



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 **10.45am**

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

Mon: Adoration 4-5pm

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 week-end 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 & 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

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**Newsletter No 26: 19 July 2020
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

Weeds among the Wheat

Jesus uses ordinary events in people's lives to communicate a profound message of the Kingdom to his listeners. Hence today Gospel reading is one such example: his listeners were so familiar with farming so he used their farming knowledge to tell them about the Kingdom of God. Most of us without recognizing it in our daily lives we categorize people into two groups. The wheat, good people who seem to be doing the right things, being kind and generous in their behaviour towards their fellow human beings. The weeds, (bad people) those we consider as bad human beings who are doing the opposite of good. It is irony that the father (God) of the garden has planted the wheat in the fields. But then someone else comes in and sows the weeds in and amongst the wheat.

The farmer did not weed the weeds out for fear of pulling the wheat out as well. God gives us chances to change our ways and come to our senses and return to Him. He gives us all the time in the world we need, to do good, go to confession and to do penance so that we can be put at right with God again. God never abandoned us when we stray far and wide from him, he gives us means and ways of realizing our faults and repent and take the first step of returning back to Him. But at times we wander too far and can't find our way back, God waits patiently for us and never turns His back on us. He sends ordinary people whom we have known too well in our lives, the likes of your wife, husband, children, relatives or even your neighbors to accompany us back to God. Do we see that as God coming to us in the ordinary people or are we still waiting for the miracles to happen, where some supernatural thing (beings) come to change our lives?

Our families and neighbors are the supernatural human beings that God sent to us, so that we can be able to see the face of God in them and change gradually. Remember God still gives us time to repent and the time is now, not tomorrow, because tomorrow never comes.

Fr Jacob cp

Readings for Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 19th: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Psalm Response: Lord you Are Good and forgiving

Mon 20th: Micah 6:1-4,6-8 Matthew 12:38-42

Tues 21st: Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Matthew 12:46-50

Wed 22nd: Songs 3:1-4 John 20:1-2,11-18 **St Mary Magdalene**

Thurs 23rd: Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 Matthew 13:10-17

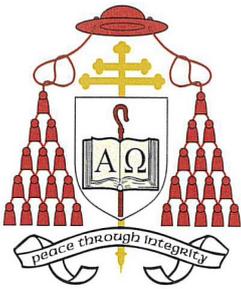
Fri 24th: Jeremiah 3:14-17 Matthew 13:18-23

Sat 25th: Corinthians 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20-28 **St James, Apostle**

Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 26th: 1Kings 3:5,7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52





Archbishop of Wellington

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

14 July 2020

Dear Fathers and Lay Pastoral Leaders

When we went to Alert Level 1 on 8th June some restrictions for Masses were kept in place to help vulnerable people feel it was safe to come back to mass. These restrictions were the removal of holy Water from fonts, no communion on the tongue or from the chalice, and asking people not to shake hands at the Sign of Peace. I indicated then that I would review these restrictions in one month's time.

I consulted with the Council of Priests at their meeting last week about what they thought was appropriate based on what is happening in their parishes. Several said that there were elderly people who were not coming to mass for safety reasons and that most people appreciated the cautionary approach which has been taken.

I have decided to keep the restrictions on Holy Water in fonts and communion from the chalice in place. People should not feel obliged to shake hands at the Sign of Peace but should acknowledge one another in ways they feel comfortable with.

I would like you to talk with your parishioners who want to receive communion on the tongue, and if they are prepared to come to the end of the line for communion, they can receive it on the tongue. You may want to remind them that they need to extend their tongue well and stay still as the host is placed on the tongue.

When Priests are concelebrating Mass, such as for funerals, the priests should receive the Precious Blood by intinction.

I suggest that you ask your Eucharistic Ministers if they are willing to continue their ministry with this easing of the restrictions, as some who are potentially vulnerable due to their age or their health status may not feel safe continuing.

We still need to be conscious of hygiene measures such as washing, using hand sanitiser when distributing Communion, and keeping our churches and other premises clean. Please remind people once again that if they are unwell they should not come to mass or other parish activities.

Thank you for everything that you and your parishioners have done during the various Alert Levels. Let us enjoy the opportunities to gather which Alert Level 1 has given us and pray that the country does not have to return to the restrictions of the last few months.

With good wishes and every blessings

Yours sincerely in the Lord

+John A Dew

Archbishop of Wellington.

16 July 2020

Issue No. 225

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou,

If we want to know how the Church should be today, the simplest thing to do would be to read and pray with the Acts of the Apostles. It tells the story of the early Church and tells us what it means to live and act as disciples of Christ. The early Christians were filled with hope and joy. To see this we only have to read that wonderful passage from Acts 2: 42-47.

" They remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood (fellowship), to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. And everyone was filled with awe; the apostles worked many signs and miracles. And all who shared the faith owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and distributed the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. Each day, with one heart, they regularly went to the Temple but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved." (New Jerusalem Bible)

When we read that passage, reflect on it and pray with it, we can easily see that those few lines were written about a community which lived the heart of the Gospel. They shared the Eucharist and they prayed together, they were focused on one another and on the needs of the community. Those words of Scripture are a great example of what our parish communities are called to be today. This is also the image of the Church which the Second Vatican Council set before us. The Popes who led the Council and all those involved – now over 50 years ago - cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the Church and looking for ways to give direction and growth to the Church. In convening the Council, Pope Saint John XXIII showed an incredible openness to the Holy Spirit.

The account from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a helpful examination to use in our parishes today. Are we open to the Holy Spirit and where the Spirit wants to lead us, or is it just what we want? When we share the Eucharist, are we aware of the words of Pope Benedict "Unless this Eucharist passes over into concrete acts of love it is intrinsically fragmented." (*Deus Caritas Est 14*) Is prayer between me and God, or is it a genuine experience of meeting God together?

If we tried, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to imitate the early Christian community, maybe the result would be the same for us as it was for them... **"they were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community..."**

Don't stop at reading these few verses from Acts, read the whole story and be inspired by our ancestors in faith. It is our story too!

With every blessing

Naku noa

+John

We do not know what God wants to do with us, but let us abandon ourselves unreservedly to Him; let our hearts be ready for everything.

Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

16th Sunday of Ord (3)

Sat Jul 18

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Jul 19

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- 2pm Mass/

Renwick-5pm Mass/ Fr Pat

17th Sunday of Ord (4)

Sat Jul 25

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Jul 26

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Pat

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob

Havelock-11am **W&C**

Ward-4pm Mass / Fr Pat

18th Sunday of Ord (1)

Sat Aug 1

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Cuppa after Mass

Sun Aug 2

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat

Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob

19th Sunday of Ord (2)

Sat Aug 8

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Aug 9

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr

Parish News & Events

St Francis de Sales Renwick.

Please join us for Mass & a mid winter Christmas celebration with mulled wine & Christmas cake on Sunday 19th July @5pm. All welcome.

Youth Group !!!

St Mary's Youth group starts up again this term, Weds 22nd July 6.30-8pm, Youth Rooms in St Mary's Hall. New members always welcome! Queries to Mieke & Maurice Davies 022 391 8584.

Women's Friendship Group-

Blenheim Friday 25th July, Mercy Room, 2pm. Meeting for Coffee and chat.

The Chroma Choir

from Nelson are holding a concert at St Andrew's on Sunday 26 July 2020. Door sales: \$20 Adult, \$10 Students, free for under 5's. Check the noticeboard for more details.

There are also a couple of other musical events coming up. Please check your noticeboard.

Thank You!!: To Neil & Jessie Gibbs for clearing the SM church of the cobwebs that were created during lockdown. Your efforts were much appreciated.

Sacramental Programme:

This is due to kick off soon in Picton, (2 Aug) and Blenheim (Jul 25). Please contact the Parish office, if you want to have your child attend, and we will send you out the information and co-ordinator details. Please pray for those taking part.

Parish Stall Sale: Fr James Lyons' Book "There is a time for.. A Companion for every Season" is now on sale, at half price!! That's only \$10! This is a fundraiser for the Wellington Cathedral so all the money raised from now will go directly to the fund. The book can also be purchased from the Parish Office. There are also copies of the "Communities of Worship-The history of St Mary's Parish for sale, at \$20 (they were \$40) and Encyclical Letters of Pope Francis: Laudato Si' and Amoris Laetitia now \$5 each

The Coast to Coast Rosary

for Life and Faith will be held this year on Saturday 15th Aug and there will be a time to pray the Rosary at 3 pm at St Mary's Church. For more information, please go to

www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz or phone Clare 022 1912 886

Marist Formation is a Marist e-learning site where you can

enroll in a variety of online courses tailored to formation and spirituality. All courses are free and available to all people. Visit maristformation.thinkific.com/courses/mlf101-engaging-in-scripture

SACRED HEART SCHOOL 125th CELEBRATIONS

Sacred Heart School opened 125 years in North East Valley, Dunedin in October this year. Email your committee at reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz or phone the school on 03 473 8362. A Registration Form will be available for you to download soon.

Parish Calendar

July

July 21..Finance & Property (7)

July 26.. Confirmations KK

July 30.. World Day against Trafficking in Persons

August

Aug 1..Chrism Mass, Our Lady of Kapiti(10.30)

Aug 2..Sounds Stewardship (5)

Aug 4..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Aug 16..Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 18.. Finance & Property (7)

September

Sep 1.. Care of Creation

Sep 1..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Sep 6.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Sep 6-12..Social Justice Week

Sep 8.. Feast of Our Lady, Star Of The Sea

Sep 13.. Good Friday Collection

Sep 15.. Finance & Property (7)

Sep16-17..Commission Hearings

Sep 20..SVdP Festival Day

October

Oct 4.. Peter's Pence Collection

Oct 4.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Oct 6..Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Oct 6..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Oct 11..Day-Prayer to Respect Life

Oct 18..World Mission Sunday -Prop. Of Faith Collection

Oct 20..Finance & Property (7)

Oct 25..BHM Multicultural Day

November

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: David Nott Snr, Dick Harrison (Temuka), Kokila Jadav (India), Maria Blue-nee Harnett (Wgtn), John Romano, Sheilagh Foulkes (Ham), Michael Nicolls, Kumi Hapakuku

Anniversaries: July 9 Norman Jones **10** Carol Spencer **13** Gerald Holden **24** Jack O'Kane **25** Yvonne Norton

Other Intentions: John Romano

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 2982.10
Envelopes:	\$ 590.50
Loose:	\$ 486.90
Peter's Pence:	\$ 5.00
Easter Due:	\$ 100.00

thank
you!