

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

### Weekend Mass Times

**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

**Fr Marlon, Filipino Chaplain, will then join us for 2 weeks**

**Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (4)**

**Sat June 22**  
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat  
**Sun June 23**  
 Seddon (8am) Mass/ Fr Marlon  
 Picton (9am) **W&C**  
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat  
 Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Marlon  
 Havelock (11am) **W&C**  
 Ward (4pm) Mass/Fr Pat

**Fr Pat away 25-26 June for Formation Day**

**13th Sunday (5)**

**Sat June 29**  
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat  
**Sun June 30**  
 Seddon (8am) **W&C**  
 Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat  
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Marlon  
 Blenheim (10am) **W&C**  
 Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

**In July, Fr Julian Wagg joins us for a while.**

**14th Sunday (1)**

**Sat July 6**  
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat  
**Sun July 7**  
 Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr  
 Picton (9am) **W&C**  
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr  
 Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr  
 Havelock (11am) **W&C**

**Jul 8-13 .. CP Provincial Chapter. Fr Pat then returns with Fr Joey Liaia CP**

**15th Sunday (2)**

**Sat July 13**  
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr  
**Sun July 14**  
 Seddon (8am) **W&C**  
 Picton (9am) Mass/Fr  
 Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr  
 Blenheim (10am) **W&C**  
 Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr

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

**Recently Deceased:** John Pearce, Barry Clark, Phyllis Ham, Allan Fairweather, Bernard Vavasour (Nlsn) Kay Flaherty, Maureen Williams

**Anniversaries: June 14** Phyllis Smith  
 June 15 Jim Mason  
 June 19 Terence Crispin

**Other Intentions:** Gr Brian Walsh

### Parish News & Events

#### Wairau Stewardship Area "Churches and Presbyteries" forum

The Wairau Stewardship Committee warmly invites all parishioners to a forum meeting on Sunday 30 June at 2pm in the Mercy Room, to discuss the Cardinal's document on "Churches and Presbyteries", as shared in the parish newsletter on 24 February. This will have a special focus on the physical resources within the Wairau catchment, namely St Mary's Blenheim and St Francis de Sales Renwick.

This is a chance for you to share your opinion and offer ideas on how we might re-organise and direct our resources to future mission. Those unable to attend are able to make a written submission prior to the day via the Parish Office or email [office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz](mailto:office@staroftheseamarlb.co.nz).

**Communion to the Sick and household:** With the new vetting in mind, we are updating the list of those receiving Communion in their homes or at rest homes. Please contact the Parish Office, with a list of those you take Communion to, on a regular basis. Those in Kaikoura, please Contact Sr Maureen.

**Ecology, Justice & Peace (EJP) Commission:**  
 The EJP Commission is seeking expres-

sions of interest for membership and South Island representation on the Poverty Committee. This is one of the 4 committees which make recommendations to the Commission. The other groups are 2. Integral Ecology, 3. Bicultural relations and 4. Parish Engagement and Communication. The time commitment is to attend six evening meetings a year, a formation day later 2019, and to carry out the agreed work of the Committee. Anyone interested in joining, please contact [deb.lawson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:deb.lawson@xtra.co.nz)

**June 22nd Combined Churches Men's Breakfast:** 8am at Nativity Hall, \$10 pp. The Speaker will be Paul Monhan, Sign up on the clipboard in the foyer of the church or call the Parish Office. Bring a friend. Please RSVP before 19th June.

**June 24.. The Eucharist!!**

The lovable Fr Kevin Connors will be visiting Blenheim on Monday 24th June to give a talk/discussion on his recent thesis on the Eucharist which he is working on making into a book. Open to all, please come along and be inspired! Supper provided - 7pm at St Mary's Youth Rooms in the hall. Contact Mieke Davies for more info : 0223918584

**Accommodation Wanted:**  
 A young Frenchman would like to board with a family for a few months, in order to improve his English. He is 19 years old, has a casual job and would pay his way. Email Paul, paul-beneteau@sfr.fr.

**St Vincent de Paul shop:**  
 The Blenheim shop is looking for more linen. Have an autumn clean out and bring all your excess clean sheets, etc to the shop or put in the bin in the church carpark.

### Parish Calendar

**June**  
 June 16.. Confirmation & Communion Programme starts again.

### Stewardship

TIME - TALENTS - TREASURE  
 A way of life, a way to live

Stewardship is an understanding of a total way of life; a conversion of mind and heart, of living out one's baptismal call.

### COLLECTIONS:

We are most grateful for your support of our Parish of Star Of The Sea. **Last week:**

AP's: \$4896.66  
 Envelopes: \$1472.50  
 Loose: \$ 645.60  
 Vocation Sunday: \$ 35.00

thank you!



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:**  
 Bethesda **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  
 Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward  
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## Newsletter No 24: 16 June 2019 Feast of The Most Holy Trinity

### 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**

Dear friends,  
 It has been a trying month to say the least! On 5<sup>th</sup> May, just over a month ago, we lost our much loved and respected John Pearce, our Parish priest and our brother in the Lord. This was a big shock to us all and most unexpected! I want to express again to you all my deep gratitude for the expressions of your sympathy and support to me. And I want to particularly thank on your behalf Ginetta Petersen, Mandy Li and Kath Campbell for their companionship and continued hard work in the office for the benefit of the whole parish, despite the loss and grief that John's passing has entailed. I know you all miss John very much. At least we all have a very good friend in heaven now.

We have been having some assistance with priests. I am very grateful to Fr. Chris Akiatan CP, who has now returned to Australia to his work at the Novitiate. His support here for almost a month has been much appreciated.

I am grateful to Fr Jim Dooley SM who came last weekend. He has had health issues recently, but Jim generously came from Wellington to help us.

Fr. Sanele will also come this weekend to help and to also give support to the Tongan Catholic Community. Wel-

come back, Fr Sanele! You are a constant good friend to us all.

Fr. Tom McDonough CP, our Passionist provincial has told me he hopes to send another Passionist to join me shortly. That is very good news.

Also Fr. Marlon, who works in Wellington - a Filipino chaplain - will come on 22<sup>nd</sup> June for a week. So, help is on the horizon.

Let us continue to help one another in the days and weeks ahead. I am particularly grateful to those who have done Services of Word and Communion over the last 6 weeks, sometimes when not expecting to do so. As the well-known hymn says: **"They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love! Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."**

Yes, let us continue to share the love and kindness to one another. This is the very grist and stuff of the life of the Holy Trinity. A very Happy and Blessed Feast of the Blessed Trinity to you all. May God Triwan (Pidgin English for the Holy Trinity) blesim yupela olgeta . . . God Papa, God Pikinini na Holi Spirit. Amen.

Best wishes, Pat cp  
 PS. Please let us support the work of the Catholic Enquiry Centre, helping people to know and enter our Catholic faith.

### Readings for Eleventh Week Ordinary Time

#### Trinity Sunday

**Sun 16th:** Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

**Psalm Response: O Lord Our God how wonderful your name**

**Mon 17th:** 2 Cor. 6:1-10

Matthew 5:38-42

**Tues 18th:** 2 Cor. 8:1-9

Matthew 5:43-48

**Wed 19th:** 2 Cor. 9:6-11

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

**Thu 20th:** 2 Cor. 11:1-11

Matthew 6:7-15

**Fri 21st:** 2 Cor. 11:18,21-30

Matthew 6:19-23 St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

**Sat 22nd:** 2 Cor. 12:1-10

Matthew 6:24-34

#### Body & Blood of Christ

**Sun 23rd:** Gen 14:18-20

1Cor. 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

## Why Dying Churches Die.

**By Thom Rainer. 15 August 2017**

The doctor told my dad he was dying.

Our family physician was a kind man, a true friend of the family. But he was firm. Dad was on the short path to death.

My father, then 58 years old, had been smoking for four decades. I suppose his time in the military in World War II proved to be the primary impetus to his taking on the bad habit. His peers smoked. There were hardly any voices suggesting the evils of smoking then. And it proved to be a relief and escape from the ravages of war he witnessed day after day.

To be clear, our doctor had not declared to my dad that he was terminal. At this point, there was no cancer present. The only sign was an early onset of emphysema.

But the kind physician could see all the signs. Dad had to make major and dramatic changes or he would die within a few years. Indeed, it might already be too late regardless of any changes he made. He never stopped smoking.

Dad was diagnosed with terminal cancer at age 61. He died one month after his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

### Many churches are dying.

Some are so sick that they are a few years, perhaps just months, from death. But too many refuse to do anything. Any potential and dramatic turnaround will not take place because these churches do nothing.

### Why? Why do these dying

**churches walk resolutely down the path of death?** Why don't they attempt something dramatic, something bold? I have worked with too many of these churches. Allow me to share six common responses to these questions.

**They refuse to admit they are sick, very sick.** I have worked with churches whose attendance has declined by over 80 percent. They have no gospel witness in the community. They have not seen a person come to Christ in two decades. But they say they are fine. They say nothing is wrong.

**They are still waiting on the "magic bullet" pastor.** They reason, if only we could find the right pastor, we would be fine. But they bring in pastor after pastor. Each leaves after a short-term stint, frustrated that the congregation was so entrenched in its ways. So the church starts the search again for the magic bullet pastor.

**They fail to accept responsibility.** I recently met with the remaining members of a dying church. Their plight was the community's fault. Those people should be coming to their church. It was the previous five pastors' fault. Or it was the fault of culture. If everything returned to the Bible belt mentality of decades earlier, we would be fine.

**They are not willing to change...at all.** A friend asked me to meet with the remaining members of a dying church. These members were giddy with excitement. They viewed me as the great salvific hope for their congregation. But my blunt assessment was not pleasing to them, especially when I talked

about change.

Finally, one member asked if they would have to look at the words of a hymn on a screen instead of a hymnal if they made changes. I stood in stunned silence, and soon walked away from the church that would close its doors six months later.

**Their "solutions" are all inwardly focused.** They don't want to talk about reaching the ethnically changing community. They want to know how they can make church more **comfortable** and palatable for the remnant of members.

**They desire to return to 1985. Or 1972. Or 1965. Or 1959.** Those were the good old days. If we could just do church like we did then, everything would be fine.

These churches are increasing in number. Culture indeed has little patience with a me-focused congregation, much less so than, say, 15 years ago.

### Is there hope for these churches? Will these dying congregations indeed die?

I have seen God intervene a few times in such situations. But, in every case, the church has turned its face to Him, and forsaken all of their own preferences, desires and human-centred traditions.

But most dying churches will die. I pray that your church, if it is indeed on the path to death, will be the rare exception, to the glory of God.

## CEC Sunday

Trinity Sunday is a powerful reminder of mission. It helps us remember that Jesus emptied himself. He stepped out of the timeless total joy of the inner intimacy of God to share with us the struggles, doubts and tragedies of our lives. He died like us, shamefully and painfully as some of us do. Our mission as Catholics is to share that remarkable story with others.

But our world has changed. The pace and anxiety of modern life, the lure of living through the virtual world of media and social communications has made the message of the gospel very distant and seemingly irrelevant for so many among whom we live.

CEC strives to touch a new generation by reaching out through our Catholic Discovery Facebook pages.

### Trinity Sunday and Mission Today

Yet nothing reaches out and touches so deeply as personal witness and example. You who read this are now Jesus' disciples here in New Zealand. CEC wants to help you by providing reflections, prayers, and videos to help spread this message. Our older supporters are diminishing. We need your support. So pray for us, tell others about us and donate to keep our work going.

Please open your hearts to our work this Trinity Sunday. Look us up on

[www.catholicenquiry.nz](http://www.catholicenquiry.nz) and on our Catholic Discovery Facebook page. Pray about becoming a sponsor and supporter and keep Christ's work alive.

Neil Vaney SM, pastoral director CEC



## Pope's General Audience: On the Acts of the Apostles

*'In the Acts of the Apostles, the Twelve manifest the Lord's style. They are accredited witnesses of Christ's work'*  
June 12, 2019

Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We began a series of catecheses that will follow the "journey": the journey of the Gospel, narrated in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, because this Book certainly makes one see the journey of the Gospel, how the Gospel went beyond, beyond, beyond . . . It all starts from the Resurrection of Christ. This, in fact, is not an event among others, but is the source of the new life. The disciples know it and — obedient to Jesus' command — they remain united, in agreement and persevering in prayer. They stay close to Mary, the Mother, and they prepare to receive the power of God, not passively but consolidating the communion among them.

That first community was made up of 120 brothers and sisters more or less: a number that bears within it 12, emblematic for Israel, because it represents the twelve tribes, and emblematic for the Church, through the twelve Apostles chosen by Jesus. However, now, after the painful events of the Passion, the Lord's Apostles are no longer twelve, but eleven. One of them, Judas, is no longer: he took his life, crushed by remorse.

He had already begun before to separate himself from communion with the Lord and with the others, to make do on his own, to isolate himself, to attach himself to money up to instrumentalizing the poor, to losing sight of the horizon of the gratuitousness and the gift of self, to permitting the virus of pride to infect his mind

and heart transforming him from "friend" (*Matthew 26:50*) into enemy and "guide to those who arrested Jesus: (*Acts 1:16*). Judas had received the great grace of being part of the group of Jesus' intimates and of taking part in his same ministry but, at a certain point, he claimed to save his own life by himself with the result of losing it (*Cf. Luke 9:24*). He ceased to belong to Jesus with his heart and put himself outside of communion with Him and His own. He ceased to be a disciple and put himself above the Master. He sold Him and with the "reward of his wickedness" bought a field, which did not produce fruits but was permeated with his own blood (*Cf. Acts 1:18-19*).

If Judas preferred death to life (*Cf. Deuteronomy 30:19; Sirach 15:17*) and followed the example of the wicked whose way is darkness and goes to ruin (*Cf. Proverbs 4:19; Psalm 1:6*), the Eleven, instead, chose life and blessing, becoming responsible in making it flow in turn in history, from generation to generation, from the people of Israel to the Church.

The evangelist Luke makes us see that in face of the abandonment of one of the Twelve, which created a wound in the community's body, it's necessary that his task pass to another. And who could assume it? Peter indicates the requisite: the new member must have been a disciple of Jesus from the beginning, namely, from the Baptism in the Jordan, until the end, namely, the Ascension to Heaven (*Cf. Acts 1:21-22*). It's necessary to reconstitute the group of the Twelve. At this point, the practice begins of community discernment, which consists in seeing the reality with the eyes of God, from the viewpoint of unity and communion.

There are two candidates: Joseph

Barsabbas and Matthias. Then all the community prayed thus: "Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen to take the place . . . from which Judas turned aside" (*Acts 24-25*). And, through casting lots, the Lord indicated Matthias, who was enrolled with the Eleven. Thus, the body of the Twelve was reconstituted, sign that communion wins over divisions, over isolation, over the mentality that absolutizes private space, sign that communion is the first testimony that the Apostles offer. Jesus had said to them: "By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (*John 13:35*).

In the Acts of the Apostles, the Twelve manifest the Lord's style. They are accredited witnesses of Christ's work of salvation and they don't manifest to the world their presumed perfection but, through the grace of unity, they make Another emerge, who now lives in a new way in the midst of His people. And who is this? It is the Lord Jesus. The Apostles chose to live under the lordship of the Risen One in unity among brothers, which becomes the only atmosphere possible for the genuine gift of self.

We are also in need of rediscovering the beauty of witnessing to the Risen One, coming out of self-referential attitudes, renouncing to hold back the gifts of God and not yielding to mediocrity. The regrouping of the Apostolic College shows how in the DNA of the Christian community there is unity and freedom from oneself, which enables one not to fear diversity, not to attach oneself to things and gifts and to become martyrs, luminous witnesses of the God living and operating in history.

## The Power Of Love

It is a common saying now that faith is caught, not taught. What best attracts people to seek for something that brings a deeper meaning in their lives is not a pamphlet or a catechism but the living witness of a joyful and joyous community gathered around Jesus Christ, as once his disciples gathered around Jesus. Preaching the Gospel is best done by living the Gospel in a way that sparks in the minds of those who experience our community the same thoughts of those who saw those first communities spreading out from the Cross on Calvary and the garden of the Resurrection. "See how these Christians love one another" people said.

Pope Francis reminds us again and again that we are all "missionary disciples". Disciples — because we are gathered around Jesus the Master, and 'missionary' because we must spread the Word, by being all that Jesus helps us to be. A few years ago,

Pope Benedict proclaimed a Year of Faith. It was a year in which every parish and Christian community were invited to a renewed and deeper conversion to Jesus our Brother, our Saviour. Pope Benedict invited us to find once again the beauty of our faith in Jesus Christ, to let ourselves feel his extraordinary love all over again.

On this Catholic Discovery Sunday, we Catholics are invited to discover all over again what it is like to be loved unconditionally. We are invited to discover again as adults the loving trust and security we experienced perhaps as children. And then, once we have stirred up the embers of love in our own hearts, we go out and do our best to love others unconditionally too. Our Front Door as a Church is always open — not just to let others in, but for us to go out to our local community, to our work, to our neighbours and schools.

Marlborough began as a Marist Parish and the heart of the Marist love for Mary was that Mary always guided others to Jesus her son. We Passionists hold up the Cross and say to people "Look!!! This is how much He Loved you". That's our responsibility as Missionary Disciples, to bring others to Jesus by being his unconditional love.

Sure, we are not perfect, and sure, we make lots of mistakes. But if we want our church, our parishes, our communities to grow, we don't send them to the Catholic Enquiry classes, we love them as best we can. We show them how beautiful it is when you live with faith in Christ our Lord

Contributed by Fr Tom McDonough CP