



When a priest is not available, Word & Communion will be led by parishioners.

Blenheim

Tues: 9.30am Mass

Wed: 12.05pm Mass

Rosary: 5.30pm

Ph: 572 9067 for venue

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

Adoration & Reconciliation:
9.30-10.30am

Fri: 7.30pm Rosary -

24 York Street

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 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 48: First Sunday of Advent Year A

As today we begin the First Sunday of Advent, the first Sunday of our new Church year, let us focus on time in two ways: - how best to use the time left to us to prepare for our death, and how best to use the time remaining to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus, when at the end of all time he will come back to repair, complete, and transform our world. Jesus reminds His listeners that the end of the world is very near, in fact it is upon them. It will come upon them suddenly, when they least expect it. He gave an example, that of Noah and the Ark. People were drinking and eating and getting married, having a great time until Noah, his family and the animals went up into the boat. Then the flood came and destroyed everything, including human beings. It took them by surprise, and they were not prepared for it (no one saw it coming). Jesus' warning is still true for us today as we go on with our daily lives. We are warned well in advance so that we may not fall into the trap of those in Noah's time. Therefore, we have no excuse but to be ready and be on alert whether at the end of our life's journey (which is death) or the Second Coming of the Messiah. We cannot be caught off guard because Jesus already warns us. Let us take these four weeks of Advent as a time of preparation to meet Him when He comes again, be the End of the World, be the End of our Life or at Christmas as an Infant, bringing good news and great joy to all.

Fr Jacob

New positions for 2020 for our parish

There has been a lot of changes in the parish recently and some changes have had changes made. So to save confusion, below is a list of the Clergy changes next year:

Fr Giltus Mathias: Parish Priest & Community Leader

Fr Jacob Kuman: Assistant Priest,

Fr Thomas Thanh Nhu Nguyen: Assistant Priest

Fr Pat will be leaving us two weeks after Fr Giltus arrives, about the end of February. There will be an opportunity to say goodbye to him at some stage. The exact date of the arrival of our new priests is dependent on Visas.

2019 Christmas Services Timetable

Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Havelock 4pm Mass

Seddon/Ward 7pm Mass

Blenheim 5.30pm Mass

Kaikoura 7.30pm Mass

Blenheim (8.30pm) Carols 9pm Mass

Picton (8.30pm) Carols 9pm Mass

Wed Dec 25 Christmas Day

Blenheim 9am Mass

Picton 9am Mass

Kaikoura 9.30am Mass

Thurs Dec 26 ... No Mass

Information regarding pre-Christmas Reconciliation Services to come later.

Readings for First Sunday of Advent

Sun 1st Dec: Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

Psalm Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

Mon 2nd: Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11

Tues 3rd: Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24 **St Francis Xavier, priest**

Wed 4th: Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs 5th: Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21,24-27

Fri 6th: Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31

Sat 7th: Isaiah 30:19-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1,6-8 **St Ambrose, B.D**

Second Week of Advent

Sun 8th: Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

1st Sunday of Advent (1)

Sat Nov 30

Blenheim-5pm Mass/ Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass

Sun Dec 1

Seddon-8am Mass/Fr Jacob

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Paul

Finlayson SSC

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob

Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Fr Pat

2nd Sunday of Advent (2)

Sat Dec 7

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Dec 8

Seddon-8am Mass/ Jacob

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Paul

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Pat

Tongan Mass 2 pm/ Fr Sanele

3rd Sunday of Advent(3)

Sat Dec 14

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Dec 15

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Paul

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Pat

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

4th Sunday of Advent (4)

Sat Dec 21

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Dec 22

Seddon-8am Mass/Fr Pat

Picton-9am Mass/

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Paul

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat

Havelock-11am Mass/

Ward-4pm Mass/ Fr Jacob

Parish News & Events

ADVENT ONLINE. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz to receive daily email reflections every morning until Christmas.

SvdP Thanks: There was an error in last week's newsletter. A total of \$1572.60 was collected, NOT \$3572.60 as stated. Apologies for the error.

BHM Mass Managers Wanted: Due to other commitments we are in need of more helpers to ready the church for Mass each weekend. This is an easy job and there is a list of instructions. If enough put their hand up you would only be required once a month. Contact

the Office or talk to the Mass managers on duty at Mass.

Dec 1.. Young Vinnies sing-a-long Our Young Vinnies group did a lovely job singing at the High Street flat for the pensioners last Friday. Our next community gathering will be singing at the Ashwood Retirement Village on Sunday December 1st. Meet at the Youth Rooms at 2.30pm. The Young Vinnies members range from 10 to 13 years old, plus parents and grandparents. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Tina 021 262 1742.

Dec 6...BHM volunteers Xmas Party 6.30pm in the Community Centre. BYO Finger food & drinks. Partners most welcome.

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: marchforlife.nz

Dec 7...Rosary for life 3pm St Mary's Church, Blenheim, to pray for Life. This coincides with the Walk for Life March in Wellington on the same day. Please try to attend as this is a very critical time in NZ history that affects all of us.

Dec 8...Messiah, ASB Theatre This year is the 150th anniversary of Handel's death & the Marlborough Singers are proud to present his best known & loved work. Book through ticketek.

Dec 8...1st Aglow meeting We will be holding an Aglow meeting at 1.30pm at the My Space Youth Centre. Cnr Redwood & Kinross St's. The speaker is Annie Cox from Kaikoura. Aglow is now open to both men and women. All welcome. Contact : Sheryll Gwynne Ph 577 6507 or Ph 0210791981

Dec 14.. Decorate St Mary's This year when we decorate the church for Christmas we would like to include as many of the different cultures within our church

as possible. So we would like people to provide a Christmas Decoration or perhaps a piece of cloth that represents their culture so that we can include it in the decorations. Christine O'Neil and a team will be at the church on Saturday 14th December at 2pm, please feel free to join us bring along a decoration to be used in our Christmas decorations.

Dec 24.. 9pm Christmas Eve Mass: Singers required. If you would like to be involved with the Choir for that night, contact Kev & Ali Murphy, 0274 822 325 or email kevmur@xtra.co.nz for rehearsal dates.

Parish Calendar

December-January 2020

Dec 1 .. Sounds Stewardship (11)

Followed by Working Bee

Dec 3.. Wairau Stewardship (7)

Int'l Day of People with Disabilities

Dec 6.. Sacred Heart KK Lunch (12)

Dec 6.. BHM Vol thank you

Dec 7.. March for Life- Wgtn

Dec 8.. Messiah, ASB Theatre (2)

Dec 9.. Sacred Heart Stewardship (7) every 2nd month

Dec 15 ...Christmas in the Park

Dec 17.. Finance & Property (7)

Dec 25..Christmas Day

Dec 26..Boxing Day

No Parish Committee meetings in January.

February-March 2020

Feb 10.. Sacred Heart Steward-

Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need. This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

Star of the Sea

Collects as follows:

1st Sunday @ Blenheim

We **Urgently** Need *rolled oats, salt, sugar, baby food, spreads & jams, and other non-perishable foods*

1st Sunday @ Kaikoura

All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Alison Bacon (nee Mills, Wgtn); Son of Liz & Tim Peipi

Anniversaries:

Other Intentions: Beavan Undrill, Shirley Anderson, Mike & Cheryl Garrett (20th Wedding Anniversary), Judy Shone

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 2257.20
Envelopes: \$ 663.90
Loose: \$ 434.80

thank
you!