



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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6th Sunday of Easter

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 bap-
tism 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 Pastoral Council Chair:
Greg Stretch

Parish Finance Committee Chair:
Tom Harrison



CSD19
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY
TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019

Much to Celebrate

Catholic Schools Day is on Tues-
day this week. We have a lot to cele-
brate in our schools. All are growing in
their attendance roll. All are seeking
higher standards for our students. All
are welcoming of our children with the
wide variety of talents and interests that
they have.

This week, lets say Thank You to
the Principals, Teachers, and Assisting
Staff. Let's show our gratitude to their
dedication to the ministry of education.

Our two primary schools and our
Pre School have all accomplished high
standards with their ERO Reports, and
working at further improvements in cur-
riculum and on sites.

To read the ERO and Catholic Character
reports, use the links to each school be-
low.

St Mary's School Blenheim

<http://www.stmarys-blenheim.school.nz/>

St Joseph's School Kaikoura

<http://www.stjkaikoura.school.nz/>

St Mary's Pre School Blenheim

[Http://www.stmaryspreschool.co.nz](http://www.stmaryspreschool.co.nz)



Lets Say Thank You, Mihi Koe

Readings for Sixth Week of Easter (C)

Sun 26th: Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14: 23-29

Psalm Response: O God let all the nations praise You

Mon 27th: Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26-16:4

Tues 28th: Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11

Wed 29th: Acts 17:15,22-18:1 John 16:12-15

Thu 30th: Acts 18:1-8 John 16:16-20

Fri 31st: Romans 12:9-16 Luke 1:39-56 Visitation B.V.M.

Sat 1st Jun: Acts 18:23-28 John 16:23-28

Ascension of The Lord

Sun 2nd: Acts:1-1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53

Our Immediate Future

Dear brothers and sisters in our Parish of Star of the Sea,

It has been a big shock to every one when Father John has gone to be with the Lord on 5th May. It was very sudden, and we all feel a sense of loss that he does not greet us with his accustomed big smile and big presence. He had a wonderful sense of vision for what our Parish can be and he had so much drive and enthusiasm to help us be engaged and feel part of the Parish and our own Communities.

Personally, I wish to thank Ginetta Petersen, our Parish Manager, Greg Stretch, Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council, and all the many people who came forward to help prepare for and make John's funeral Celebration such a wonderful and moving occasion. Please be assured of my gratitude to you each and everyone who helped and gave of yourself so unstintingly.

Many of you may be thinking what do we do now that Fr. John is no longer with us? I think we can honour him and his memory best by continuing on the path and direction that he has so well begun. "Te Whetu o te Moana/ Star of the Sea"

As our distinctive motto says: "From the Sounds to the Sea, the Mountains to the Plains, we are One Mission, One Parish, Seven Communities."

Also I think we can count on the prayers and assistance of John now he has gone to be with the Lord. We may have lost his physical presence, but I am sure he will continue to lead and inspire us

through his presence with Christ and his Blessed Mother in the Kingdom of Heaven. Like many of our beloved dead, he is even more alive in Christ and just around the corner in the next room. He is very likely sharing a drink and a good story with Bill and Maureen, his parents, and all his Passionist friends.

It may be some time before we have a new Parish Priest appointed. Let us be patient in the meantime, and co-operate with the Parish Team, and the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the respective four Stewardship Committees in their care for the Parish and our families. Sometimes it may be difficult to find a priest to assist me in leading the Mass on Sunday like we have been used to. I am so proud of how people stepped up so quickly and without fuss to do a bit extra to help prepare for and to make John's funeral such a beautiful event. I may be asking people to have more Word and Communion Services on Sunday than we have been used to.

Father Chris Akiatan CP who is our Vice Novice Master in Adelaide has kindly extended his stay (originally invited by John for a holiday) to help us one more week. I am very grateful to Fr Chris. But then he must return to Adelaide to carry out his important responsibilities at the Novitiate.

I will continue to look for priests to come and assist us, but as you know priests do not grow on trees and are a bit hard to find these days. Fr Tom McDonough CP our Passionist Provincial and Cardinal John will also help us as they

are able. As I mentioned to someone the other day, we are now in the Cloud of Unknowing.

As the popular hymn says, "We walk by faith and not by sight." God, I think, is asking us to walk with a deeper faith that He (or She) is looking after us while we look around for another priest. Do not worry too much that we don't have a priest who pops up so easily. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit who is Lord of the Church will look after us. Jesus can call on many other disciples to give us inspiration and leadership besides by the occasional priest. Many people have commented on how well ordinary people have given lovely reflections for the Word and Communion Services.

Our Parish does not belong to Fr. X or Y or Z. It is all God's work. So let us trust in God. Please pray that we will continue to get more help – but as Jesus said to the Pharisees when they complained on Palm Sunday. "If I tell them to stop, the very stones will cry out." God can raise up children of God even from the stones, so he can provide us with suitable leaders and shepherds – but they may not come in the way we normally expect.

"We walk by faith and not by sight." Jesus guides us still along the Way. He never deserts us in our journey together.

My kind regards to you and your family,

Pat McIndoe CP
acting Parish Priest

Some words From the Parish Pastoral Council

The Star of the Sea Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) had their monthly meeting on Tuesday 21st May. A brief summary of the meeting follows:

- The PPC would like to thank the parishioners for their love, kindness and prayers, following the sudden death of our much loved Parish Priest, Father John. The wonderful attendance at his funerals both here and in Sydney (approximately 1300 in total) show's how highly regarded he was and how much he will be missed. Please continue to pray for the Star of the Sea Parish, as we all carry on the work that Fr John was so passionate about.
- Fr Pat will take on the responsibility of Acting Parish Priest in the interim. The Parish continues to seek cleric support for Fr Pat, this is likely to be on a temporary basis until the New Year, when a permanent replacement is hoped for. At the present time, we envisage the weekly mass timetable throughout the parish, to continue unchanged.
- We have combined both our PPC and the Finance and Property Committee (FPC) together, to work

through the Review of Churches and Presbyteries within the Parish. Tom Harrison and I are co-chairpersons of this group. This review and recommendations is to be completed and presented to Cardinal John by 30th October 2019. The Review Group will consult with the Parish, as we make progress over the next 5 months. This Group, along with the PPC and the FPC, will meet on the third Tuesday of each month, with the meeting times as follows: PPC 6:15pm-7:00pm, Review Group 7:00pm-7:45pm, FPC 7:45pm-9:00pm.

- Vicky Raw has joined our PPC in her capacity as a member of the Archdiocese Pastoral Council.

I am going to be away overseas from Friday 7th June to Saturday 13th July, in my absence Blair McLean will be acting PPC Chairperson.

The PPC next meet on the 18th June. If you have items that you would like the PPC to consider at our next meeting please see a member of the PPC.

Greg Stretch, Chairperson,
Star of the Sea Parish Pastoral Council

A packed Church gathered for Johns Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday morning. Friends, former colleagues, came from All over Australia, and New Zealand to be at John's mass. Co-workers from thirty or forty years ago. 26 priests from the dioceses of Sydney, Broken Bay, Parramatta, Wollongong, Maitland-Newcastle. Bishop Terry Brady represented Archbishop Fisher. Passionist sisters from Sydney and Adelaide, and the Cross and Passion Sisters from Endeavour Hills were present. Members of the Sydney Alliance were present. Fr. Tim O'Toole's two brothers came up from Geelong. Representatives from the Catholic Education Office, and from our two schools in the parish. Former classmates and Passionists were there,



including Phil Drew, Len Kenny, John Wilson, Steve O'Rourke, Mark Muntz, Greg Light and Gregory Horne and others. The Parish Team from the Endeavour Hills parish were

all there. Alongside so many from the Marrickville parish team and parishioners. And of course, more Passionists flew in on early flights.



I was celebrant at the Eucharist, with Bishop Brady and Kevin Hennessey, along with Deacon Tony and Permanent Deacon Chris.

We began again with the three eulogies. This time Peter Pearce spoke on behalf of the family. He also took a little tee-light from the altar rails to remind us that a spark of John's light still shines in us all Jim, Mike, John, and Arthur spoke again on behalf of the parish.



The Passionist Sisters and the Cross and Passion Sisters spread the white Pall over the coffin, and John's nieces brought forward the various Symbols, - a family photo, the Chalice, Paten and Stole, the Profession Cross and Rule & Constitutions, a Eels scarf and a beautiful photo of John in his vestments. Bishop Terry then sprinkled John and the casket with Holy Water.



For the readings, Sr. Elena read from the Book of Job (The Lord gives, the Lord takes away, Blessed be the Name of the Lord) and Br Ben read from Paul (we preach Christ Crucified). Deacon Tony read again the Passion story from John of the death of Jesus.



I preached the homily. Amid the enormous number of ministries, responsibilities and roles John has had over the years, there are some constants: his passion for mission - for us to be the Church Christ wanted us to be; John's ability to forge friendships and relationships, connections and networks that he maintained over many, many years; John's practical, hands-on, down to earth, inclusive and collaborative approach to ministry; John's creativity and vision; and John's capacity for work. I then spoke of how, underlying all these was John's own love for Christ Crucified - the core of his own sense of self, and also his love and loyalty for we his brothers, for community.



Two of the parish school children read the Prayers of the Faithful for us



The music was once again outstanding and moving. "The Silence and the Sorrow" was sung again as John's sister and two brothers brought the gifts to the altar.



Kevin led the Prayers of Commendation at the end of mass, assisted by Denis Travers and John Curtis. While the coffin was being blessed and incensed Annie Belle sang 'The Irish Blessing' Then, as John's brothers and nephews brought the coffin from the Church, the choir was singing the Kevin Bates' "So I leave my boats behind, leave them on familiar shores..."



At the cemetery, Pat McIndoe led us in the Prayers of Committal. Along with the family and we religious, many parishioners also came to the Passionist section of Rookwood.. And as John was laid to rest, we sang the Salve Regina for him.

Farewell, Tom McDonough CP

There are photos and tributes on the St Brigid's Marrickville Facebook page and website. You can also find some on Passionists: Holy Spirit Province facebook page.



Parish Matters

Weekend Mass Times

6th Sunday of Easter (4)

Sat May 25

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun May 26

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Chris

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Chris

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

Fri May 31st Requiem Mass 11am for Phyllis Ham, no Exposition or 12.05 Mass that day.

7th Sunday of Easter (1)

Sat June 1st

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Chris

Sun June 2nd

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

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Chris

Blenheim (10) **W & C**

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat

Pentecost (2)

Sat June 8

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr J Dooleysm

Sun June 9

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

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

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Jim

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

Most Holy Trinity (3)

Sat June 15

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun June 16

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Sanele

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Sanele

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

Renwick (4) Mass/Fr Pat

Tongan Mass Fr Sanele

Parish News & Events

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

National Police Vetting for Church Employees & Volunteers

The next step for Police Vetting is for ID to be sited by a staff member or delegated volunteer. Two forms of ID are needed.

1. A Passport or Birth certificate
 2. A Drivers license or photo ID.
- This can be done at the Office or at Church on Sundays.

Our implementation of this requirement is moving ahead slowly but successfully.

First Aid Certificates:

Those with first aid certificates or medical background are asked to let office know so that we can open a register in case of emer-

gency at Mass or an event of civil disaster.

May 30: Garin College Info Meeting

Thursday 6:30pm in the Community Centre. Meet the Principal and learn more about secondary education at our Nelson Catholic College.

BHM Mass Rosters: It's that time of the year again. I will start putting together the rosters, aiming to have them with you by end of June. We would really welcome new people to various ministries needed for weekend Masses. If you have any preference please let me know. Belinda 578 2628/ 021774858. or email hugh.vavasour@xtra.co.nz

A last few comments sent in from some of Johns friends.

Dear Greg (Stretch),
I am writing on behalf of we Passionists to thank you for so many things.

Thank you for the wonderful Mass and farewell for our brother John last Saturday at the Convention Centre. It didn't feel like a Convention centre at all. Everything was just perfect, the setting, the music, the celebration. We are so grateful as a Congregation to you and the Parish Council, to Ginetta in the Office. - what a treasure she has been, to the Tongan and Maori communities, to the parishioners of the whole parish.

Thank you for your own words of tribute to John in your beautiful eulogy. And Thank you so much for coming to farewell John here with us in Sydney at St Brigid's.

Thank you also for the support and care for Fr Pat though these last weeks, - and I am sure, extending now to the uncertain time ahead. We will try to find some ways of supporting him short-term, as we look to a reappointment longer term at the parish.

Please convey our thanks to all concerned and all involved. Please remind the Star of the Sea Community that they remain in our prayers.
Kind Regards
Tom McDonough CP

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I count as privilege spending so much of the past months with John (and you all), and his loss amplifies many lovely memories not the least of which is what a great host he was and how welcoming was his manner.

I thought to write a note today before it all gets so full of ac-

tivity. It's morning tea time in Melbourne now as I write - but I've missed your gathering time in Blenheim. I really only have two thoughts to share with you.

The first is that I am so moved and comforted by the thought that John preached that Sunday morning on the gospel where Peter comes to a point of proclaiming that he does love the Lord. And that same day John was able to say this same affirmation 'yes, Lord you know I love you' - face to face in the presence of the One he had served all his adult life.

The other thought is that on that day of his passing, John had packed and prepared for a journey that he had anticipated and was looking forward to. In a sense he was ready... not, of course, expecting a finality about it; and of course, he was planning beyond the journey to Rome. Nevertheless, I suppose at a deeper level of his life there was a kind of inner preparation for a new moment and a new place. To find himself in the arms of God must have been such a gift and a fulfilment. It was the summation of all his journeys, those made at every turn of his life.

I find comfort in both thoughts. I hope it might speak to you also.

I shall be thinking of you all over these days and praying for everyone. John is remembered in each of our masses here at Holy Cross.

peace, Denis Travers CP

Parish Calendar

May

26 .. Sounds Stewardship (5pm)

27 .. St Mary's Youth Committee

28 .. Catholic Schools Day

June

June 2 .. Ascension of the Lord

June 4 ..Wairau Stewardship (7pm)

June 9 .. Pentecost

June 18 ..Pastoral Council, Finance & Property

July-August

Jul 8-12 .. CP Provincial Chapter

July 16 ..Pastoral Council, Finance & Property

Aug 17 .. Confirmation @ Blenheim (5pm)

Aug 18 .. Confirmation @ Kaikoura (9.30am)

Aug 20 ..Pastoral Council, Finance & Property

Aug 28-30 .. John Burland, Sydney singer, author, musician, in

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Phyllis Ham, Julie Jordan (ex Jordan House)

May 18: Helen O'Connell, **20:** Michael Wood, Ray O'Halloron, **25:** Alice Walker, **28:** Fr Terence Fitzpatrick sm **30:** Brian Stretch

Other Intentions: Aiona Kula

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$2008.00
Envelopes:	\$1504.50
Loose:	\$ 665.40
Vocation Sunday:	\$ 30.00

thank you!