

## Weekend Mass Times

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (1)

#### Sat May 4

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

#### Sun May 5

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

**1.30pm John to Rome for Jubilee Commission Meeting. Home Tues May 14**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (2)

#### Mothers Day

#### Sat May 11

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Chris Atiakaten

#### Sun May 12

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

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Chris

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

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

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Chris

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (3)

#### Sat May 18

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

#### Sun May 19

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Senele

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr John

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Senele

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr John

Tongan Community Mass/Fr Senele

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr John

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (4)

#### Sat May 25

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

#### Sun May 26

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Pat

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Pat

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

Ward (4pm) Mass/Fr John

## Parish News & Events

### Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

#### National Police Vetting for Church Employees & Volunteers

Thank you for the fantastic response to the request for all Church Volunteers to sign the Church Code of Conduct and the National Police Vetting. By last Thursday we have 116 people who have sent in their forms.

As we learn more about the procedures, we realise now that a parish staff person or delegate needs to sight two forms of ID, a Passport or Birth Certificate and a Drivers License. This will be done after Mass in Churches over the coming weekends.

Our apologies for me not reading all the fine print. We're all on a big learning curve in these matters (John).

#### Safeguarding Workshop

We are negotiating dates for a workshop on Safeguarding by the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding in July or August. This is a 90 minute workshop for parish leaders and others.

#### Safeguarding Complaints

In each of our Churches and Schools, there is an information card available of who to contact in the Archdiocese if we have a complaint on abuse of children and vulnerable adults. Complaints may be recent or historical.

#### St Mary's Youth group!

Starts up again in the **2nd week** of term. Wed 8th May. Juniors 5.30pm-6:45, seniors 7pm-8.45. All welcome! And Mieke and Maurice would like to give a massive thank you to all the young people who helped at the Good Fri service, you were awesome!

#### Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for our seminarians Alfred, Matthew and Kinh and all those discerning the call to priesthood.

Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest? Pray for this person. Invite him to consider priesthood. Affirm his gifts and qualities. Encourage him to be open to the possibility of becoming a priest.

*"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. Every vocation is a summons to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us."* Pope Francis

Fr David Dowling, Vocations Director: frdavidd@gmail.com

#### May 20: St Vincent de Paul PN

This conference invites you to meet and mingle with member and volunteers if you are interested in joining the team. Light refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome. 6pm at St Joseph's Place, 7 Otago Street.

#### May 25: New Zealand Catholic Medical Association

**Inaugural Meeting** 10am - 3pm, at St Michael's School Hall, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, Auckland -

Cost \$25 per person.

Will include Blessing and Holy Mass from Bishop Patrick Dunn and provide an opportunity for doctors and others involved in healthcare to find pastoral care, support, encouragement and faith development.

We wish to extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, physiotherapist, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, pharmacists, dentists, health administrators, lawyers and anyone who works in allied roles. Registration is required for catering purposes by 20 May 2019. Event details: [newzealandcatholic-medical.co.nz/event](http://newzealandcatholic-medical.co.nz/event). Contact email: [info@newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz](mailto:info@newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz)

#### Chris Skinner Marist Retreat Day

Picton participants, your contact details were lost in transit so if you wish to receive any follow-up please contact [office@maristlaitynz.org](mailto:office@maristlaitynz.org).

It was a joy to spend the retreat time with you and we are certainly happy to continue our support of you and your parish in any way that may be helpful. Bev McDonald (Mrs), Marist Laity NZ Facilitator

## Parish Calendar

### May

5 .. St Mary's School at Mass (10am)

5 .. Fr John to Rome (1.30pm)

5 .. Sounds Stewardship Group

postponed until May 19

7 .. Wairau Stewardship Group 7pm

8 .. Awatere-Flaxbourne

Stewardship Group

**12 .. Mother's Day**

13 .. Kaikoura Stewardship Group

14 ... Fr John returns.

19 .. Sounds Stewardship (5pm)

21 .. Renwick Community Meeting

21 .. Finance & Property Committee

Review Committee

Pastoral Council

27 .. St Mary's Youth Committee

28 .. Catholic Schools Day

### June-August

June 2 .. Ascension of the Lord

June 9 .. Pentecost

Jul 8-12 .. CP Provincial Chapter

Aug 17 .. Confirmation @ Blenheim

(5pm)

Aug 18 .. Confirmation @ Kaikoura

(9.30am)

Aug 28-30 .. John Burland, Sydney

singer, author, musician, in

our parish and schools.



## 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.

### 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.



# 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

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## 3rd Sunday of Easter

### 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**

### There are a lot of Good People in our World

Despite the atrocities that come to us, there are a lot of good people in our world. Try these:

- the Muslim people in Christchurch who forgave their attacker.
- The many people who came out to the vigils across our cities.
- The people who supported the survivors.
- The people who stopped and prayed in the streets of Parish as the Cathedral burned.
- The people who offered their mosques for Mass to the Catholics after their churches were bombed.
- The people who supported the victims in the California Synagogue attack.
- The first responders in every incident.

### Give Thanks where it is due

In this Easter Season, lets say Thank You to the people who we see as good people, who live their faith graciously, who are God's Servants first.

In this Easter Season, lets give thanks to those who's hospitality is extraordinary.

God gives us good people, to



remind us that he is present in and among us, for God is Good.

John Pearce CP.

### Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

**Recently Deceased:** Lovina Fonohema (Tonga)

#### Anniversaries:

**30th April** Leo Hope

**12th May** Asuncion Godinez

**Other Intentions:** McConway, Hope & Cheeseman family, Hand & Nolan family

### COLLECTIONS:

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

#### Last week:

AP's: \$3624.00

Envelopes: \$1700.50

Loose: \$ 703.20

Easter Dues: \$ 145.00

Holy Places: \$ 55.00

thank you!

### Readings for Third Week of Easter (C)

**Sun 5th:** Acts 5:27-32,40-41 Apoclypse 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

**Psalm Response: I will praise you Lord for you have rescued me**

**Mon 6th:** Acts 6:8-15 John 6:22-29

**Tues 7th:** Acts 7:51-8:1 John 6:30-35

**Wed 8th:** Acts 8:1-8 John 6:35-40

**Thu 9th:** Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51

**Fri 10th:** Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59

**Sat 11th:** Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Sun 12th** Acts 13:14,43-52 Apoclypse 7:9,14-17 John 10:27-30



**A former Ambassador Finds Much to Like in Pope Francis' Diplomatic Instincts**  
Victor Gaetan. CNS. 16 April 2019

Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmad el-Tayeb, grand imam of Egypt's al-Azhar mosque and university, sign documents during an interreligious meeting at the Founder's Memorial in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on Feb. 4, 2019. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

**Ambassador Charles W. Freeman, Jr. is a legendary polyglot analyst of geopolitics with broad diplomatic experience, especially in China, the Middle East and Africa. He was President Richard Nixon's principal translator for the epic 1972 meeting in Beijing with Mao Zedong and went on to serve in key government positions for decades. During the First Gulf War, he served as the ambassador to Saudi Arabia; two years later, he was appointed the assistant secretary of defense—evidence of the unusual respect both the diplomatic and military community have for him.**

**Mr. Freeman spoke about the dangers in the manner contemporary U.S. foreign policy is conducted, which in recent years seems more reliant on military intervention and regime change than diplomacy. Mr. Freeman refers specifically to his admiration for Jesuit principles, the provisional Vatican-Beijing agreement and Pope Francis' engagement with moderate Islamic leaders. He even proposes a solution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.**

**In your Foreign Service career, how were you introduced to the diplomacy of the Catholic Church?**

During my first tour abroad in Chennai, India, I became very close to a group of Jesuit missionaries who I admired greatly for their intellect and the rigor of their thought. I became very respectful of the Catholic Church and the Jesuits, in particular. A lot of what they were trying to do was social work, listening, which was helpful.

At the highest form, Hinduism is monotheistic, but it is pantheistic overall. The Jesuits helped me try to understand it. The distinguishing mark of the Jesuits everywhere is attentiveness to local culture and theology and an

effort to assimilate that theology into Catholicism, which gets them into trouble periodically. I think it is the correct approach.

**You are aware of the dialogue between the Holy See and Beijing. In your view, did Pope Francis make a mistake by signing a provisional agreement last September with the Chinese government?**

I do follow it quite closely for several reasons. First of all, it is historically important. When the Catholic Church repudiated the Jesuits' efforts in China [in the 18th century], it made a great historical error. Pope Francis is obviously not a Dominican, so I think this is a return to an earlier strategy on the part of the church that makes sense—whether it can succeed or not is a different issue.

Surely allowing the development of an indigenous but Catholic church in China ought to be important, especially given the size and weight of China in world matters.

Is Francis making a mistake? I don't think so. His papacy is marked by outreach to many religious and ethnic traditions. He has been quite courageous on some issues. His outreach to Islam is entirely appropriate and wise.

In the case of China, if you don't cooperate with the system, then you will get nowhere. I think the pope is thinking, probably, about saving souls in China and the entryway is through cooperation with the establishment. If you stand outside China, particularly if you ally with the alternative regime in Taipei, then you make yourself irrelevant or an enemy—which is worse.

It is always difficult to reconcile church and state, especially when the state is a Leninist state following an official ideology that justifies its intrusion into the issues that, in much of the world, are reserved for the spiritual rather than secular authorities. And I'm frankly appalled by the re-introduction of anti-religious efforts, most prominently against the Uighur community.

So I am aware of the compromises that have had to be made, but I think it is a promising opening.

**In diplomatic terms, how would you describe the approach being used by the Holy See?**

The approach is a combi-

nation of idealism and pragmatism. Idealism means the objective is broad and spiritual and ambitious. It doesn't mean you are unrealistic, but you have aspirations for something better than the current situation.

Pragmatism means a willingness to develop concrete arrangements for advance, as long as they don't violate principles.

From what I know about the secret compromise, neither the pope nor China have given up whatever authority they assert. They are trying to find a way to cooperate. That's very good. It's worth a try. If it fails, I don't think the church has lost anything.

**A priority area for Pope Francis is dialogue with Islam. You were ambassador to Saudi Arabia and director of an important think tank dedicated to the Middle East. In your view, what is the best strategy for minimizing or containing radical Islam?**

I applaud Pope Francis' outreach to the Islamic world. It is a reversal of a series of mistakes by his predecessor, who went out of his way to convert a Muslim in St. Peter's Basilica, which was quite a provocation and truncated what had been a positive evolution with, for example, the late King Abdullah in Saudi Arabia.

Abdullah had reasons of his own to promote an interfaith dialogue. He endowed and left behind an institution in Vienna devoted to it: the King Abdullah International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue.

One reason for doing it internationally was to normalize relations with the outside world because Saudi Arabia is the only country on the planet that was never penetrated by Western missionaries or militaries or even merchants for that matter.

Abdullah saw the interfaith dialogue internationally as part of an opening for interfaith dialogue within Islam and particularly between the Kingdom's Salafi elements and its Shia minority. I discussed this with him. The two processes, the domestic national dialogue between Shia and Sunni, and the international interfaith dialogue, were closely related. He was a pious man. He believed in his religion and had enormous dislike for extremists.

**What went wrong?**

Unfortunately, the king's initiative was met with strategic incomprehension and indifference. Its political theology was too complex for all but the most sophisticated non-Muslims to understand. This effort to flank and subvert the extremists deserved support, not an alliance perhaps, but some sort of limited partnership was possible, and we blew it.

When I say "we," I mean the community beyond Islam, including the church and certainly the United States.

The best way to approach things is to find allies in the Islamic world who share a vision of tolerance and openness and who recognize the concept of the Abrahamic religions as having a common core of beliefs even though we differ in some ways, importantly, in some doctrine.

It seems to me that Pope Francis is very much now following that path and the question is—now that Abdullah is not there and King Salman is not well—who is there in the Islamic World who might pick this up and take it somewhere? I think the answer, unfortunately, is probably not Saudi Arabia under MBS [Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz], the crown prince, who may deserve to go to confession and be absolved of his sins, which are rather considerable.

Francis is pursuing a strategy of creative outreach across cultural differences typical of the Jesuits, fortunately. We need to have peace between religious entities. The consequences of allowing hatred to prevail are ruinous.

**Francis has called the war in Ukraine a "fratricide," not an invasion. Why do you think the Holy See privileges its rapport with Russia, rather than encouraging Ukraine's aspirations to join the European Union and NATO, as the United States wants?**

This is entirely consistent with Pope Francis' espousal of tolerance: that he would not take sides simply because there is a schism in the church, which is a matter of regret, and pride on the part of the Russian Orthodox Church.

It's also sensible, geopolitically, in my view because the problem with Ukraine is not fundamentally external but internal. This is a society that has yet to establish itself as a viable state. It is highly corrupt. It is divided linguistically and religiously. There

is no consensus on Ukraine joining the E.U. or NATO, quite the contrary.

I suppose the pope is concerned about the Catholic community in Ukraine and would like to see Ukraine emerge as a viable, prosperous, democratic, at least well-governed, state.

My own view is simple: Ukraine cannot be a member of either the European or Russian bloc. It must be both a bridge and a buffer between them. In order to do that, it needs to become a viable country. It needs to develop an economy that works. In fact, the Ukrainian economy is very closely tied to Russia, and that can't be undone.

Finally, there is an example we should be looking at: the Austrian State Treaty of 1955. At the height of the Cold War, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and the United States agreed to withdraw from Austria, enabling it to emerge, for the first time, as a German-dominated independent state. But they did it in such a way that allowed the ethnic minorities to be treated fairly and given a measure of autonomy. If we could do that at the height of the Cold War, why can't we do something like that in Ukraine?

So by not taking sides in the manner that he has done, the pope has not prejudiced the possibility of a prosperous, peaceful Ukraine.

**To Pope Francis diplomacy requires dialogue, encounter, respect for the other, accompaniment. What is diplomacy in your view?**

Diplomacy rests on empathy more than received knowledge, texts or quantitative analysis. It demands insight beyond the purely intellectual into what makes foreigners do foreign things. Diplomacy is grounded in personal experience, apprenticeship and area knowledge. It is culture-specific, reliant on intuition, attuned to emotion as well as reason as a behavioral determinant and tested in daily professional interactions with counterparts.

**Elaborate, please, on the importance of empathy.**

Empathy is different from sympathy. Empathy is understanding. Sympathy is agreement. Go back to the Jesuits. I found them empathetic. I didn't think they agreed with me at all about my religious beliefs, but we could

have a respectful dialogue.

In diplomacy, empathy is everything because you are trying to persuade someone that what you want them to do is in their interests. So you have to know how they see the world. You have to be able to say: "If you do this, you will benefit." To make that argument, which is the opposite of coercion, you have to walk in someone else's shoes and see the world as they see it.

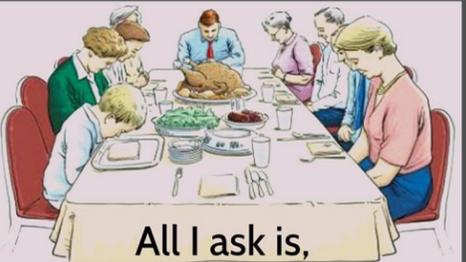
**You have publicly criticized the U.S. foreign policy establishment for emphasizing military rather than diplomatic solutions, and you have pointed to the political "spoils system"—ambassadorships given to big donors and the like—as weakening the U.S. capacity to understand the world. Are there signs of change coming?**

Certainly not under this administration, I would not expect it. But I think it is beginning to dawn on people that amateurism in tasks that require great skill like diplomacy is costly and that we should be developing professionalism.

**So, what would it take for the United States to change? Defeat of some sort?**

I think, as a general proposition, one learns very little from success but a great deal from failure. So, it would take a series of failures that focus American attention on the need to improve, to innovate.

Exactly what those would be, I can't say. I'm terribly sorry we might have to go through a series of defeats, debacles maybe, before we begin to clear the air.



All I ask is,  
May God bless my family  
and friends who need a  
Miracle. Strengthen all  
who are weak. Lighten  
those who carry heavy  
burdens.  
Amen!