



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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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 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

LIVING OUR LIVES WITH LOVE

Memorial Prayer from Bishop Paul Martin SM

At last Sunday's Hagley Park Memorial Service
Bishop Paul Martin SM prayed this prayer. Feel
free to use the prayer in whatever way you
think helpful - parish and school newsletters,
websites & social media etc, group and home
prayer...

O God,
In these days we stand before you in
grief and pain,
suffering with every person of our land
of Aotearoa New Zealand
and around the world,
united as a human family,
sisters and brothers
seeking anew to live together in peace
and love.

In this place Otautahi-Christchurch
and this land Aotearoa-New Zealand
we are many unique individuals,
thinking and acting and believing in
different ways.

Yet as one whanau we have been
brought together
by the tragedy we are suffering,
A tragedy caused by the mis-use and
abuse of your divine gift of freedom.

We are moved by generous response
of our Muslim brothers and sisters.

We are grateful that Christians
are looking to the heart of Christian faith
to find freedom from fear.

We are inspired by the witness
Of people of no religious faith
who are reminding us that love and gen-
erosity and compassion
are fundamental expressions of healthy
humanity.

In these days in the midst of our pain
and loss we see and hear and feel
your creative activity among us
working to end all hatred
and re-forming us all as instruments of
your peace

As we seek to move forward O God,
continue to work in us to transform
our hatred into love, our doubt into faith
our despair into hope, our sadness into
joy, and our darkness into light.
Amen.



Food for Faith for Lent

sign up to receive daily email
encouragements at

www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Readings for Fourth Week of Lent (C)

Sun 31st: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5:9-12 2Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-32
Psalm Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
Mon 1st Apr: Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54
Tues 2nd: Ezekiel 47:1-9,12 John 5:1-3,5-16
Wed 3rd: Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30
Thu 4th: Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47
Fri 5th: Wisdom 2:1,12-22 John 7:1-2,10,25-30
Sat 6th: Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-52
Sun 7th: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

Pope Francis: Six Years

The Good, the Bad and the Merciful: Pope Francis after Six Years

13 March 2019 *America. The Jesuit Review.*

Six years ago, on March 13, the College of Cardinals surprised the world with the election of the Argentine Jesuit Jorge Bergoglio as pope. Taking the name Francis, he won the admiration and respect of Catholics and non-Catholics alike with his simplicity and concern for the poor and marginalized.

With each passing year, however, criticism of the pope has become more vocal, especially from the Catholic right, who think he is breaking with traditional church teaching, and the political right, who don't like his views on global warming, immigration and social justice. Francis has also been unable to satisfy those who say the Catholic hierarchy's response to the clergy sex abuse crisis has been inadequate.

I am a big fan of Pope Francis, in part because I think that any evaluation of his first six years as pope shows that his accomplishments outweigh his failings.

First, his accomplishments. Pope Francis has successfully rebranded the Catholic Church, which had come to be regarded as a clerical institution that stressed rules and uniformity. If you wanted to be a good Catholic, you were given the catechism to memorize and told to follow the rules.

Francis hates clericalism. He is constantly telling bishops and priests not to act like princes but rather like servants to the people of God. While he is kind and compassionate to the wider world, he can be very critical when speaking to bishops and priests. He warns against the temptation to manipulate or infantilize the laity. He urges clerics to empower the laity "to continue discerning, in a way befitting their growth as disciples, the mission which the Lord has entrusted to them."

For Francis, the church is not a country club for the good and beautiful. Rather, it is a "poor

church for the poor," a "field hospital" for the wounded. That is why he stresses compassion and mercy.

In contrast to the last two popes, who taught using complex theological concepts, Francis appeals to the heart. He complains that "we have reduced our way of speaking about mystery to rational explanations, but for ordinary people the mystery enters through the heart."

He believes that "we lose people because they don't understand what we are saying, because we have forgotten the language of simplicity and impart an intellectualism foreign to our people."

This is not a pope who will

quote these great thinkers, rather than imitate them in developing new ways to explain Christianity to people of the 21st century. With few Neoplatonists or Aristotelians around today, theologians must have the freedom to discover new ways of explaining Christianity, even if this leads to new ways of understanding of human rights, justice, sexuality, marriage and the role of women.

Unlike his predecessors, Francis is not afraid of encouraging discussion in the church. "Open and fraternal debate makes theological and pastoral thought grow," Francis said in a controversial interview with the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* in 2014. "That doesn't frighten me.

What's more, I look for it."

Francis' approach has implications for the pastoral priorities of the Catholic Church. For him, the first words of evangelization must be about God's compassion and love. Everything in Christianity flows from that message, which Jesus stressed constantly in the gospels. Preaching must flow from the gospels, not merely be a presentation of the catechism and a rulebook.

In short, Francis is concerned above all with how we live the faith, more

than how we explain it. Orthodoxy trumps orthodoxy.

The practical impact of this emphasis on love and mercy is a more compassionate attitude toward divorced and remarried Catholics as well as LGBT Catholics. If the church is a field hospital, then Communion is not just for the healthy and perfect but for the sick and wounded.

But Francis is not perfect.

Until this time last year, he did not truly understand the sex abuse crisis. After learning that he had been misled by the Chilean bishops, he demanded that they all submit their resignations because they had not protected children. He also began meeting



worry, as we did in the previous papacy, about whether the translation of the Nicene Creed should say that Jesus is "one in being" or "consubstantial" with the Father.

Francis' focus on the simple message of the gospel is quite threatening to those Catholics who confuse theology with the faith. Theology is how we explain the faith to ourselves and others. Augustine used Neoplatonism to explain the faith to a generation whose intellectuals were all Neoplatonists. Thomas Aquinas used Aristotelianism, the avant-garde thinking of the 13th century, to explain the faith in his day.

The mistake today's conservatives make is to simply

Pope Francis: Six Years



with victims of abuse to hear first hand their stories.

This was transformative, but although he has begun holding bishops accountable for the safety of children, he still has not created a structure for doing this in a systematic way.

In responding to the sex abuse crisis, Francis has also called for transparency. The real test of this ethic will come with the investigation into what people in the Vatican knew about Theo-

dore McCarrick's misconduct. Will the results be public? If the report finds that the Vatican was aware all along — before his appointment to the archbishopric of Washington — that McCarrick had slept with seminarians, it will be very embarrassing to the last two popes and the cardinals who surrounded them.

When the pope talks about women, he also fumbles, sounding like a grandfather whose grandchildren love him but roll

their eyes when he speaks. He is out of touch with First World feminist language and sensitivities. His focus rather is on women's issues in the Third World, which does make him an able campaigner against human trafficking and a supporter of policies that lift women out of poverty.

Pope Francis' strength is as a pastor who calls people to conversion. He does not think like an administrator, one who establishes policies and structures to ensure things are done properly.

For this reason, his reform of the Vatican Curia has accomplished little. He understands the importance of changing the culture of the church, but does not understand the importance of reforming church structures.

Hopefully, Pope Francis will have many more years as pope so that he can appoint more bishops who support his vision for the church and deal with other issues that face the church and the world.

Happy 6th Anniversary of Your Election as Pontiff



With his famous 'Buonasera,' His 1st Words as Holy Father: 'And now let us begin this journey'

13 March 2019. Deborah Castellano Lubov.Consistoris

Today, March 13, 2019 marks the six-year anniversary of the election of Jorge Mario Bergoglio as Pope Francis. Here, from ZENIT's archives, is a translation of the brief greeting Pope Francis gave from the central balcony of St. Peter's Square following his election as the Successor of St. Peter.

Brothers and sisters. Buonasera! Good evening!

You know that the duty of the Conclave was to give a bishop to Rome. It seems as though my brother cardinals went almost to the end of the world to get him. But here we are. I thank you for your welcome. The diocesan community of Rome has a bishop. Thank you!

Before all else, I would like to say a prayer for our Bishop Emeritus Benedict XVI. Let us all pray together for him, that the Lord may bless him and that Our Lady may watch over him ... [Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be]

And now let us begin this journey, [together] as bishop and people. This journey of the Church of Rome, which is to preside over all the Churches in charity. It is a journey of fraternity, of love, of trust between us. Let us always pray for one another. Let us pray for the world, so that a great brotherhood may be created. I hope that this journey of the Church, which we begin today and in which my Cardinal Vicar who is present here will assist me, will be fruitful for the Evangelization of this beautiful city.

And now I would like to give you my blessing. But before I do, I would like to ask you a favour: before the bishop blesses the people, I ask you to pray to the Lord that He bless me.... the prayer of the



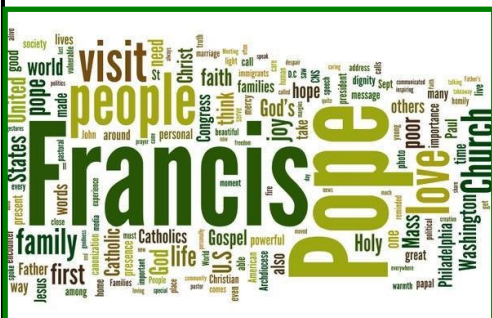
people for a blessing upon their bishop. Let us take a moment of silence for you to offer your prayer for me."

[Silence, the Holy Father bows] [Cardinal says: "The Holy Father, Francesco ..."]

"Now I will give you my blessing and to the whole world, to all men and women of good will." [Pope's blessing]

Brothers and Sisters,

I leave you now. Thank you for your welcome. Pray for me. And we'll see one another again soon. Tomorrow I want to go and pray to Our Lady, asking her to watch over Rome. Good night and have a good rest.



Parish Matters

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Weekend Mass Times

4th Sunday of Lent (5)

Fr Chris Skinner SM & Bev McDonald will offer Reflections Days from Marist Laity

Sat Mar 30

Kaikoura (9.30-2pm) Mass/**Fr Chris Skinner**

Reflection day with

Fr Chris Skinner SM & Bev McDonald

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Mar 31

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/**Fr Chris Skinner**

Reflection day with

Fr Chris Skinner SM & Bev McDonald

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10) **W&C**

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr John

5th Sunday of Lent (1)

Sat Apr 6

Blenheim (9.30) Mass/**Fr Denis**

Fr Denis will offer a

Lenten Reflection Day 10-1pm

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Apr 7

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/**Fr Denis**

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Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Denis

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat

Parish News & Events

Grateful thanks

Sr Elizabeth Mary is grateful to all Parishioners for their prayerful support, encouragement and kindness while in hospital over last 5 months. God's blessings and Mary's Graciousness to each and everyone of you.

Children Liturgy

This will be every Sunday at 10am Mass (Blenheim) except the first Sunday of the month and school holidays.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new set of Planned Giving are now available at the Churches. For those on AP's (Automatic Payments), your special envelopes are also available now..

For those new to the parish, Gifting Cards are available if you are ready to join the Planned Giving Programme. Just fill in the card and put

it in the collection basket of box provided and Ginetta will be in contact.

Painting at St Mary's Church

The scaffolding continues to surround St Mary's Church. The cleaning and painting are starting. Thanks to the generosity of those who contributed to the St Mary's Community Charitable Trust over the years, we are able to fund this project.

Internal work is still being assessed with Heritage NZ. We are engaging a Conservation Architect to assess and validate the proposed works, and/or come up with alternatives.

During this time weekday Mass for Tuesday to Thursday are in the Mercy Room, and Friday in the Church. There may be disruption during prayer,. We have asked for quiet from 11.30-12.30pm.

Review of Parish Properties

We received letters from Cardinal John dated March 13 & 15, and presented to Parish in the Newsletters of the following two weeks.

We have been directed to review all our properties, churches and presbyteries, costs of ongoing maintenance and insurance, to recommend what needs to be retained, what might need major repairs, and propose alternative ways of being Church across the Parish.

Both the Pastoral Council and the Finance and Property Committee have started study of these letters.

After Easter the harder conversations will begin. We aim to complete this review by the end of August, two months ahead of time. It's not an easy task.

Mar 31 .. Picton Combined Church Service

The Quarterly Service is at the United Church at 6pm, All Welcome. Please bring supper to share.

.. Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago

8:30pm on Prime TV, this travel documentary series follows 7 famous people as they walk the Camino trail. Well worth watching.

Apr 11 St Mary's Preschool AGM

7.30pm at the preschool.

This meeting will include discussion and voting on some changes that have been proposed for our constitution. The Board invites all whānau and friends of the Preschool to attend the meeting and to join us af-

Parish Lenten Retreats

This weekend and next weekend there are opportunity for Retreat Days. Please take advantage of one of them.

March 30th-31st: Fr Chris Skinner SM and Bev McDonald

The Marist Laity Team is offering these reflection days

Saturday: Kaikoura 10.30-2.30pm following 9.30am Mass.

Sunday: Picton 10-2.30pm Following 9am Mass.

April 6-7: Reflection on The Passion with Fr Denis Travers

Denis is coming to us for the weekend, coming from Auckland where he led a retreat to Passionist Companions the previous weekend.

Saturday: Blenheim, 9.30-1pm Mass and following

Sunday: Kaikoura, 9.30-1pm Mass and following

Bookings at Parish Office.

Lenten Reflection Groups:

Blenheim

Mon Eve, ph Alan 578 7463

Tues 1.30pm ph Heather 578 9440

Kaikoura

1.30pm Thurs, Church foyer

Stations of the Cross:

Kaikoura

7pm Wednesday (Rosary)

Picton 5.30pm Friday

Blenheim

6pm Friday, Tongan, English, Indian followed by Lenten discussion group

terwards for refreshments.

Parish Calendar

March

30-31 .. **Retreat Days with Marist Laity.** Just come and join in. Bring some lunch to share.

April

2 .. Wairau Stewardship Group

4 .. BLN Christian Ministers Assoc

5-6 .. **Retreat Days with Fr Denis Travers CP**

7 .. Sounds Stewardship Group

8 .. Kaikoura Stewardship Group

11 .. St Mary's Pre School AGM & Elections

14 .. Palm Sunday

15 .. Priests Reflection Day for priests and lay pastoral leaders.

15 .. Chrism Mass (7pm) at St Mary's with Cardinal John, Top of the South Parishes.

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Yvonne Connor

Anniversaries: Please remember those parishioners who have passed away over the years and are noted in our memorial books at Blenheim, Kaikoura and Picton. People will be mentioned specifically each week if family notify the office of their loved ones anniversary.

Mar 29 Marie Fredericks **27** Rosemary Wood

April 4 Arthur Jacques **14** Rita Jacques

Other Intentions:

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$2622.00

Envelopes: \$1876.50

Loose: \$ 866.30

Collection for Chch tragedy \$1190.00

thank
you!