



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: 5.00pm Mass

Sun: 10.00am 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: 9.00am Mass

Sun: 9.00am 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



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Feast Day of Our Lady, Star of the Sea

Mary our Mother Star of the Sea

Dear friends,

Today we celebrate with great joy the Feast of Our Lady, Star of the Sea.

Mary has been our Patron and our Guide from the beginning of Catholic life in the area of Marlborough and Kaikoura.

I know that many of you know the old Catholic hymn – “Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star”. This English hymn is credited with having been composed by Fr John Lingard, a Catholic priest and noted English historian (1771 -1851). Many of us learned this hymn in our former school days. It is loosely based on the old medieval Latin hymn “Ave Maris Stella” that is thought to come from the 8th Century.

“Hail Queen of Heav’n, the Ocean Star,
Guide of the Wand’rer here below;
Thrown on life’s surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.”

In the hymn, Mary is looked upon as a bright star to guide the pilgrim Christian and the barque of the Church through the dangers and difficulties of life. If Jesus is called the “Morning Star” (Easter liturgy), Mary is called Star of the sea – the sea being a symbol of life and our passage to eternity.

Let us often turn to Mary as our Mother and our Queen. She is a merciful and compassionate Mother. She is a bright star in our life to give our families guidance, consolation and support.

As we also celebrate this day as the Birthday of Mary, we honour her who is called the first and most perfect Christian – the mother of our Saviour. Mary does not take us away from Christ . . . she always leads us to her Son. He is always there beside her, in her arms as she shows him to us, and in her heart which is modelled on him.

Mary, Queen of Heaven, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

The Parish Team and myself, we wish you every blessing on this our Parish Feast Day.

Pat McIndoe CP

Readings for Feast Day of Star of the Sea

Sun 8th: Micah 5:1-4 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 1:18-23

Psalm Response: O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son the eternal Father.

Mon 9th: Colossians 1:24-2:3 Luke 6:6-11

Tues 10th: Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 6:12-19

Wed 11th: Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 6:20-26

Thurs 12th: Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 6:27-38

Fri 13th 1Tim 1:1-2,12-14 Luke 6:39-42 **St John Chrysostom, B.D.**

Sat 14th: Numbers 21:4-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Exaltation of the Cross

Twenty Fourth Week Ordinary Time

Sun 15th: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 1Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

23rd Sunday (2)

Sat Sep 7

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Sep 8

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Jacob

Blenheim-10am **W&C** Special morning tea to follow.

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Pat

24th Sunday (3)

Sat Sep 14

Blenheim-5pm Mass/ Fr Pat

Sun Sep 15

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

Tongan Mass (2) Fr Sanele

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr Jacob

25th Sunday (4)

Sat sept 21

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Sept 22

Seddon-8am Mass/Fr Pat

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Jacob

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat

Havelock-11am **W&C**

Ward-Community get together

26th Sunday (5)

Sat Sep 28

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Sep 29

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

22nd Sunday (1)

Sat Oct 5

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Oct 6

Seddon-8am Mass/Fr

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr

Parish News & Events

The following is a letter that one of our parishioners had published in The Press and is very well-written:

Abortion debate: The media, politicians, and many letter writers seem confused on the difference between opinion and truth. That chocolate ice cream is better than strawberry ice cream is an opinion, it is neither true nor false. That a human foetus is a person, or not, concerns a truth. One statement is true the other

false. Individual opinion cannot change the truth, it can only make us right or wrong. A living creature must either be a human person or not a human person. It cannot be both, it cannot be neither.

The anti-abortion viewpoint that a foetus is a person from conception, has logical and scientific reasoning behind it. That is, from conception a living creature is formed. That creature cannot be a part of its mother as it has its own DNA different to all other cells of its mother. That DNA is human and different to all other humans past, present and future. It must therefore be a living human person, which will go through various stages of growth and development for 30-some years until he/she is fully developed human person. Killing an innocent human person at any age is a crime.

The pro-abortion viewpoint that a woman has the right to choose life or death for her foetus has no sound, logical, or scientific basis.

We must either defend the right of the unborn not to be killed or we must become a nation of murderers. This is the only true "choice" we can make.

Bill Getz, Kaikoura

Sad Passing:

It is with sadness that we share that Joan McWhinney, a stalwart of the parish in years gone by, has passed away at the age of 99. She and Norma (who passed away 5 years ago) have lived in Tauranga for sometime. Older Blenheim parishioners will remember their work in the parish office when it was still in the Presbytery.

Picton Mass Rosters:

These are now out. If you have questions about these, contact Philip Middlemiss.

Christmas Float:

Are you creative, crafty or good at making things? If so we invite you to be part of the Combined Churches of Picton Christmas parade float team. Please contact Gil Heglun gthandveh@xtra.co.nz or talk to Philip Middlemiss to sign up. We will meet in September to start planning and preparing.

Sausage sizzle Fundraiser!! Youth Group is organising a year 8 camp in Oct for new youthies coming through, and so we need your help !! Please come next Sunday (15th) for our LAST bbq, with some extra cash and join



us for a \$2 Meaters sausage (with the works) after Mass!

Sep 8.. Feast of OL Star of the Sea.

This is our Parish Feast day. In Blenheim, Kaikoura and Seddon there will be a morning tea after Mass/Word & Communion. In Blenheim, please bring a plate of finger food representative of your culture. Havelock are going out for lunch at the Captain's Daughter & Picton at the Waves at 10am for a \$10 breakie.

Sep 14.. Ladies Reflection Day

Theme: Women of Contentment. Lounge at Wesley Centre, 10am-3pm. Morning tea provided, Lunch BYO. Bring along a friend. Organised by the women of the Lamb of God Community. Enquiries: Anita Fredericks 578 5697 or Jenny McElhinney 578 5777 or 0274 242 003

Sept 14..St Mary's Friends Annual Garage Sale!

8.00 am – 12.00 pm and we want your good quality items, books, clothes, furniture, almost anything except items with a plug or gas. In addition to BBQ sausages we'll have a bouncy castle for the kids, coffees and baking. Items can be dropped off each morning from Monday 9th September, 8.30 am – 9.00 am by the Junior playground, all day Friday 13th or to arrange a time outside these hours please call Fiona on 0274 798 131.

October...Extraordinary Missionary Month:

There will be a 6 session program **Developing a Spirituality of Service** in parts of the Parish in October. Times and dates to be confirmed. If you would like to join a group, please register by September 20th with Chris Walkerdine at c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz or by telephoning 04 496-1706

Oct 12.. Men's Breakfast

8am at Foundry, John St, Bhm. \$15ea. RSVP by 9th Oct & sign up on the sheet in the foyer of your church. More info on Notice Board

History of St Mary's Church to be documented

Belinda Vavasour is helping to document the history and will be calling on Parishioners and contractors to share their knowledge of the building and its contents. The stained glass windows is one query: D. O'Connor, J Fitzgerald, J O'Leary, G Houldsworth, W Skillon, G C Walsh, M Maher, J Morrison, J Ward, J O'Brien, Fr Brice sm. If you have info on any of these names please contact Belinda.

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Joan McWhinney (TGA)

Anniversaries: **Sept 6** Josephine Murphy **9** Shane Bensemam

Other Intentions: Lex & Mary Agnew and Family, Chris Fredericks, Norma McWhinney, Nancy Parsons, Joan Hoey, Mary Maher, McConway, Cheesman & Hope Families.

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 1860.65
Envelopes:	\$ 726.50
Loose:	\$ 192.00
Maori Pastoral Care	\$ 77.00

thank
you!