



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.

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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New School Year and New Opportunities

Welcome back from your holiday
trips and activities. Back in the office,
January has been a good opportunity for
planning for the year ahead, and tying
up some loose ends from last year.

New Year Resolutions

What are your resolutions for
2019? These might be a help.

1. **Prayer:** I will dedicate time each
day for personal prayer; I will take a
role in our Liturgies.
2. **Community:** I will be more active
in sharing my gifts and talents so
this faith community can grow and
expand.
3. **Service:** I will be more involved in
the wider community, offering time
for service of others.
4. **Gratefulness:** I will be a positive
person who gives thanks to God for
the gift of others.
5. **Encouragement:** I will be a more
positive person, encouraging others

Parish Registration & Ministries

Are you new to the parish and
this community? Have you ever regis-
tered as a parishioner? There are regis-
tration cards in all Churches. Please fill
one out so we can visit you.

Also, let us know your gifts and
skills that you might want to share with
us. Come and share your gifts.

Parish Stewardship

As February begins, it's time to
focus again on what it means to be a
Stewardship Parish. The readings in the
middle of the Newsletter will be a help.

In many ways one might say we
are Stewards of Life ... human life, spir-
itual, created, environment. And we are
stewards of the wonderful churches and
buildings and lands bequeathed to us
from our ancestors.

Stewardship is about receiving
and intentionally sharing the gifts God
has given us. Stewardship is about shar-
ing our Time, Talents and Treasures.
When we work in partnerships, the best
comes out of us.

Registration: Children's Sacraments

On February 24, we have Infor-
mation and Registration Sessions across
the Parish for Children's Sacraments.
These are normally for Year 4, and often
we have older children and teenagers to
completing their Confirmation and First
Communion. If you can't make that
weekend, please call the Parish Office.

Home and Away

After a meeting in Sydney on
Friday, this weekend I am taking the
opportunity for family time before next
week's Provincial Council and Finance &
Property Committee meetings in Ade-
laide. Thanks to Denis, life goes on as
usual in the Parish. Next week Pat heads
off on annual leave.

John Pearce CP

Readings for Third Week in Ordinary Time (C)

Sun 27th: **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21
Psalms Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Mon 28th: Hebrews 9:15,24-28 Mark 3:22-30 St Thomas Aquinas

Tues 29th: Hebrews 10:1-10 Mark 3:31-35

Wed 30th: Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 4:1-20

Thu 31st: Hebrews 10:19-25 Mark 4:21-25 St John Bosco

Fri 1st Feb: Hebrews 10:32-39 Mark 4:26-34

Sat 2nd: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 Presentation of the Lord

Sun 3rd: **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19; 1Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Renewing Our Commitment to Stewardship

To Be a Christian Steward:

A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion, life shaping changes of mind and heart, and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Creation

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.

The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge,

then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

A Steward's Way

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

**The Spirit shows us the way.
Stewardship is a part of that journey.**



Renewing Our Commitment to Stewardship

Star of the Sea Marlborough **Guidelines for Local Stewardship Groups** *Revised 1 May 2017*

1. Christ's Faithful are all called by their Baptism to grow in faith and to use their gifts as Disciples of Jesus. Through the local Stewardship Group, they foster ecclesial action at a local level, covering areas of pastoral, liturgical and social life, and work in partnership with other Stewardship Groups across the Parish for the common good.

2. The Group is guided by and advises the Pastoral Team. The Group will work in a collegial manner, where all views are considered, and actions discerned. The Church principle of subsidiarity should be applied, where decision making is made at the lowest appropriate level.

3. The primary task of the Group is to assist the local community to set goals to help all aspects of their local Community Life. The Group needs to be concerned about the whole of their community.

4. The Group will normally consist of:

- Members of the Pastoral Team
- Representative from key groups of the community
- Representative from the local School Board of Trustees
- Representative of the Parish Finance Committee
- Elected members from the Community.

4. All members of the local Community aged 16 and over are eligible to be nominated and elected to the Group. Nominees need to have a sense of the global mission of the Church today, and not seek

solely the needs of any local interest group. Nominations for Group membership are accepted at the discretion of the Pastoral Team.

5. The term of office is two years, with the option of election for a subsequent two years. Ideally, half the positions will fall vacant every two years. All parish members need to take a break after 4 years.

6. The Group meets regularly/monthly throughout the year. It may meet more frequently if either the Pastoral Team or a majority of the members request a meeting.

7. The Group will elect two Chairpersons (co-chairs) at its first meeting for the year, and a minute secretary. Minutes should be distributed within a week of the meeting, to members, the Pastoral Team, the Parish Manager, and co-chairs from other Teams.

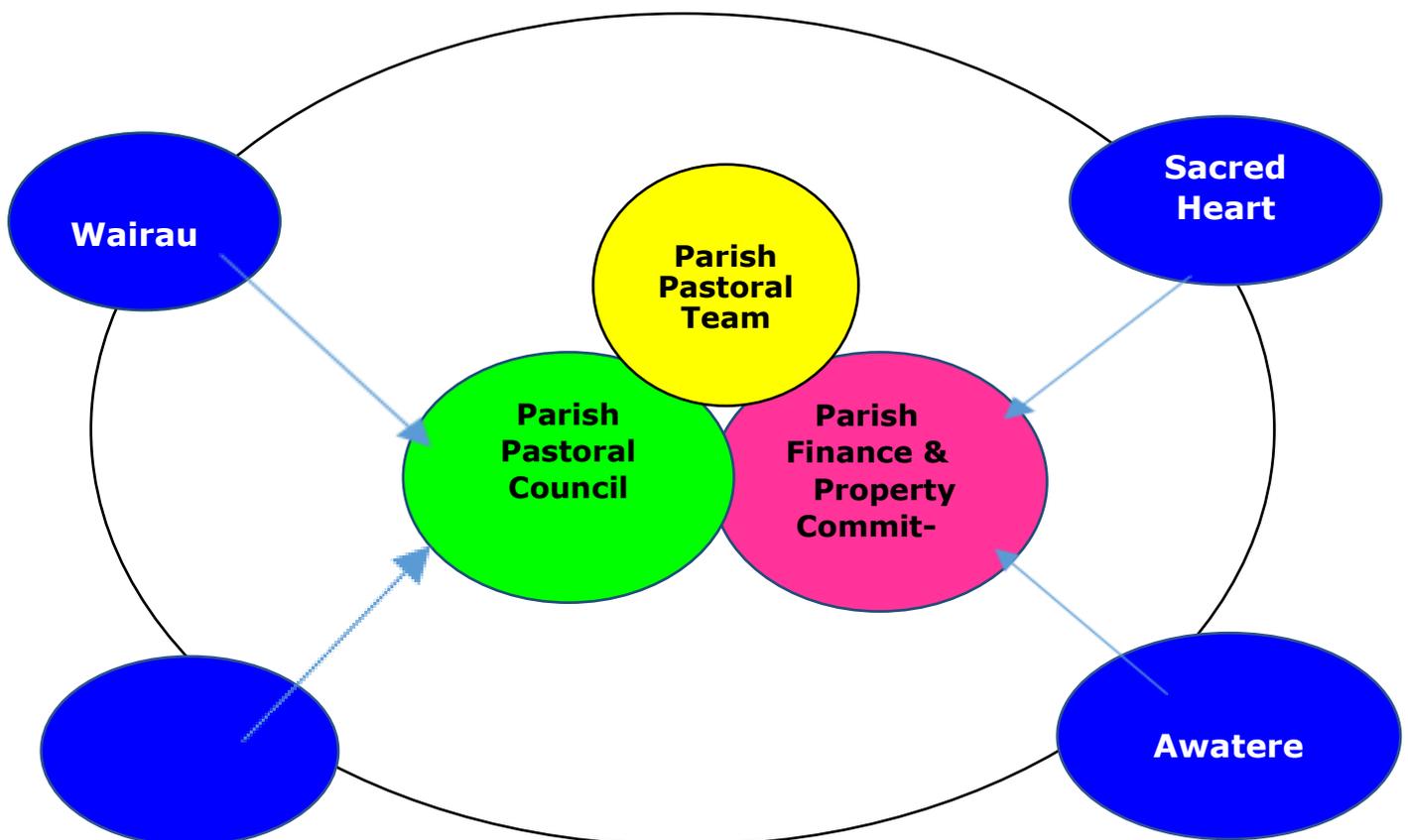
8. The Parish Priest will ensure that reports from meetings are regularly communicated to the Parish Community through the Newsletter, Web Site & FaceBook Page.

9. At the beginning of each year, Group members will participate in a time of formation and preparation for this ministry of service to the wider community.

10. The Group will establish committees or groups as needed, eg, Liturgy Committee, Children's Ministry, Youth Committee, Social Committee, Ecumenical, etc.

11. Any casual vacancies on the Group will be filled by the Pastoral Team in consultation with the Group.

Star of the Sea, Marlborough Catholic Parish **Stewardship Areas/Communities**



Parish & Community Matters

Weekend Mass Times

New Liturgy Season: Sundays Year C

3rd Sunday of the Year (4)

John, Provincial Council, Sydney-Adelaide

Sat Jan 26

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Jan 27

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Pat

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Denis

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Pat

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

28th. Pat on Annual Leave.

Weekday masses are back to normal as on the front page

4th Sunday of the Year (1)

Pat on Annual Leave.

Sat Feb 2

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Denis

Sun Feb 3

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Denis

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Denis

5th Sunday of the Year (2)

John at meeting in Rome

Pat on Annual Leave.

Sat Feb 9

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Julian

Sun Feb 10

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

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Julian

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Denis

KK Marriage Renewal

Blenheim (10am) **W&C**

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Julian

6th Sunday of the Year (3)

Marriage Renewal

Pat on Annual Leave.

Sat Feb 16

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun Feb 17

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Denis

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr John

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Denis

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr John

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr Denis

Parish Events

Stewardship Groups

In line with the Parish Guidelines for Stewardship Groups, at the first meeting of the year, each group elects new Office Bearers, namely two people who are Co-Chairpersons, and a Secretary. This weekend we reprint the Guidelines for our Stewardship Groups. For those groups who had elections late last year, it will be a time to confirm those.

Thank you to all who have lead these groups and other parish

committees over the years. Like good athletes we seek to pass on the baton to new generations of leaders, and assist them in the process.

The start of a new year is always a good time to invite new people to share their gifts and talents as leaders.

Sounds Stewardship Group

The Sounds Group had its first ordinary meeting for the year last Tuesday, electing Carolyn Strongman as Chairperson.

Last Saturday we have a very successful working bee, with over 20 people helping move requisites from Church to the Old School. First Mass last Sunday had 70 people all cosy in Classroom 3.

Thanks go to Bill McGruddy and Leanne Cooper who have retired from the executive, for their generous work over the years.

Feb 14: St Valentine's Day:

Celebrating Marriage Renewing Marriage Vows

Valentine's Day was a celebration of love, but became over commercialised with generous gifts, cards and dinners expected.

This year we are joining a growing number of parishes in Celebrating Marriage. There will be an opportunity to renew Marriage Vows at Masses for those who wish to. Bring yourself; bring some food to share; bring your hopes for the coming year.

**Feb 10: Kaikoura Marriage Mass
Feb 16-17: Other Communities
Marriage Mass**

Feb 24: Registration for Children's Sacraments

After Sunday Masses in Blenheim & Kaikoura, there will be an information Session and opportunity for Registration for Children's Sacraments for 2019. This is for children and teenagers from Year 4 and above.

Please pass this information on to families that you know who attend state schools, or who may not get this notice from Church.

If you can't make it, and want to register, please contact Fr John by Email.

Reconciliation Preparation Sessions start on Sunday March 3.

Feb 24: Awatere/Flaxbourne Community Twilight Gathering

Our Awatere/Flaxbourne Stewardship Group is organising a Twilight Gathering of the Churches

and Friends at The Domain in Ward. This is between the Catholic Communities and our friends in the Awatere Joint Venture Community. The plan so far is

4pm .. Sunday Prayer Service
To follow ... **Gumboot Cup: Inter Community Cricket Match (modified rules)**, and **BBQ.**

This initiative is part of our ongoing Post EQ Community Building ministry with Seddon & Ward.

March 1: Catholic Schools Commissioning Mass.

On Fri Mar 1, Cardinal John will lead a Commissioning Mass for Schools in the Top of the South. St Mary's is this year's host church.

March 2: Breakfast with Cardinal John 7.30-9am

For your diary ... We have booked Clubs of Marlborough for Breakfast with Cardinal John for Saturday March 2. Cost will be \$20 ea. A great start to our Growing in Faith and Service for 2019.

Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office after Jan 14. Numbers are limited.

March 3: Children's Sacrament Preparation for Reconciliation

Family Preparation Sessions begin after Mass in Kaikoura and Blenheim today.

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. **More information later.**

Parish Calendar

January

29-31 .. CP Provincial Council (Oz)

February

1 .. CP Finance & Property C'tee (Oz)

3 .. Sounds Stewardship Group

**4 .. St Mary's School Opening
Mass in Hall**

5 .. Wairau Stewardship Group

6 .. Waitangi Day

11 .. Kaikoura Stewardship Grp

12 .. Pastoral Council

16-17 .. After Valentine's Day:

Renewal of Marriage Vows

19-21 .. NZ Bishops & Religious

Leaders Conf (Wellington)

21-22 .. CP Provincial Council (Melb)

24 .. Kaikoura: St Vincent de Paul

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Larry Boyd, Mavis Bugler, Joan Payton, Fr John Noonan sm (CHCH) Dermot Ryan, Jules Nihotte (NLSN), Peter Lawson

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.

27 Jan Felina Quilodrán

Other Intentions:

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$3334.00
Envelopes:	\$1599.00
Loose:	\$ 916.70
Christmas dues:	\$ 100.00

thank
you!