



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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Palm Sunday

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

Welcome to Holy Week

Our days of Lent are finishing
and Holy Week awaits. It's a week to
make something Holy happen in our
lives, even if Lent didn't really get start-
ed. Try some time for prayer each day,
or maybe come to many of the
Liturgies.

Monday Night: Chrism Mass at St
Mary's for all Wellington Parishes on the
South Island.

Tuesday/Wednesday: Mass or Prayer
in our Churches.

Thursday Night: Mass of the Lord's

Supper in Picton, Blenheim and Kaikoura
Friday Morning: Community Service at
Blenheim's ASB Theatre, or Stations of
the Cross in Havelock and Picton.

Friday Afternoon: Services in Picton,
Blenheim and Kaikoura

Saturday Night: Easter Vigil Masses at
Picton, Blenheim & Kaikoura

Sunday Morning: Easter Day Masses
everywhere

We welcome Fr Julian Wagg
who joins us for the week.

**Happy Holy Week and Easter
to all.**

John Pearce CP.



ASB Theatre † Friday 19 April † 10.30am † All welcome

Readings for Holy Week (C)

Sun 14th: Holy Week—Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56

Psalm Response: My God My God Why have you abandoned me

Mon 15th: Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11 **In Holy Week**

Tues 16th: Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-23,36-38

Wed 17th: Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25

Thu 18th: Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 1Corin 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

Good Friday

Fri 19th: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrew 4:14-16,5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42

Easter Vigil

Sat 20th: Genesis 1:1-2:2 Romans 6:3-11 Luke 24:1-12

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

Sun 21st: Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Young Catholics Aren't the Church of the Future: They're the Church of Now.

Kevin Ahern . America. 3 April 2019



A young couple wake up before Pope Francis' celebration of Mass for World Youth Day pilgrims at St. John Paul II Field in Panama City Jan. 27, 2019. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

In the central rotunda of Keating Hall on the campus of Fordham University, there is a unique statue that is often overlooked by the busy students and faculty who walk by on the way to class. The statue depicts Jesus at 18, the average age of an incoming college student. According to Aloysius Hogan, S.J., who envisioned the project when he was the college president in the 1930s, the figure was the first artistic depiction of Christ at the age of a college student.

The life of Jesus Christ as a young person, something not often depicted in art, is one that Pope Francis invites us to consider in his newly released exhortation, "Christus Vivit," his official follow up text to the Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment that took place last October. In this long letter to young people, the pope urges them "to contemplate the young Jesus as presented in the Gospels, for he was truly one of you, and shares many of the features of your young hearts" (No. 31).

What difference might it make to contemplate Christ as a young person? What different might it make to consider how Christ is alive in the young, baptized members of his church?

For Francis in "Christus Vivit," the answer seems to be twofold. First and foremost, by seeing Christ in young adults, the church is called to acknowledge that young Catholics are not simply the "church of tomorrow," as many will often say, but they are the church of the present. Citing his address at World Youth Day in Panama, Francis describes young people as the "now of God" (No. 178). This is something that was also brought up in the final statement of the synod,

which emphasizes that "Young Catholics are not merely on the receiving end of pastoral activity: they are living members of the one ecclesial body, baptized persons in whom the Spirit of the Lord is alive and active. They help to enrich what the Church is and not only what she does. They are her present and not only her future" (No. 54).

To recognize that Christ is alive in the young members of his body affirms both the agency and responsibility of young people in the church and society. In the letter, Francis several times affirms the social commitments of young adults, including the recent "news reports of the many young people throughout the world who have taken to the streets to express the desire for a more just and fraternal society" (No. 174).

For the pope, this is an important gift that young people offer the church and the world. "Christus Vivit" urges young people to continue to deepen this social commitment and to make their voices heard, even if political and ecclesial leaders may not want to hear them. In one of the more approachable sections, he urges young people to be active agents in their world:

Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Don't observe life from a balcony. Don't confuse happiness with an armchair, or live your life behind a screen. Whatever you do, do not become the sorry sight of an abandoned vehicle! Don't be parked cars, but dream freely and make good decisions. Take risks, even if it means making mistakes. Don't go through life anesthetized, or approach the world like tourists. Make a ruckus! Cast out the fears that paralyze you, so that you don't become young mummies. Live! Give yourselves over to the best of life! Open the door of the cage, go out and fly! Please, don't take an early retirement (No. 143).

This leads to a second implication for seeing Christ alive in young people. Youth, campus and young adult ministry must be rethought through a missionary and participatory key. A recognition that Christ is already active in young members of the church calls for a rethinking of youth ministry and a move to more participatory models where young people can become, as the Second Vatican Council called for, "the first apostles to the young" (*Apostolicam Actuosi-*

tatem, No. 12). For Francis, this means moving away from models where young people are passive recipients and a priest, religious or lay minister is the only agent. Instead of top-down approaches, Francis calls for a model based more on synodality, collective discernment and accompaniment.

"Youth ministry," he writes, "has to be synodal; it should involve a 'journeying together' that values 'the charisms that the Spirit bestows in accordance with the vocation and role of each of the church's members, through a process of co-responsibility.... Motivated by this spirit, we can move towards a participatory and co-responsible church, one capable of appreciating its own rich variety, gratefully accepting the contributions of the lay faithful, including young people and women, consecrated persons, as well as groups, associations and movements. No one should be excluded or exclude themselves" (No. 206).

Unfortunately, the text offers little in the way of concrete proposals for how to bring about such a change. It seems it will be up to local church communities and young people themselves to bring about new models. Nevertheless, the letter offers an important change in tone.

If we see young people as being baptized members of the community, the church of today, the now of God, then we must open up spaces for their voices to be heard in the life of the church. Throughout "Christus Vivit," there is a sense that this recognition can be a powerful counterforce to clericalism and models of power that disempower young people. For the pope, it seems, the voices of the young church are one of the ways in which Christ and the Holy Spirit are working to keep the church young and vibrant in a wounded world. This is a message, I hope that all of us, old and young, can get behind.

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

End of Life and the Euthanasia Debate: A Catholic Perspective

[The Nathaniel Centre : The New Zealand Catholic Bioethics Centre](#)

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The Nathaniel Centre is an agency of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference. Our role is to address bioethical and biotechnology issues on behalf of the Catholic Church in New Zealand.

[Our Position](#)

We oppose the End of Life Choice Bill for a range of reasons laid out in this submission, primarily because: (i) it does not and cannot provide adequate safeguards against coercion; (ii) in giving the choice of euthanasia or assisted suicide to a few, we believe it will severely constrain the choice and/or ability for many others to continue to live; (iii) the practices of euthanasia and assisted suicide contradict medical ethics and are the antithesis of ethical healthcare.

For more information, Google The Nathaniel Centre.

[End of Life Choice Bill: Key Facts](#) *(Nathaniel Centre)*

In October 2015, ACT Party Leader and MP David Seymour submitted his "End of Life Choice Bill" to the private members ballot, five months after the Seales vs. Attorney General high court case and only weeks after the submission of a petition from the Voluntary Euthanasia Society calling for an investigation into euthanasia and assisted suicide. Seymour's Bill was drawn from the ballot box on 8 June 2017 and currently awaits its first reading, which will occur sometime in the 52nd Parliament after the 2017 election on 23 September. Some key features of the bill are that it:

- provides for both physician-assisted euthanasia (PAE) and physician-assisted suicide (PAS)
- places doctors at the centre of euthanasia and assisted suicide, contradicting the ethical stance of key medical groups such as the New Zealand Medical Association, Australia and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine, Palliative Care Nurses New Zealand, as well as the World Medical Association
- includes any competent persons aged 18 years suffering from "a grievous and irremediable medical condition; and... is in an advanced state of irreversible decline in capability; and experiences unbearable suffering that cannot be relieved in a manner that he or she considers tolerable..."
- allows for "unbearable suffering" to be self-defined
- does not require the person receive, or even have access to, appropriate medical, psychiatric or palliative care
- would make PAE or PAS available to a range of persons not actually

dying

- does not oblige persons to talk to anyone other than the facilitating doctor
- would include intellectual and physical disability as well as mental illness and the increasing frailty of old age
- places responsibility for PAE/PAS on the shoulders of doctors but does not require the administering doctor to have any prior knowledge of the applicant as a patient
- allows for a lethal prescription for PAS to be provided 6 months or more before the person is likely to die, even though doctors cannot predict when death will occur with any degree of certainty even when it is imminent. Once a prescription for PAS is granted, all safeguards and monitoring cease. There is no way to monitor its use. It would be impossible to know if a person struggled or was coerced into taking the medication asks doctors to record on the death certificate the underlying illness or condition as the cause of death when in fact this would not be the case at all.

[The Dangers of Euthanasia. Key Arguments](#)

1. The key issue is not compassion or morality – people on both sides of the debate want to prevent intolerable suffering. The key issue is the long-term consequences of a law change for public safety. This is an issue of social justice – protecting the vulnerable.
2. Changing the law would send a message that the lives of some are not worth living – it will steer persons towards a premature death.
3. Allowing PAE/PAS opens the door for the disabled, sick and elderly to see themselves as an excessive financial and emotional burden. The 'right to die' could very quickly become a 'duty to die'. No legislation can protect against this.
4. Good clinical care aims to eliminate the pain, not kill the patient. The NZ Medical Association, the Society of Palliative Medical Physicians & Palliative Care Nurses New Zealand Society all oppose a law change.
5. The fact that PAE and PAS are illegal means maximum efforts are made to relieve pain and address all aspects of a person's suffering. Will this still occur if the law is changed?
6. We should not ask doctors, who have a duty of care, to be involved in killing their patients.
7. When seriously ill patients receive good palliative care they rarely want to end their lives.
8. It is neither possible nor rational to limit PAE or PAS to particular groups of people or specific conditions. There would be the same erosion of boundaries here in New Zealand as has occurred overseas.
9. Legalising voluntary PAE/PAS

paves the way for euthanasia without request or consent.

10. The legalising of PAE and PAS, especially for irreversible and unbearable mental conditions, accepts that 'some suicides are okay'. This risks sending a 'mixed message' regarding the tragedy of youth suicide and creates a confusing double standard.
11. Suicidal thoughts are usually associated with depression. Research shows that when depression is properly treated, most people change their minds about wanting to die.
12. Many assume that changing the law will simply allow the very small number of high-profile cases to proceed without legal objection. In fact, 'legalisation leads to normalisation' and, as has happened overseas, will lead to greatly increased numbers dying that way.
13. Abuse of the disabled and elderly is a serious issue in our country. Legalising euthanasia puts the elderly at further risk, especially in a society where the numbers of elderly are growing and there is increasing pressure on the health budget.
14. New Zealand abolished the death penalty in large part because of the danger of executing even one innocent person. Legalising PAE/PAS will inevitably lead to some people being killed 'when they don't want to die'.
15. These days no-one need die in pain. Persistent requests for euthanasia are mostly related not to unrelieved pain but to a desire to be in control, a fear of being a burden or the experience of social isolation. Euthanasia is not the right or best response to these issues.
16. Changing the law would create a legal situation in which the state licenses death in advance and sanctions the death of certain of its citizens.
17. Legalising PAE/PAS undermines the long-standing convention against killing persons.
18. The law already has the ability to show compassion to people who, in a state of anguish find themselves involved in assisting a suicide.
19. Changing the law will not mean an end to such cases going to court as it could still be difficult to distinguish between an assisted suicide and a murder.
20. Granting a very small and vocal minority the choice to be killed will undermine the choice and/or will of many others to live.

[Catholic Community Action](#)

In parishes across NZ during this fortnight before Easter, Catholics and their friends are being invited to join a petition to Parliament in opposition to the proposed legislation. You are invited to join this petition.

Parish Matters

Holy Week in the Parish

Palm Sunday (2)

Sat Apr 13

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun Apr 14

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Pat
 Picton (9am) Mass/Fr John
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Julian
 KK (12pm) Baptism/Fr Julian
 Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Pat
 Havelock (11) Mass/Fr John

Mon Apr 15

Blenheim Priests Retreat Day
 Blenheim (7) .. Chrism Mass/
 Cardinal John and Priests

Tue Apr 16

Blenheim (7) Reconciliation (J/P/J)

Wed Apr 17

Kaikoura (7) Reconciliation (J)
 Picton (7pm) Reconciliation (P/J)

Holy Thursday Apr 18

Blenheim (7pm) Mass/Fr Julian
 Kaikoura (7pm) Mass/Fr John
 Picton (7pm) Mass/Fr Pat
 Seddon (8pm) Tenebrae Service:
 Churches pray together.

Good Friday Morning Apr 19

Havelock (9.30am) Stations:
 St Peter's to Sacred Heart
 to St Peter's, then coffee.
 Kaikoura (10am) Stations of the
 Cross.
 Blenheim (10.30am) Ecumenical
 Service, ASB Theatre /Pat
 Picton (11am) Stations: Trinity to
 St Joseph's to Foreshore to
 Union Church.

Good Friday Afternoon Apr 19

Blenheim (3pm) Service/Fr Pat
 Kaikoura (3pm) Service/Fr John
 Picton (3pm) Service/Fr Julian

Easter Vigil

Sat Apr 20

Blenheim (7pm) Mass/Fr Pat
 Kaikoura (7pm) Mass/Fr John
 Picton (7pm) Mass/Fr Julian

Easter Sunday (1)

Sun Apr 21

Seddon (6.15am) Dawn Mass/Fr
 Pat, Costello's at Seaview
 Beach, Flemmings Rd. BBQ
 Breakfast to follow.
 Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Julian
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John
 (11am) Mass/Hospital/JP
 Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Pat
 Baptism (11.30) /Fr Pat
 Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Julian



Weekend Mass Times

Easter Week

Frs John & Pat in Melbourne for the Annual Province Assembly and Pre-Chapter Meeting. They return on Saturday night.

Fr Julian will be away some of the week.

ANZAC Mass is at 9am at St Mary's prior to the March.

2nd Sunday of Easter (4)

Sat Apr 27

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Julian

Sun Apr 28

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Julian
 Picton (9am) Mass/Fr John
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat
 Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Julian
 Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr John
 Ward (4pm) Farm Mass/Fr Pat

Parish News & Events

Planned giving donation receipts

These are now available in the foyer of your church.

Our Vinnies Shops

Our St Vincent de Paul Conferences have Vinnies Shops in Picton and Blenheim. Both do a wonderful service for the community, providing good quality 2nd hand clothing and

bric-a-brac. They also provide opportunities for men and women, young and old to be of service to others. The funds raised go back into the community in response to particular needs. Blenheim is seeking Men's clothes and Maternity wear at this time. Easter weekend might be a good time to clear out wardrobes.

Opposition to Euthanasia

This weekend we have another opportunity to sign the petition opposing the current bill before Parliament on end of life matters. Petitions will be sent to Wellington this week.

Apr 15 Chrism Mass at St Mary's led by Cardinal John

St Mary's is hosting a Retreat Day for Priests on Monday and the evening the Chrism Mass for the Wellington Parishes on the Top of the South this year. The last two years we have travelled to Motueka and Stoke for this, to Churches filled for the occasion. And we have been well fed after the journey there, and before the journey home.

At the Chrism Mass, priests make their annual Renewal of Priestly Promises, and the Archbishop blesses our Holy Oils for the Parishes.

Please support this Diocesan event in our Parish by your presence. It would be good if we had a lot of us here, as there is less likelihood of many people from the far west communities. And if you can assist with bringing food for our travellers for before Mass, or some super for afterwards, that would be great. Contact Ginetta to advise.

Apr 28 Feast of Divine Mercy

On Sunday 28th April at 3pm, the Divine Mercy Devotions will be held in St Mary's Blenheim before the Blessed Sacrament. This gathering for prayer is open to all.

Apr 28: Farm Mass in Ward

Next Farm Mass in Ward is at the Loe's at 4pm. Community meeting about The Hub at 3pm.

Parish Calendar

April

14 .. Palm Sunday

15 .. Priests Reflection Day for priests and lay pastoral leaders.

15 .. Chrism Mass at St Mary's with Cardinal John, Top of the South Parishes. (7pm)

21 .. Easter Day

23-26 .. Easter Week

Pat & John at CP Province Assembly in Melbourne.

25 .. Anzac Mass at St Mary's (9am)/Fr Julian

26 .. CP Provincial Council

28 .. Feast of St Peter Chanel.



Vinnies
good works

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Lenore Nihotte (Nelson), Yvonne Connor, Kath Worthington

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.

April 12 Joy McKendry **15** Marie Fredericks, Willian Stretch **18** Ellen Millar

Other Intentions: for the soul of Joevil Basulgan De La Cruz, Bruce & Ngaire McKendry

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$4436.99
Envelopes:	\$1613.50
Loose:	\$1295.00
Easter Sunday:	\$50.00
Holy Places:	\$5.00
Vocation Sunday	\$20.00

thank
you!