



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.

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**Newsletter No 27: 26 July 2020
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

Sacred Heart Community Kaikoura

This Sunday, we congratulate these young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Kaikoura.

Jono Ruawai

Karla Milligan

Samantha Foy

Jack Keeble

Jack Laugesen

They will receive the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit to complete their Baptism so they are fully part of the Body of Christ the Church. We are very grateful to Sr. Maureen Connor and Principal Ms Judith Ford for preparing the children for this day. We are also very grateful to the parents of the children and their sponsors for giving their support and encouragement to the candidates.

This year Cardinal John Dew has delegated the Parish Priests to give the Sacrament to the young people, as he has responsibility for two Dioceses. So Father Pat will be giving them the Sacrament during Mass on Sunday. Let us join in prayer for these young people that they will truly value the gifts of the Holy Spirit they will receive today, and that their families are truly blessed by God.

Today young people also in Picton (Sounds Stewardship Area) and Blenheim (Wairua Stewardship Area) will be beginning their Sacramental Preparation. Let us pray for the children involved as they prepare for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Fr. Pat McIndoe CP

Readings for Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

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

Psalms Response: Lord, I love your commands

Mon 27th: Jeremiah 13:1-11 Matthew 13:31-35

Tues 28th: Jeremiah 14: 17-22 Matthew 13: 36-43

Wed 29th: John 4: 7-16 John 11:19-27 **St Martha**

Thurs 30th: Jeremiah 18:1-6 Matthew 13:47-53

Fri 31st: Jeremiah 26:1-9 Matthew 13:54-58

Sat 1st Aug: Jere 26: 11-16,24 Matthew 14:1-12 **St Ignatius Loyola**

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 2nd Aug: Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14: 13-21

Layers of Wisdom

There are so many different depths and dynamics of wisdom in the world. Here is a humorous example from a cartoon in the New Yorker magazine, published years ago but for some reason etched in my mind. Actually these are words of everyday common sense.

A terribly decrepit old man is sitting on the front porch when a very beautiful woman walks by on the sidewalk. His mouth is hanging open. Of course there was an old flea-bitten dog at the man's feet, since George Booth was the cartoonist.

His equally haggard wife is at the door with the screen pushed open just far enough to take in the scene.

"Well whistle, you damn fool!" she says.

In the [Gospel](#), Jesus also uses common sense wisdom. If you went out into a field, he says, and saw a suspicious mound of earth and happened to dig it up and found there a hidden treasure, as much gold as you could ever want, would you immediately run out and tell everyone about it?

No, no, no. This is just the opposite of "Well whistle, you fool!" You would keep such a treasure a complete, deep, dark, fail-safe secret and you would re-bury the treasure, disguising it so no one could know that anything was there. You would go sell your goods and buy the field. Then the treasure would be yours and you could tell everyone. "Look what I happened to find on my new property!"

It makes sense.

If you agree, then here is a question for you. Wouldn't you do as much for the kingdom of heaven? This is what Jesus asks. Well, hmmm. Maybe that is worth some consideration.

As we might remember, King Solomon was noted far and wide for his wise decisions ([First Reading](#)). It is said that the Queen of Sheba travelled to him to get advice. How did he get so wise? Did he just inherit it from his father, David? No, he prayed touchingly to God for a certain kind of wisdom. He did not ask how to increase his fortune or to be well-known or to have power. He asked God for an understanding heart. He would use it to rule God's people well. God was moved by this request and gave Solomon great practical wisdom so he could be on the side of the regular folks. How many leaders today even listen to the people, let alone listen with understanding?

Perhaps the deepest wisdom this Sunday is in the [Second Reading](#). You or I have undoubtedly quoted its words, not remembering where they came from: "All things work for the good for those who love God." The older I get, the more true this seems. Even when darkness and loss become our daily bread, still the love of God labours incessantly to bring out larger love, larger forgiveness, more acceptance of life, and love even within pain. This is food we all need every day.

Sunday, if we find a way of attending Mass, or even if not, we can pay attention to such a variety of wisdom. The important thing is not to just sit there and gape. Do what every other human being in the world would do if they were given a glimpse into the kingdom.

What is it?

"Whistle, you fool"?

Not really. Maybe just listen with an understanding heart.

John Foley, SJ

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A quote courtesy of The Ecology, Justice and Peace advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington

The kingdom is here, it returns, it struggles to flourish anew. Christ's resurrection everywhere calls forth seeds of that new world; even if they are cut back, they grow again, for the resurrection is already secretly woven into the fabric of this history.

Pope Francis: [Evangelii Gaudium](#) paragraph 278

God listens to everybody-sinner, saint, victim, killer-Pope says



Pope Francis speaks during his weekly general audience in the library of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican June 24, 2020. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

By Carol Glatz [Catholic News Service](#)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Everyone lives a life that is often inconsistent or a “contradiction” because people can be both a sinner and a saint, a victim and a tormentor, Pope Francis said.

No matter what one’s situation is, people can put themselves back in God’s hands through prayer, he said June 24 during his weekly general audience.

“Prayer gives us nobility; it is able to protect one’s relationship with God, who is the true companion along humanity’s journey, amidst thousands of hardships in life, good or bad, but always with prayer,” he said.

The audience, livestreamed from the library of the Apostolic Palace, was the pope’s last general audience talk until Aug. 5, according to Vatican News. His Sunday Angelus address was to continue throughout July, however.

With the start of summer vacation for many, the pope said he hoped people could have a peaceful moment of rest despite the ongoing restrictions “connected to the threat of infection from the coronavirus.”

May it be a time of “enjoyment of the beauty of creation and a strengthening of ties with mankind and with God,” he said in greetings to Polish-speaking viewers and listeners.

In his main talk, the pope continued his series on prayer and reflected on the role prayer played in the life of David — a young shepherd whom God called to become king of Israel.

David learned early in life that a shep-

herd takes care of his flock, protects them from danger and provides for them, the pope said.

Jesus, too, is called “the good shepherd” because he offers his life for his flock, guiding them, knowing each one by name, he said.

When David was later confronted for his terrible sins, he realized he had become a “bad shepherd,” someone who was “sick with power, a poacher who kills and loots,” the pope said.

He no longer acted like a humble servant but had robbed another man of the only thing he loved when he took the man’s wife as his own.

David wanted to be a good shepherd, but sometimes he failed and sometimes he succeeded, the pope said.

“Saint and sinner, persecuted and persecutor, victim and even executioner,” David was full of contradictions — being all of these things in his life, he said.

But the one thing that stayed constant was his prayerful dialogue with God.

“David the saint, prays, David the sinner, prays,” always lifting his voice to God either in joy or deep despair, the pope said.

This is what David can teach the faithful today, he said: to always speak with God, no matter the circumstances or one’s state of being, because everyone’s life is often marked by contradiction and inconsistencies.

People should tell God about their joy, sins, sorrows and love — everything, the pope said, because God is always there, and he listens.

Prayer returns people to God “because the nobility of prayer leaves us in God’s hands,” he said.

The pope also noted the day’s feast of the birth of St. John the Baptist.

He asked that people learn from this saint, how to be courageous witnesses of the Gospel, above and beyond any individual differences, “preserving harmony and friendship that are the basis for the credibility of any proclamation of faith.”

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Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

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 Jacob

Sun Aug 9

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

Sat Aug 15 Feast of The Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary

Kaikoura-9.30am Mass/ Fr

Blenheim-9.30am Mass/ Fr

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

20th Sunday of Ord (3)

Sun Aug 16

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr

Tongan Mass- 2pm Mass/

Renwick-5pm Mass/ Fr

Parish News & Events

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.

Sacramental Programme:

This is due to kick off soon in Picton, (2 Aug) and Blenheim (Jul 25). Please pray for those taking part.

Parish Stall Sale: Several books are available at a reduced price

Bread of Life- Van Drivers

wanted: This will be for the BHM OSCAR programme, and is a paid part-time position. More details on the notice board or at the office.

Feast of the Assumption: 24 hours Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Life and Faith at St Joseph's

15/16 August 2020: Begins 8.45am Saturday (15 August) and finishes 8.45am Sunday morning just before 9am Mass. All parishioners are invited to make a "mini pilgrimage" to Picton for some quiet prayer and contemplation. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available 24 hours. A timetable for scheduled prayer during adoration will be provided nearer the time so watch this space.

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, BHM and St Joseph's, Picton. 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

Parish Calendar

July

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 15..Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 18.. Finance & Property (7)

Aug 30.. Combined Church service, 6pm, hosted by St Joseph's Picton

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 of Inquiry 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

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: Peter Van Dyk, Margaret Laugesen (KK), David Nott Snr, Dick Harrison (Temuka), Maria Blue-nee Harnett (Wgtn), Nancy Wareham (Wgtn), Sheilagh Foulkes (Ham), Peter Kennedy (CHCH)

Anniversaries: 20 July Honora (O'Connor) Gallagher
21 Susie Nicholls **23** Jim Cheesman **24** Libby Laurent **25** Yvonne Norton

Other Intentions: Bernie Foulkes, Brian Stretch, Carol Hey, Hope & Cheesman families

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 2092.75
Envelopes:	\$ 502.42
Loose:	\$ 497.58
Peter's Pence:	\$ 32.00
Holy places:	\$ 5.00

thank
you!