holy people who have ever lived, among them some we ourselves have known, perhaps our own parents among them. None of us, I feel sure, is aspiring or expecting to be a canonised saint. We don't fantasise that one day the pope will tell the world what saints we were. We don't kid ourselves that our picture is going to pop up one day on the walls of churches.

But in its document on the Church, the Second Vatican Council wrote a chapter called 'The Universal Call to Holiness'. A few days ago, on October 10th, a remarkable 15-year-old Italian teenager, named Carlo Acutis, who died of leukaemia in 2006, was declared 'Blessed' in the basilica of St Francis, Assisi. Carlo once said that his life project was 'Jesus'. Surely, his beatification and our Feast today are reminders of our deep-down longings to become better people than we are already, and even the best we can be! Surely too they remind us that Jesus Christ can and will empower us to live what we believe, to practise what he preached!

Surely, then, we won't ever want to stop receiving him as our 'Bread of Life' in Holy Communion, as food for our journey with Jesus, both in life and in death!

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A quote for the Year of Mission



Luke 10:2 *And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."*