



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
prayer.



**Te Whetu O Te Moana | Star of the Sea
Marlborough Catholic Parish**

From the Sounds to the Sea, the Mountains to the Plains

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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

ZACCHAEUS MEETS JESUS: 31ST SUNDAY

Today we find ourselves in the city of Jericho, an oasis city in the Jordan valley, known as the 'City of Palms'. We smell its famous balsam trees which perfume the air for miles around. We gaze on its equally famous rose gardens. In the middle of all this beauty there occurs that deeply significant meeting between Jesus and a little man called 'Zacchaeus'.

Now Zacchaeus is a tax collector, indeed a chief tax collector, for the occupying foreign power, the Romans. For that very reason he is despised by his fellow Jews. For making so much money at their expense through collaborating in cheating and swindling them, he is loathed and hated like no other person in town. Although Zacchaeus is now a wealthy man, he is not a happy one. Lately he has become quite fed up with being hated by everyone, and with feeling so lonely and lost. Lately he has started searching for some turn-around in his life, some way to change his occupation and his life-style.

When one day he hears the news that Jesus of Nazareth is on a walkabout in the neighbourhood, and that he is actually heading in his direction, he knows that he simply has to meet this Jesus - to get the comfort and hope, the love and forgiveness, the brand new start which he so desperately needs.

But getting to meet Jesus is anything but easy. First there is the risk of going into that crowd, many of whom will surely take their chance to jostle, push, and even kick him. When he does join the crowd he finds he cannot see over the tall people hemming him in on every side. So he hits on a brain-wave. He races ahead and climbs a tree, actually a mulberry tree, with short trunk and wide branches. Just right for a short person like him to look out for Jesus!

He has not long to wait. To his surprise, Jesus looks up from under the tree, smiles and says with a touch of humour and presumption: 'Zacchaeus, get down. Hurry up. I've got to stay at your house today.' Zacchaeus is bubbling with joy and excitement as he walks his guest to his own home, and welcomes him at the front door: 'It's just so marvellous to meet you', Zacchaeus keeps saying over and over again, 'I just can't believe my good fortune.'

Meanwhile the crowd that would willingly strangle Zacchaeus if they could get their hands on him cannot believe what they are seeing: 'This Jesus,' they complain, 'has gone to stay at a sinner's house.' Their cutting words, however, are a moment of truth for Zacchaeus, There and then, in the presence of Jesus, who has been so friendly, so accepting, so ready to forgive, Zacchaeus stands his ground: 'Look, sir, he says, 'I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times the amount.' His turn-around, his change of heart, his conversion, could hardly be more spontaneous, more sincere, or more complete. Jesus acknowledges this when he replies: 'I have come to seek out and save what was lost. Today salvation, today wholeness, has come to this house.' Yet once more, as happens so often in the gospels, it is contact with Jesus that triggers conversion, that change of mind, heart, and life-style.

Brothers and sisters, there is just so much enlightenment and comfort for you and me too in this touching incident. We see Jesus for what he was and remains, 'the friend of sinners', and therefore our friend. Our understanding, compassionate, and forgiving friend! Our friend who is there when others fail or desert us! The one who helps and heals when others only criticize and condemn! The one who never gives up on us, never despairs of us! The one who waits patiently for us to change our lives, and who allows us time to do so! The one, in short, who loves us with an everlasting love, an everlasting forgiving love, and an everlasting transforming love! The one whom we are meeting today in our holy communion with him and one another!

Just like Zacchaeus, then, let us welcome this great person Jesus and his 'amazing grace' into our homes and into our lives, knowing and trusting what a wonderful and lasting difference he will make! So, from the bottom of our needy and yearning hearts, let us pray as never before: 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul (i.e. I myself) will be healed.'

Fr Brian Gleeson CP

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

Sat Nov 2 All Souls Day:
Kaikoura- 9.30am Mass

31st Sunday (1)

Sat Nov 2
Blenheim-5pm Mass/ Fr Pat
Cuppa after Mass

Sun Nov 3

Seddon-8am Mass/Fr Jacob
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat
Cuppa after Mass
Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass
Havelock-11am Fr Pat

32nd Sunday (2)

Sat Nov 9
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Nov 10

Seddon-8am **W&C**
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat
Blenheim-10am **W&C**
Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

33rd Sunday (3)

Sat Nov 16
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Nov 17

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 pm/ Fr Sanele
Renwick 5pm Mass/ Fr Pat

30th Sunday (4)

Sat Nov 23
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Nov 24

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-4pm Mass/ Fr Jacob

Parish News & Events

Bhm Mass Rosters are ready for collection from box in foyer for those who do not receive them by email. Many thanks, Belinda

Adoration of the blessed Sacrament in Picton is available post mass on Wednesdays: for one hour from end of Mass: approx. 9.30-10.30am

Picton's Rosary weekly, at the Alexander house Friday nights from 7.30pm at 24 York Street.

RCIA: Regular weekly sessions are starting up again soon. Please consider asking family or friends who you think might be interested in reconnecting or exploring the Catholic faith. Contact Fr Pat

Volunteers wanted for looking after patients flowers at Wairau Hospital. A rewarding easy job. For more, ph Helena 577 8772

Apples

Apples have finished for the year ..and for good. Thanks to the dedicated team who have volunteered their time over the last few years and to the apple growers who donated the fruit. Enjoy your next adventure. All funds raised went to various groups, including the youth and Pre-school.

Aglow We are praying about starting an Aglow group for men and women in 2020 to support church inter relationships and outreach. Apparently Blenheim was the first to have an Aglow group back in the day .. maybe time to rekindle the flame and Aglow here in Blenheim? If you are interested please contact Sheryll Gwynne ph 5776507

Nov 3..SVDP Picton & Blenheim Conferences Festival meeting. 11.30am-2pm in the Mercy Room, BHM. Please bring a plate.

Nov 3...Sizzle for Shannon

Fundraiser at Hunters Wines on 10.30-2pm with \$10 admission for families, lucky dip prizes, bbq, garage sale, baking & raffle. Proceeds going towards Shannon McLean's UN Youth Development Tour 12 January to 9 February 2020. She is one of our youth and has saved & raised a total of \$7k of the \$10k she requires with two payments to go. She is representing New Zealand on this trip and is the only person ever been selected from Marlborough. Shannon plans to use the knowledge she gains on this trip to contribute back to the Marlborough community in 2020 and then go to

university in 2021 to study sustainability and commerce.

Nov 16.. St Mary's Preschool Bike-a-thon. At 9.30am on the top court of St Mary's School. This is one of their fundraisers. If you would like to help the kids, ring the pre-school 578 0678.



Nov 16..Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women final meeting for the year **at 2pm**. Please note that this is the 3rd Saturday of the month. Join us for Praise and Worship and share our birthday celebrations. At the Parish Centre, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, William Street, Richmond. For Women of faith or no faith. Contact Mary 0211749383. For more information. www.dove.org.nz

Nov 17.. St Pats Kilbirnie Centenary St Pat's Church, 3 Childrens Tce, Kilbirnie, will be celebrating 100 years **with a 10am Mass followed by a cup of tea in the Parish Hall**. All former parishioners are welcome. Contact tricio2285@gmail.com for information or to register.

Dec 7..National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the third annual National March for Life in Wellington. Gather at Civic Square from 12pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: march-forlife.nz

Parish Calendar

November

Nov 2..All Souls Day
Nov 5.. Wairau Stewardship (7)
Nov 11 .. Sounds Stewardship (5)
Nov 17.. World Day of the Poor

Readings for Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun Nov 3rd: Wisdom 11:22-12:2 2Thessalians 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10

Psalm Response: I will praise your name forever my King and my God

Mon 4th: Romans 11:29-36 Luke 14:12-14 **St Charles Borromeo, B.**

Tues 5th: Romans 12:5-16 Luke 14:15-24

Wed 6th: Romans 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33

Thurs 7th: Romans 14:7-12 Luke 15:1-10

Fri 8th: Romans 15:14-21 Luke 16:1-8

Sat 9th: Dedication of St John Lateran

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17 John 2:13-22

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun 10th: 2Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 2Thesalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Sarah Webb

Anniversaries: Oct 26 John Spencer **Nov 1** Alec Logan
4 Mary O'Halloran

Other Intentions: Lex & Mary Agnew, Beavan Undrill, Kathleen Logan, Margaret Squire, Laurie Squire, Mollie Hanley, Eileen Hanley & Eric Hanley, Malcolm McKellar

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 1718.20
Envelopes: \$ 1395.90
Loose: \$ 524.80
Mission Sunday: \$ 230.00

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you!