



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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Valentine's Day:

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

Renewing Our Vows

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. **This Weekend: Kaikoura. Next Weekend: Other Communities** After the Homily, we have opportunities for those who wish to renew their marriage vows, and to receive a Marriage Blessing.

Young Church:

Our Ministry to Children, Teenagers and Young Adults takes many forms. The first place of such ministry is in our homes, with the interaction amongst the family members, both the household and the extended family.

In Sacramental preparation we encourage families to find a space and place for family prayer. Often that is best at the meal table.

Children's Sacraments

On Sunday Feb 24, 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 home school, or who may not get this notice from Church.

If you can't make it, and want to register, please contact Fr John or Sr Maureen by Email. Reconciliation Preparation Sessions start on Sunday March 3.

Youth Group

St Mary's Youth Group has started, with new days/times! **Juniors (year 9) on Tues 7pm-8.15pm** and **Seniors (year 10-13) on Wed 7pm-8.30pm.**

Thank you to the parish for our spanning new paint job inside! New members always welcome and any queries, contact Maurice and Mieke Davies 022 391 8584

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Pope Francis & Youth

This weekend's centrefold reading are extracts of talks at World Youth Day Panama in January.

Stewardship is our of Mission

John Pearce CP

Readings for Fifth Week in Ordinary Time (C)

Sun 10th: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
Psalm Response: In the Sight of the Angels I will sing your Praises Lord
Mon 11th: Genesis 1:1-19 Mark 6:53-56
Tues 12th: Genesis 1:20-2:4 Mark 7:1-13
Wed 13th: Genesis 2:5-17 Mark 7:14-23
Thu 14th: Genesis 2:18-25 Mark 7:24-30 Sts Cyril, monk & Methodius, B
Fri 15th: Genesis 3:1-8 Mark 7:31-37
Sat 16th: Genesis 3:9-24 Mark 8:1-10
Sun 17th: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 17:5-8 1Corinthians 15:12.16-20 Luke 6:17. 20-26

Pope Urges Pilgrims to Bring Gospel Message Home

Vatican News Service 30 January 2019



Benedetta Giannini, from Brisbane, and Ambrose Skruzny, from Melbourne, celebrate WYD in Panama City on Saturday (The Catholic Leader/Mark Bowling)

From penance with prison inmates to an open-air Mass with a sea of young pilgrim faces in the heart of Panama City, Pope Francis has made his mark on World Youth Day. Source: *The Catholic Leader*.

His message was consistent throughout World Youth Day in Panama – love with Christ's love.

The Pope left the country following the final Mass last Sunday, but he urged all those listening to take the Gospel message home with them.

This was more difficult for those who weren't going home.

Speaking to young detainees at a penitential liturgy in Las Garzas de Pacora Juvenile Detention Centre on the periphery of Panama, the Pope said society built an "adjective culture".

This culture judges people good or bad instead of building a relationship with them, Pope Francis said.

"Gossipers are not interested (in the person)," he said. "They quickly seek to put a label to get them out of the way. The adjective culture belittles the person."

During the penitential liturgy, the Pope listened to five inmates' confessions in a small tent set up outside the prison.

At another WYD event, the Way of the Cross, Pope Francis said the road to Calvary was "a way of suffering and solitude" that was "prolonged in a society that has lost the ability to weep and to be moved by suffering".

The event was quiet and reflective as cheers for the Pope gave way to silence and prayer. The Pope told the pilgrims Jesus "walks and suffers in all those faces hurt by the complacent and anesthesiating indifference of our society that consumes and is consumed, that ignores and is ignorant, blind to the pain of our brothers and sisters".

The sufferers and the forgotten were at the core of Pope Francis' homily at a Mass for the clergy and laity the next day, addressing the child sex abuse crisis.

He told those gathered that a weariness of hope called into question the energy, resources and possibility of the Christian mission to change and challenge the world.

Pope to Youth at WYD Mass: You are the Now of God"

Seàn-Patrick Lovett. Vatican News Service 27 January 2019



Pope Francis celebrates the closing Mass for the 34th World Youth Day in Panama, announces the next WYD venue, and tells young people to keep saying "Yes".

The secret is out: everyone knows that the next World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2022. The announcement was made at the end of the closing WYD Mass which Pope Francis celebrated in Panama City's Metro Park on Sunday morning before 700,000 people.

"With Mary, keep saying "yes" to the dream that God has sown in you", he told them. But the Pope's concluding message to the hundreds of thousands of World Youth Day participants and pilgrims from all over the world can be summarized in one word: "Now".

Not today but Now

"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing". Taking his cue from the Gospel of Luke, the Pope interpreted that "today" as "now". "Jesus", he began, "reveals the now of God". "In Jesus, the promised future begins and becomes life". Unfortunately, continued the Pope, "we do not always believe that God can be that concrete and commonplace, that close and real". Because "a close and everyday God, a friend and brother, demands that we be concerned with our surroundings". "God is real because love is real", he said.

Not tomorrow but Now

The Pope described the danger of living in "a kind of waiting room, sitting around until we are called". Both adults and young people risk thinking "your Now has not yet come", he said, "that you are too young to be involved in dreaming about and working for the future". Pope Francis referenced last year's Synod of Bishops on Youth, saying it helped us realize that "we need one another", that we have to "encourage dreaming of and working for tomorrow, starting today". "Not tomorrow but now", he said. "Realize that you have a mission and fall in love", said the Pope. "We may possess everything, but if we lack the passion of love, we will have nothing".

Not Meantime but Now

For Jesus there is no "meantime", Pope Francis continued. "He is not an interval in life or a passing fad. He is generous love that invites us to entrust ourselves". The Pope invited all young people not to be "paralyzed" by "fear and exclusion, speculation and manipulation". But rather, to recognise the "concrete, close, real love" of Jesus. The Lord and His mission are not "something temporary", said Pope Francis, "they are our life".

The Now of God

At the conclusion of Mass, the Pope thanked all those who have contributed to making this "World Youth Day dream come true" in Panama. But his last words were for the young people themselves: "We are on a journey", he reminded them. "Keep walking, keep living the faith and sharing it". And do not forget, said Pope Francis, that "you are not the tomorrow, you are not the 'meantime', you are the Now of God".

Pope's homily at Mass in Panama: "The weariness of hope"

By Seán-Patrick Lovett. Vatican News Service, 26 January 2019

On the outside, the Cathedral of Santa Maria La Antigua, in Panama City's Old Town, looks just like what it is: an 18th century Spanish colonial-style church. On the inside, a major restoration and restyling blends elements in wood with red, black and white marble, to produce something completely new and contemporary. In the words of Pope Francis: "It no longer belongs only to the past, but it is a thing of beauty for the present".

The Pope was at the Cathedral to celebrate Mass with priests, men and women religious, and members of lay movements, who had come from all over Central America, and beyond.

He was also there to consecrate the new altar, complete with its relics of four of the WYD patron saints: Oscar Romero, Rosa of Lima, Martin de Porres and, naturally, John Paul II. For nearly 1,000 years, altars were built over the tombs of saints and martyrs, so the inclusion of relics in them nowadays, is another sign of continuity.

Jesus beside the well

The Pope's homily was based on the Gospel reading that describes Jesus' wearily sitting beside the well and asking the Samaritan woman to give Him a drink of water.

Pope Francis focused on the theme of weariness in the lives of priests, consecrated men and women, and members of lay movements. The causes of this weariness, he said, range from long hours of work, to "relationships that lead to exhaustion and disappointment", "from simple daily commitments, to burdensome routines", "from predictable little problems, to stressful periods of pressure".

All these situations, said the Pope, demand "a well from which we can set out once more".

The weariness of hope

Pope Francis developed this theme into what he called, "the weariness of hope". This is the weariness that "calls into question the energy, resources and viability of our mission in this changing and challenging world", he said. And it paralyzes us. "What was meaningful and important in the past can now no longer seem valid".

"The weariness of hope comes from seeing a Church wounded by sin", he continued. And this, he warned, can open the door to the "heresy" of believing that "the Lord and our communities have nothing to say to the new world now being born".

Quenching our thirst

Like Jesus at the well, said the Pope, we must have the courage to ask to quench our thirst. Asking our Lord to "give us to drink", means finding the courage to "recapture the most authentic part of our founding charisms and to see how they can find expression today".

It means trusting that, as God did yesterday, "He will still do tomorrow".

WYD Pope Francis Thanks Volunteers for Their Generosity

By Devin Watkins. Vatican News Service

Their bright yellow shirts lit up the streets of Panama, and their bright smiles lightened many a pilgrim's burden. And on Sunday, Pope Francis gave them his heartfelt thanks for their hard work. The 20,000 local Panamanians and 2,200-plus international volunteers spent the week lending a helping hand to the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims present for World Youth Day.

To express his gratitude, Pope Francis held a special meeting with around 15,000 of them in Rommel Fernandez Stadium.

Joy of shared dream

"Put service and mission first, and you will see that everything else will follow," the Pope told the volunteers. He said that, in their interactions with others during WYD, the volunteers had experienced how faith "becomes more alive, dynamic, and real."

"We experience a different kind of joy from having had the opportunity to work side by side with others in achieving a shared dream."

Prayer gives vitality

"Thank you all", said the Pope, for paying attention to the smallest details, no matter how ordinary or apparently insignificant.

He said prayer had helped the volunteers to feel events more profoundly and had given their actions vitality. "In praying, we open everything we do to the Church that supports and accompanies us from heaven, to the saints who have shown us the way, but above all, we open it all to God."

Pope Francis said they had dedicated their time, energy, and resources to organizing WYD. "You could have easily chosen to do other things, but you wanted to be involved," he told them.

The Holy Father likened it to Jesus' miracle of the multiplication "not only of loaves but also of hope."

God never outdone in generosity

Stella Maris, one Panamanian volunteer who greeted the Pope before he addressed the crowd, said she had saved up to attend WYD in Krakow, Poland in 2016. But she decided not to go, so that she could look after her three grandparents.

Pope Francis praised Stella Maris' selfless generosity in giving up her dream to help her family. "But the Lord, unbeknownst to you, was preparing a gift for you," said the Pope. "He brought the WYD to your own country."

He said God can never be outdone in generosity or love. "Every time we forego something that we like for the good of others and especially those most in need," he said, "the Lord pays it back a hundred-fold."

Bear witness with simple actions

Then, Pope Francis sent the yellow-shirted volunteers forth to continue their mission of helping others. "Go out and tell; go out and bear witness; go out and spread the word about everything you have seen and heard."

But, he said, many words are not needed, only "simple and ordinary gestures, those that transform and renew each hour of the day."

Parish Matters

Weekend Mass Times

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) Mass/ Fr Sanele

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

7th Sunday of the Year (4)

Pat on Annual Leave

Sat Feb 23

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun Feb 24

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Denis

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr John

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

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



Parish News & Events

Sounds Stewardship

The Picton Community now gathers in the Old School (Room 3) for Sunday and Wednesday Mass in compliance with the low NBS rating.

Last Sunday the Sounds Stewardship group completed elections of their new leadership group:

Carolyn Strongman as Co-Chair, Gary Connelly as Co-Chair and Secretary, and Philip Middlemiss assisting. Many others have taken on areas of responsibility.

The summer crowds of visitors continue, making our Mass space quite full and overflowing.

Feb 14: Meditation Group:

This resumes on Thursday at Mercy Room, 10:15 sharp

Blenheim The Holy Water Urn

This has moved to the Sacristy at St Mary's for various reasons. You can collect water before or after Mass.

Blenheim Weekday Mass

The weekday Masses have moved to the Day Chapel in the church due to the warm weather.

Blenheim Mass Ministries

Please contact Belinda ASAP, especially if you wish to be added on next roster. Phone 5782628

Please note that the **Hospitality roster** is changing to just the 1st Sunday of the month with help from the stewardship team. All those helpers will now be rostered on that basis.

Feb 5-12: Passionist TriCentenary

Fr John has been in Rome the last three days for a meeting of the Passionist Tri Centenary Commission that he was recently appointed to. He is the voice of the Asia-Pacific region. He returns Tuesday night.

Br. Larry Finn cp arrived this weekend and staying for a few weeks to sort his visa.

Feb 14: St Valentine's Day:

Renewing Marriage Vows

Feb 10: Kaikoura Marriage Mass

Feb 16-17: Other Communities

Feb 24: Registration for Children's Sacraments

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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 ... **Inter Community Cricket Match (modified rules) , and BBQ.**

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

Mar 1: World Day of Prayer

"Come-Everything Is Ready"

You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at St Ninians's Presbyterian Church, 10am. Come and share a cuppa. More info on the notice board.

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.

Mar 2: Breakfast with Card John

We have booked Clubs of Marlborough for Breakfast with Cardinal John for Saturday March 2, 7.30-9am. He will speak on Growing in Stewardship. We are all invited, but in particular, we hope to see all who exercise some form of pastoral or spiritual leadership attend.

Cost will be \$20 ea. A great start to our Growing in Faith and Service for 2019.

Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office. Numbers are limited. Please pay before the day at the Parish Office (No EFTPOS facilities).

March 3: Children's Sacrament Preparation for Reconciliation

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

Parish Calendar

February

11 .. Kaikoura Stewardship Grp

16-17 .. After Valentine's Day:

Renewal of Marriage Vows

19 .. Finance & Property C'tee

19-20 .. NZ Bishops & Religious Leaders Conf (Wellington)

thank
you!

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Henry Higgs (CHCH)

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: Alan Roberts, the soul of Joevil Basulgan Dela Cruz

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$4895.99

Envelopes: \$2043.00

Loose: \$ 827.30