



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 24: 23 June 2019 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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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Today we celebrate the wonderful gift that we have of the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist, we as a community, are confronted and involved with the Easter mystery of the Death & Resurrection of the Lord. We are, as it were, in a scenario where through the power of the Holy Spirit, we too are at the foot of the cross on Calvary as Jesus offers Himself as the Lamb who was slain to win our freedom.

We offer ourselves, our trials, our joys and our work-a-day lives to God with the sacrifice of Jesus. And in our participation in the mass though Holy Communion—God gives His very son to us as our Reconciliation—our Peace with one another—and as our Companion (literally: eating bread with someone).

Every Mass is different. Like a game of rugby or netball, each game has its own challenges and opportunities. Do I go to sleep because its not entertaining enough? Rather like a player on a rugby field, or a netball player, the game should involve all my attention, my spiritual energy and my faith awareness.

The Mass each Sunday should be the high point of my week. Where we meet Christ in the Eucharist and in my neighbour that I gather with. Do I try to engage with those next to me or do I see this as time for me and god?

Jesus always looks at us in our network of relationships. We are never a rock or isolated island before God. We meet God too in one another.

In some way, we are challenged at our Eucharist to recognise Christ in the poor, in the homeless and in the visitor and migrant.

That is why the challenge of Pope Francis in the Message on the World Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants is a good question for each of us to consider following the Eucharist in the next day or so,

I recommend it to you.

Fr Pat CP

Readings for Twelfth Week Ordinary Time

Body & Blood of Christ

Sun 23rd: Gen 14:18-20 1Cor. 11:23-26 Luke 9:11-17

Psalm Response: You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Mon 24th: Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80 Birth, St. John Baptist

Tues 25th: Genesis 13:2,5-18 Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wed 26th: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Matthew 7:15-20

Thu 27th: Genesis 16:1-12,15-16 Matthew 7:21-29

Fri 28th: Ezekiel 34:11-16 Romans 5:5-11 Luke 15:3-7 Sacred Heart

Acts 3:1-10 Galatians 1:11-20 John 21:15-19 Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

Sat 29th: Acts 12:1-11 Paul 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Thirteenth Week Ordinary Time

Sun 30th: 1Kings 19:16,19-21 Galatians 5:1,13-18 Luke 9:51-62

THE 105th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 105th
WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND
REFUGEES 2019[29 September
2019]

"It is not just about migrants"



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Faith assures us that in a mysterious way the Kingdom of God is already present here on earth (cf. *Gaudium et spes*, 39). Yet in our own time, we are saddened to see the obstacles and opposition it encounters. Violent conflicts and all-out wars continue to tear humanity apart; injustices and discrimination follow one upon the other; economic and social imbalances on a local or global scale prove difficult to overcome. And above all it is the poorest of the poor and the most disadvantaged who pay the price.

The most economically advanced societies are witnessing a growing trend towards extreme individualism which, combined with a utilitarian mentality and reinforced by the media, is producing a "globalization of indifference". In this scenario, migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking have become emblems of exclusion. In addition to the hardships that their condition entails, they are often looked down upon and considered the source of all society's ills. That attitude is an alarm bell warning of the moral decline we will face if we continue to give ground to the throw-away culture. In fact, if it continues, anyone who does not fall within the accepted norms of physical, mental and social well-being is at risk of marginalization and exclusion.

For this reason, the presence of migrants and refugees – and of vulnerable people in general – is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why it is not just about migrants. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for eve-

ryone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well regarded nowadays.

"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" (Mt 14:27). It is not just about migrants: it is also about our fears. The signs of meanness we see around us heighten "our fear of 'the other', the unknown, the marginalized, the foreigner... We see this today in particular, faced with the arrival of migrants and refugees knocking on our door in search of protection, security and a better future. To some extent, the fear is legitimate, also because the preparation for this encounter is lacking" (Homily in Sacrofano, 15 February 2019).

But the problem is not that we have doubts and fears. The problem is when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even – without realizing it – racist. In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord (cf. Homily at Mass for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 14 January 2018).



"For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same?" (Mt 5:46). It is not just about migrants: it is about charity. Through works of charity, we demonstrate our faith (cf. Jas 2:18). And the highest form of charity is that shown to those unable to reciprocate and perhaps even to thank us in return. "It is also about the face we want to give to our society and about the value of each human life... The progress of our peoples... depends above all on our openness to being touched and moved by those who knock at our door. Their faces shatter and debunk all those false idols that can take over and enslave our lives; idols that promise an illusory and momentary happiness blind to the lives and sufferings of others" (Address at the Diocesan

Caritas of Rabat, 30 March 2019).

"But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight" (Lk10:33). It is not just about migrants: it is about our humanity. Compassion motivated that Samaritan – for the Jews, a foreigner – not to pass by. Compassion is a feeling that cannot be explained on a purely rational level. Compassion strikes the most sensitive chords of our humanity, releasing a vibrant urge to "be a neighbour" to all those whom we see in difficulty. As Jesus himself teaches us (cf. Mt 9:35-36; 14:13-14; 15:32-37), being compassionate means recognizing the suffering of the other and taking immediate action to soothe, heal and save. To be compassionate means to make room for that tenderness which today's society so often asks us to repress. "Opening ourselves to others does not lead to impoverishment, but rather enrichment, because it enables us to be more human: to recognize ourselves as participants in a greater collectivity and to understand our life as a gift for others; to see as the goal, not our own interests, but rather the good of humanity" (Address at the Heydar Aliyev Mosque in Baku, 2 October 2016).

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Mt 18:10). It is not just about migrants: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded. Today's world is increasingly becoming more elitist and cruel towards the excluded. Developing countries continue to be drained of their best natural and human resources for the benefit of a few privileged markets. Wars only affect some regions of the world, yet weapons of war are produced and sold in other regions which are then unwilling to take in the refugees produced by these conflicts. Those who pay the price are always the little ones, the poor, the most vulnerable, who are prevented from sitting at the table and are left with the "crumbs" of the banquet (cf. Lk 16:19-21). "The Church which 'goes forth'... can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 24). A development that excludes makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. A real development, on the other hand, seeks to include all the world's men and women, to promote their integral growth, and to show concern for coming generations.

"Whoever wishes to be great

Pope's Message: Refugees and Migrants: cont'd

among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all" (Mk 10:43-44). It is not just about migrants: it is about putting the last in first place. Jesus Christ asks us not to yield to the logic of the world, which justifies injustice to others for my own gain or that of my group. "Me first, and then the others!" Instead, the true motto of the Christian is, "The last shall be first!" "An individualistic spirit is fertile soil for the growth of that kind of indifference towards our neighbours which leads to viewing them in purely economic terms, to a lack of concern for their humanity, and ultimately to feelings of fear and cynicism. Are these not the attitudes we often adopt towards the poor, the marginalized and the 'least' of society? And how many of these 'least' do we have in our societies! Among them I think primarily of migrants, with their burden of hardship and suffering, as they seek daily, often in desperation, a place to live in peace and dignity" (Address to the Diplomatic Corps, 11 January 2016). In the logic of the Gospel, the last come first, and we must put ourselves at their service.

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). It is not just about migrants: it is about the whole person, about all people. In Jesus' words, we encounter the very heart of his mission: to see that all receive the gift of life in its fullness, according to the will of the Father. In every political activity, in every programme, in every pastoral action we must always put the person at the centre, in his or her many aspects, including the spiritual dimension. And this applies to all people,

whose fundamental equality must be recognized. Consequently, "development cannot be restricted to economic growth alone. To be authentic, it must be well-rounded; it must foster the development of each man and of the whole man" (SAINT PAUL VI, *Populorum Progressio*, 14).

"So, then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God" (Eph 2:19). It is not just about migrants: it is about building the city of God and man. In our time, which can also be called the era of migration, many innocent people fall victim to the "great deception" of limitless technological and consumerist development (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 34). As a result, they undertake a journey towards a "paradise" that inevitably betrays their expectations. Their presence, at times uncomfortable, helps to debunk the myth of a progress that benefits a few while built on the exploitation of many. "We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved. They are an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society, a more perfect democracy, a more united country, a more fraternal world and a more open and evangelical Christian community" (Message for the 2014 World Day of Migrants and Refugees).

Dear brothers and sisters, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs:

welcome, protect, promote and integrate. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church's mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated. If we put those four verbs into practice, we will help build the city of God and man. We will promote the integral human development of all people. We will also help the world community to come closer to the goals of sustainable development that it has set for itself and that, lacking such an approach, will prove difficult to achieve.

In a word, it is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake; it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family. Migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the "signs of the times". Through them, the Lord is calling us to conversion, to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture. Through them, the Lord invites us to embrace fully our Christian life and to contribute, each according to his or her proper vocation, to the building up of a world that is more and more in accord with God's plan. In expressing this prayerful hope, and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Way, I invoke God's abundant blessings upon all the world's migrants and refugees and upon all those who accompany them on their journey.

From the Vatican, 30 April 2019
FRANCIS

If you want facts and figures, about refugees, go to this link <https://www.unhcr.org/figures-at-a-glance.html>

Masses of Thanksgiving

Archdiocese of Wellington 2019 Priest Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

This will be held at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie **Thursday 4th July 2019 at 11am.**

All are welcome to join the priests of the Archdiocese at the Mass of Thanksgiving.

PRESBYTERIAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

60 Years: Cardinal Thomas Williams, Fr Michael Stieller, Fr Denis Collins, Fr Peter Conaghan sm, Fr Patrick Dooley sm, Fr Tony Williams sm, Fr Graham Connolly sm

50 Years: Fr Philip Cody sm, Fr Neil Vaney sm, Fr Denis O'Hagen

sm, Fr Karaitana Kingi sm

25 Years: Fr Mike Miers, Fr Patrick Bridgman, Fr Barry Scannell sm

Please pray for these servants of Christ, thanking God for their service and asking for continued good health.

Some of those celebrating were part of this parish as one time or another. If you wish to send any of them a congratulatory note, contact Ginetta at the Parish Office and she will give you their contact details.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand – 50th Anniversary Mass:

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is celebrating its 'Jubilee Year' this year, representing 50 years since

national bodies were established for justice, peace and development, including the provision of Catholic volunteers overseas.

Cardinal John Dew will celebrate a special Mass to mark this occasion for the Wellington Archdiocese. All are welcome.

Details: Thursday 27 June, 7pm at St Joseph's Church, 152 Brougham St, Mount Victoria, Wellington. Please RSVP by 11am Thursday 20 June to caritas@caritas.org.nz or phone 0800 22 10 22.



The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

Fr Marlon, Filipino Chaplain, joins us for 2 weeks

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (4)

Sat June 22

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun June 23

Seddon (8am) Mass/ Fr Marlon

Picton (9am) Fr Jacob

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Marlon

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

Ward (4pm) Mass/Fr Pat

FR Jacob from the Passionist Order in Aus has joined us for a couple of weeks. Fr Pat away 25-26 June for Formation Day

13th Sunday (5)

Sat June 29

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun June 30

Seddon (8am) Fr Jacob

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Marlon

Blenheim (10am) Fr Jacob

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

In July, Fr Julian Wagg joins us for a while.

14th Sunday (1)

Sat July 6

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun July 7

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Pat

Picton (9am) Mass/ Julian

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Pat

Havelock (11am) Mass/ Julian

Jul 8-13 .. CP Provincial Chapter. Fr Pat then returns with Fr Joey Liaia CP

15th Sunday (2)

Sat July 13

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Julian

Sun July 14

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

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr

Blenheim (10am) **W&C**

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr

16th Sunday (3)

Sat July 20

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr

Sun July 21

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr

Renwick (4) Mass/Fr
Tongan Mass (2) Fr Sanele

Parish News & Events

Communion to the Sick and house-bound:

With the new vetting in mind, we are updating the list of those receiving Communion in their homes or at rest homes. Please contact the Parish Office, with a list of those you take Communion to, on a regular basis. Those in Kaikoura, please Contact Sr Maureen.

Ecology, Justice & Peace (EJP) Commission:

The EJP Commission is seeking expressions of interest for membership and South Island representation on the Poverty Committee. This is one of the 4 committees which make recommendations to the Commission. The other groups are 2. Integral Ecology, 3. Bi-cultural relations and 4. Parish Engagement and Communication. The time commitment is to attend six evening meetings a year, a formation day later 2019, and to carry out the agreed work of the Committee. Anyone interested in joining, please contact deb.lawson@xtra.co.nz

Accommodation Wanted:

A young Frenchman would like to board with a family for a few months, in order to improve his English. He is

19 years old, has a casual job and would pay his way. Email Paul, paul-beneteau@sfr.fr.

St Vincent de Paul shop:

The Blenheim shop is looking for more linen. Have an autumn clean out and bring all your excess clean sheets, etc to the shop or put in the bin in the church carpark.

June 24.. The Eucharist!!

The lovable Fr Kevin Connors will be visiting Blenheim on Monday 24th June to give a talk/discussion on his recent thesis on the Eucharist which he is working on making into a book. Open to all, please come along and be inspired! Supper provided - 7pm at St Mary's Youth Rooms in the hall. Contact Mieke Davies for more info : 0223918584

June 27.. Wanted: All Youth!!

Interested in becoming a Young Vinnies member. Our group will be mainly about prayer and action by way of service in our community. If you would like to know more, please come to the introductory evening on Thursday 27th July in the St Mary's Youth Rooms (attached to the hall) at 7pm till 8pm. Parents/caregivers are welcome to join us. For more information contact Tina on: 021 262 1742

June 30.. Combined Church Service

At the Union church Picton, 6pm. All Welcome.

Parish Calendar

June

June 25.. Wairau Stewardship (7pm)

June 28.. Variety Concert (7pm)

July-August

Jul 3.. Awatere Stewardship

July 7.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Jul 8-13 .. CP Provincial Chapter

July 16.. Pastoral Council, Finance & Property

July 26.. BHM Anointing Mass

July 28.. Rite of Presentation of Candi dates @ Mass in Kaikoura and

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.

Stewardship

TIME - TALENTS - TREASURE
A way of life, a way to live

All we have is really a gift from God, who asks us to return a portion in the form of our time, our talent, and our treasure to support God's work on earth.

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: John Pearce, Anne Hill, Bernard Vavasour, Joan Toss

Anniversaries:

June 21 Moira O'Connell **22** Des Holden, Margaret

Squire **23** Claire O'Halloran **24** Danny Foley

26 Tim Wilkes **28** Glen & Louise Foley, Steve Hadley

Other Intentions: Wilkes family & friends, Fr Brian Walsh, Laurie Squire, Mollie Hanley, Eileen Hanley, Eric Hanley, Kathleen Logan & Alec Logan

COLLECTIONS:

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

AP's: \$2148.00
Envelopes: \$1977.20
Loose: \$ 877.20

thank you!