



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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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 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.



Newsletter No 22: 2 June 2019 Ascension of The Lord

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)

Assistant PP: Fr Pat McIndoe CP (BHM)
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Past Assist: Sr Frances Anna SMSM
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Parish Pastoral Council Chair: Greg Stretch

Parish Finance Committee Chair:

Tom Harrison

Farewell Sr Susanna RSM

Last weekend Sr Susanna slipped quietly
out of Blenheim, to move to Wellington to
take up residence with other sisters in
her Order. This will be a permanent
move. Sr Elizabeth Mary will remain at
Bethsaida for the foreseeable future.

There are many of us who benefitted
from the work of the Sisters of Mercy,
predominately within the school, when
girls and boys were schooled separate.

Sr Susanna is a dab hand at sewing. In
the time spent here she has made altar
server robes for Picton, purificators and a
lovely banner for the lectern in the Mercy
Room, just to name a few. Her quiet spir-
it and presence will be missed..



Message from Susanna

Because Sr Elizabeth Mary must continue
to live where she will have access to
24 hour medical care. I find I have a
very difficult decision to make. I know I
cannot continue to live in the Dillon
Street on my own. I want to still live in
a Mercy Community which means I
need to return to Wellington.

The Sisters of Mercy first arrived from
Wellington in 1885, 134 years ago.
When the time is right, some Sisters
will come back to clean up the house
and have an official farewell to the peo-
ple of Blenheim. May you all continue
to be blessed.

— Sr Susanna

Readings for Ascension of The Lord (C)

Sun 2nd June: Acts:1-1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53

Psalm Response: God mounts the throne to shouts of Joy,
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Mon 3rd: Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33 St Charles Lwanga & comps, Mm

Tues 4th: Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11

Wed 5th: Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19 St Boniface, B.M

Thu 6th: Acts 22:30,23:6-11 John 17:20-26

Fri 7th: Acts 25:13-21 John 21:15-19

Sat 8th: Acts 28:16-20,30-31 John 21:20-25

Pentecost

Sun 9th: Acts 2:1-11

1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

A Letter of Thanks from Fr John Pearce's family.

Our Brother Father John

On behalf of the Pearce Family I would like to thank the parishioners of the Marlborough church community for welcoming John into your New Zealand family 2 ½ years ago. When John informed the family that he was being transferred to N.Z. from Marrickville Sydney we had a sense of relief that he was moving to an area that had an easier pace of life as to what he was use to in Marrickville.

Father Pat McIndoe and John made a good team within the church community setting up new groups, John had no fear of work, he loved meeting and engaging with new groups within the communities of the Marlborough area.

I would personally like to thank Father Pat McIndoe for being so supportive to John over the past 2 ½ years, Greg Stretch the Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council & Ginetta Petersen the Parish manager to name a few, how ever there are a lot of men & women who have done so much voluntary work within the individual church groups who have put hours of work into help John within the church community. My wife Helen and son Jim and I were honoured to have experience

the love and respect that seven church communities showed to John.

Firstly, to Paddy Dowling School principal, staff and children of St Mary's School for their very moving tribute farewelling John, he would have been so proud, the Rosary on Friday night and Requiem mass on Saturday. To the Tongan Community Thank you for your singing in the Mercy Room and the respect you showed to John at his requiem mass.

To Gemma McKinney, thank you for the Karanga as John was brought into the Convention Centre it was just beautiful, thank you. To the band who played such soul full music at Johns Requiem Mass, thank you. To the St Vincent De Paul group Picton & Blenheim conferences, who made a huge effort in providing a beautiful morning tea, thank you.

To Cardinal John Dew and his fellow priests and nuns who we met over the few days we spent in N.Z thank you for the kind words and thoughts.

John was my brother & friend; he was always included in our family activities for so long. John married Helen & I, baptised our 5 children,

married 4 of our 5 children and has baptised our 11 grandchildren, as he did for my brother Brian and sister Ann.

We are so honoured to call him our big brother.

So to share with you a thought that a friend of mine Maryann said to me 2 days after I received the bad news about Johns sudden passing away, "you know you have a direct conduit to God now through John and not many people are using it" those words changed my point of view immediately to Happiness.

Thank you for the love and support that people of the Marlborough area have showed to John over the last 2 ½ years

Peter, Helen, Brian, Kerrie, Ann, Neil & families



+John Dew's Fortnightly Newsletter issue 199



The following was written on 16th May 2019:

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou,

A few weeks ago at a parish meeting I reminded all gathered that

Pope Saint John Paul II had told us that "First of all, I have no hesitation in saying that all pastoral initiatives must be set in relation to holiness." (*Novo Millennio Ineunte* 30) A few years later Pope Benedict wrote of the centrality of the Word of God and said "let the Bible inspire all pastoral work" (*Verbum Domini* 73). They are two excellent reasons for us to remember that ALL our parish and school meetings should begin with a substantial time of prayer.

I then asked someone to read out the following story as part of the prayer to begin the evening.

I heard once a story about a young African called Kahua. Kahua lived in the hills above a vast savannah in East Africa. One day he came down to the savannah and turned up at the Catholic compound where he met the priest. Kahua asked for a job for six months and as the priest urgently needed someone he was given a job. It turned out that Kahua was honest and industrious, imaginative and reliable and above

all he got on with everyone so the priest came to rely on him. The priest was shocked when just short of the six months Kahua came to him to tell him that the time was almost up and he would be leaving in a week. "No Kahua, you can't go. I need you. I know I have been cranky and difficult at times and I probably haven't paid you enough but I promise to be better and make it up to you." Kahua explained that it really wasn't about money. He reminded the priest that his original request had been for a job for six months. When pushed he also explained that he lived in the hills and that one day when he was thinking about his life he had looked out on the savannah below where he saw the Christian compound and the Muslim mosque. He knew they were among the great world religions and thought they might have the answers he was searching for. So he told the priest, "I thought I would go and work for you and the imam for six months each and then I would know which religion was best for me. Now it is time to go to work for the imam." "My God, Kahua, why didn't you tell me?" muttered the priest. But the fact is most people don't tell us. They watch us. It is our witness not our homilies that is important.

Our parishes are about building loving supportive communities, reach-

ing out to one another and creating places and spaces where everyone feels accepted and welcomed, where they know they belong. Last Friday in Blenheim at the Vigil for Fr John Pearce and at the Mass in the Marlborough Convention Centre on Saturday the constant message was one of thanks for the way John had "connected" so many people and so many diverse communities in the vast Marlborough area. It was his witness and his reaching out to others that was deeply appreciated.

Are we creating close and warm relationships in our parish and school communities, in our families? Does each person know that they are held in a network of solidarity and belonging? Do we enable others to find contentment and friendliness in our communities?

What would Kahua say if he was looking at us?

Naku noa, Na + Hoane

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world"

Archbishop Desmond Tutu.



Stewardship
Spirituality for Life

Preaching the Gospel

"Things are Changing for Rome, for the Church,
..... and we hope at our Australian Plenary Council



One of the priorities of Pope Francis is to re-organise the way the administration of the Church works. He has circulated around the world a draft of a coming official document called "*Preaching the Gospel*". This document has been six years in planning for Pope Francis. In this draft Francis states that the everything about the way the Church works is for the sake of the Gospel Mission – Preaching the Good News.

In a recent homily, Pope Francis was preaching on the passage in Acts of the Apostles where the apostles make the painful decision not to impose their longstanding Jewish traditions on converts from paganism.

Pope Francis said that it took courage to let go of some of these "important religious traditions and precepts,

adding that this threatened the Jewish-Christians' "religious identity." Instead, the apostles discerned that "proclaiming the Lord comes first and is worth more than everything else" – including "those human convictions and traditions that are more of an obstacle than a help."

Changes have to happen, says Pope Francis, and he went on to say: "To follow the Lord, it's necessary to walk fast and, to walk fast, it's necessary to lighten oneself, even if that costs ... In reforming ourselves we must avoid window-dressing, namely, pretending to change something while in reality nothing changes..."

And change doesn't mean that those at the top make all the decisions -everyone needs to have their say. "Humility is born when, instead of talking, one listens, when one ceases to be at the center. It's always important to listen to the voice of all, especially of the little ones and the least. In the world those who have more means speak more, but among us it can't be that way," the pope warned.

"God loves to reveal Himself through the little ones and those who are least. And he asks that no one look down upon anyone," the pope continued.

His message here is that there is certainly room for a variety way of doing things, that one group or place (including the Vatican) cannot control everything and everyone. "Love" said Pope Francis. doesn't create uniformity but communion."

Contributed by Fr Tom McDonough CP, Passionist Provincial

Running

**By Fr. John C O'Connor
23rd May 2019**

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

When I spend time with any gospel passage I feel challenged. This happened again this morning with today's gospel.

On first glance I felt comforted in the powerful reminder from Jesus that I am loved and that my experience of this love brings me joy, complete joy.

And then I pondered the word

"remain." "Remain" in my love. The message is clear. Being in God's love is our default setting. It's not that we work and pray hard to earn this love, it is a natural, a given. However we are free to escape this love and tragically too often that is what I do.

I leave my "home" in God's love, and run off in every other direction, grasping at anything that promises a moment of happiness. And this is a problem we share. We are all runners – running from God's love, escaping the relationship in which we are most loved and compulsively putting all our trust in projects, possessions and people

An Invitation:

Today, every time you think of it, take five seconds to return to your default setting, that is, knowing that you are loved by Jesus. In this relationship everything else in life falls into right perspective.

Passionist Heart Foundation

At Fr John's funeral, there was opportunity given to donate to the Passionist Heart Foundation. This charity was set up by the Passionists to fund various projects. Some of them are: the Seminaries, and Senta Bilong Helpim – Care Centre in Vanimo, PNG for children with disabilities.

Follow the link below if you would still like to contribute to this worthy work, in Fr John's name. There is a donate button at the top right hand corner.

<https://www.passionists.com/our-people/our-province/provincial-office/passionist-foundation/>



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.org.nz

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

7th Sunday of Easter (1)

Sat June 1st

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Chris

Sun June 2nd

Seddon (8am) **W & C**

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Chris

Blenheim (10) **W & C**

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat

Pentecost (2)

Sat June 8

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr J Dooleysm

Sun June 9

Seddon (8am) **W&C**

Picton (9am) **W&C**

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Jim

Havelock (11am) **W&C**

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

Sunday 2 June 2019, World Communications Day.

If a family uses the internet to be more connected, to then meet at table and look into each other's eyes, then it is a resource. If a Church community coordinates its activity through the network, and then celebrates the Eucharist together, then it is a resource. If the internet becomes an opportunity to share stories and experiences of beauty or suffering that are physically distant from us, in order to pray together and together seek out the good to rediscover what unites us, then it is a resource... This is the network we want, a network created not to entrap, but to liberate, to protect a communion of people who are free. The Church herself is a network woven together by Eucharistic communion, where unity is based not on "likes", but on the truth, on the "Amen", by which each one clings to the Body of Christ, and welcomes others.

Pope Francis: [Message for World Communications Day](#), 2 June 2019

Parish News & Events

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

National Police Vetting for Church Employees & Volunteers

The next step for Police Vetting is for ID to be sited by a staff member or delegated volunteer. Two forms of ID are needed.

1. A Passport or Birth certificate
2. A Drivers license or photo ID.

This can be done at the Office or at Church on Sundays.

This is for those who work with children in children's Liturgy, Altar Servers, and/or vulnerable adults. This would be those taking Communion to people in their own home, , visiting rest homes, or hospital.

BHM Mass Rosters: its that time of the year again. I will start putting together the rosters, aiming to have them with you by end of June. We would really welcome new people to various ministries needed for weekend Masses. If you have any preference please let me know. Belinda 578 2628/ 021774858. or email hugh.vavasour@xtra.co.nz

Saturday 15th June- Vigil for the

Unborn: St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown. 10 am Mass. Followed by Exposition & Rosary Procession to pray outside of the Hospital.

Variety Concert

Star of the Sea Variety Concert

Friday 28th June @ 7pm @ St Mary's Hall

Come Enjoy Perform.

This is an opportunity to meet other members of our stunning Community & Friends. Let us know you're coming by signing up at Church, or contacting the office.

Entry: Donation at the Door.

Please contact: Blair (melandblair@gmail.com) or

Simon (simon_trudy@xtra.co.nz)

to register your interest.

Ends at Noon with a shared lunch. Join in this persevering prayer effort for mothers and their precious unborn to be spared from abortion. For more information contact Family Life International NZ PH: 021 231 7954

Parish Calendar

June

June 2 .. Ascension of the Lord

June 4 ..Wairau Stewardship (7pm)

June 9 .. Pentecost

June 16.. Most Holy Trinity

June 16.. Combined Church Sing-a-long Service- Baptist Church Waikawa (4pm),bring a plate

June 17.. Youth Committee Mtg

June 18 ..Pastoral Council, Finance & Property

June 28.. Variety Concert

July-August

Jul 8-12 .. CP Provincial Chapter

Aug 17 .. Confirmation @ Blenheim (5pm)

Aug 18 .. Confirmation @ Kaikoura (9.30am)

Aug 28-30 .. John Burland, Sydney singer, author, musician, in our parish and schools.

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

Seddon, Sunday 2pm



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Allan Fairweather, Phyllis Ham, Augustine Dermody (UK), Kay Flaherty (Maureen William's daughter), Denis O'Malley (Chch), Marian Fogarty (Ireland)

Anniversaries:

June 2 Martin O'Brien

Other Intentions:

COLLECTIONS:

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

AP's:	\$4864.00
Envelopes:	\$1804.50
Loose:	\$ 815.10
Holy Place:	\$ 55.00
Easter Due:	\$ 62.00
Vocation Sunday :	\$ 130.00

thank you!