

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

33rd Sunday of Ord (3)

Sat Nov 14
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Nov 15
Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Picton-9am **W&C**
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Pat
Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Havelock-11am NONE
Renwick-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Feast of Christ the King (4)

Sat Nov 21
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Nov 22
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
Ward-4pm Mass / Fr Pat

Fr Pat away 22-28th Nov

1st Sunday of Advent (5)

Sat Nov 28
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Nov 29
Seddon-8am **W&C**
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat
Blenheim-10am Mass/Cardinal
Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

2nd Sunday of Advent (1)

Sat Dec 5
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass

Sun Dec 6
Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat
Cuppa after Mass
Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass
Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

2nd Sunday of Advent (2)

Sat Dec 12
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Dec 13
Seddon-8am **W&C**
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat
Blenheim-10am **W&C**
Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

Parish News & Events

With the ever-changing situation due to COVID-19, some of the following events

may be postponed.

Working Bee: Thanks to those who turned up last Saturday at St Mary's and did such an amazing job. The hall gutters are looking spick and span, along with half of the church gutters. We will advertise another date to get the rest cleaned up as well.

EAD Donations-Thank you:

Thanks to the Parishioners who donated towards an AED being purchased and we have reached our target, YAY!!! We will put the wheels in motion to purchase one and hopefully it will be installed by Christmas.

SVdP Festival:

There will be a Festival Meeting of the Nelson Marlborough St Vincent de Paul on 15th Nov commencing with 10am Mass at St Mary's which will incorporate the annual Commitment ceremony. After Mass a meeting will begin in the Community Centre. All members and associate members are urged to attend.

Have you been to Crossroads lately?

If not, we'd love to meet you. Pop in any weekday between 8am and 1.30pm for soup, filled rolls, sandwiches, cake and a cuppa, or join us for dinner on Wednesdays at 5.30pm. Check out our Urban Harvest for fruit, vegetables and bread. It's all about showing our faith to the community we serve, and everything is available for a koha. See you there!

Women's Group BHM:

Lunch at The Vines Village Rapaura Road, Friday 20 Nov, 12pm. Partners are welcome. Must have numbers for booking. Contact Jessie 021 0863 5235

The Marlborough Singers Invite you to a concert of Choral Classics.

The programme highlights Gabriel Faure's REQUIEM and includes Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs, Handel's Zadok the Priest, Bach's Jesu, joy of man's desiring, and Felix Mendelssohn's Hear my Prayer. Also experience the magnificent new organ installed just this year in the Nativity church.

Our two soloists are Bass Will King, Masters student from NZ school of music and Malvina Major emerging talent award winner. Amelia Berry, soprano, graduated from the NZ

school of music and the Manhattan (US) school of music and sings with the NZ Opera Co. Nativity Church 7pm, Sat 28 Nov. \$25.00 Door sales only.

Sun 29 Nov: The multicultural committee

warmly invites you to bring your deck chairs and some yummy food from your home countries for a **parish picnic** after 10am Mass. This will be held in the gardens outside the Community Centre. If the weather is bad it will be in the church foyer. Please contact Victoria Raw - 0212268315, Margaret Western -0211584426 or Viv Southby vivsouthby@kinect.co.nz for more information.

St Joseph's - Working Bee - Sun 13 Dec 10am.

Parishioners are invited to lend a hand preparing St Joseph's for First Holy Communion and Christmas celebrations. Many hands make less work!

St Joseph's - First Holy Communion Mass -Sun 20 Dec 9am

John, McKenzie and Grace will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass. All welcome to join the celebration! Morning tea to follow.

Parish Calendar

November

Nov 15..World Day of the Poor ..SVdP Commitment Ceremony (BHM 10)
...1st Holy Communion KK

Nov 17..Finance & Property (7)

Nov 22..300th Anniversary of the formation of the Pas

sionist Order

Nov 23..Annual Foodbank Drive

Nov 29.. St Mary's Community Picnic

December

Dec ... Review Group

Dec 6..1st Holy Communion BHM (10)

...Sounds Stewardship (5)

Dec 13.. Working bee PN (10)

Dec 15.. Finance & Property (7)

Dec 20..1st Holy Communion PN (9)

Dec 25..Christmas Day

Dec 26..Boxing Day

Dec 25-Jan 18 Parish office Closed

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Josephene McLean, Erin Gray (nee Maher) CHCH

Anniversaries: Nov 5 John Costello **15** Fr Humphrey O'Leary CSSR **16** Betty Johnstone

Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Pat Swindell, Heather Alexander, Des Maney, Flo Andrews, Pauline Stephens (Wgt), Karl Ventura

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 2527.20
Envelopes: \$ 561.50
Cash: \$ 373.60
Mission Sunday: \$ 60.00
Maori Pastoral Care: \$ 5.00

thank you!



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 or 5782507 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

No Mass)

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

Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward

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33rd Sunday of Year A

Jesus, in today's gospel parable of the talents, tells us a story of a wealthy landowner who was preparing for a long journey. He calls his three servants and divides his money between them, each according to their ability and expects them to administer these. To one servant he gave five talents, meaning a sum of money, to a second two, and to a third one.

It is surprising to hear that a rich person risks everything by entrusting his servants with his family wealth and going on a long vacation. The value of one talent is a considerable amount, not being mere coin but talent is a weight. Depending on the type of mineral being used, whether gold, silver or copper. In Jesus' time silver was the most common metal being used; so by converting a talent it amounts to a thousand pieces of silver. It is exceedingly quite a lot of money to give it away to the servants. The owner had complete trust in his servants, knowing that on his return he will get back his talents with profits on it.

See how the rich man dished out his wealth to his servants: he gave it to each one to see how well they can invest his money and make profits for him. God gave each and every one of us different talents and gifts that only we can use. Not everyone is a teacher, not everyone is a doctor, not everyone is a nurse, not everyone is a business owner, not everyone is a preacher, not everyone is a comedian, not everyone is a nursing home worker. With these talents we are asked to invest and make a profit so that when the master comes, we give it back to him with the profit. God gives us ample of time to make use of those gifts or talents for the greater glory of God and the good of our neighbours, work colleagues, our relatives, friends and immediate families. We cannot only be a Sunday Christian by coming to church, receive Jesus then as soon as we leave the church doors, Jesus is put into our back pockets or in our bags and purse and hide Him in the cupboard till next time we go to church.

Jesus becomes part of us, we become part of Him, and our lives should reflect that to all that we meet and come into contact with, every day of our lives. Have time for others, visit the sick, share a joke or two with someone to brighten up their day, put a smile on someone's face with some kind words or a little gift. So it doesn't cost a thousand pieces of silver to do those simple and kind gestures towards our fellow human being. It's built in us, it's given to us on a golden platter without charge, lets invest or give it to others without charge. At the end of our lives we have to give back the talents with profit. What profit have we made so that we can genuinely say that I have got that in the bag already?

Fr Jacob Kuman CP

Readings for Thirty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 22nd: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1Corin 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord

Mon 23rd: Apocalypse 14:1-5 Luke 21:1-4

Tues 24th: Apocalypse 14:14-19 Luke 21:5-11

St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & Comp. Mm

Wed 25th: Apocalypse 15:1-4 Luke 21:12-19

Thurs 26th: Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9 Luke 21:20-28

Fri 27th: Apocalypse 20:1-4,11-21:2 Luke 21:29-33

Sat 28th: Apocalypse 22:1-7 Luke 21:34-36

First Sunday of Advent

Sun 29th: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 1Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Pastoral Clarification Willed by Francis

By Larissa I. Lopez with Anita Bourdin

A letter published by the Secretariat of the Vatican State explains what Pope Francis said on persons of the same sex living together in the documentary "Francesco" (Francis).

It is a "pastoral" document for the use of Bishops, willed by the Holy Father himself, to give all the necessary clarifications, after the confusion caused by interpretations of the documentary, Vatican sources confirmed to *i* French edition.

the text, in Spanish, was published last October 31, without any other indication of origin or recipient, in the Facebook page of Monsignor Coppola, which indicates implicitly the origin of the letter (State Secretariat) and Francis desire to clarify the context of his observations, which were misinterpreted.

As *Zenit* did, the letter explains that during "an interview, more than a year ago, Pope Francis responded to two different questions in two different moments, which, in the mentioned documentary, were edited and published as just one answer without due contextualization, which has generated confusion."

Pastoral Reference

In the extract that has caused disturbance in the media, the Holy Father made "a pastoral reference, in the first place, about the need that, within the family, a son or daughter with homosexual orientation never be discriminated. It is to them that the Pope's words refer: 'homosexual persons have the right to be in the family; they are children of God, they have the right to a family. No one can be thrown out of the family or make his/her life impossible because of it,'" reads the text.

To illuminate the Pope's statements, the document refers to point 250 of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) on love in the family. "I took into consideration with the Synodal Fathers the situation of families that live the experience of having in their midst persons with homosexual tendencies, an experience in no way easy either for the parents or for their children. Therefore, we wish to reiterate, first of all, that every person, regardless of his/her sexual tendency, must be respected in his/her dignity and received with respect, endeavoring to avoid 'any sign of unjust discrimination,' particularly any form of aggression or violence. In regard to families, it's about ensuring a respectful accompaniment, so that those who manifest a homosexual tendency can count on the necessary help to understand and carry out fully the Will of God in their life."

Local Law of Ten Years Ago

The letter then refers to the next question of the interview, which, "instead, was an inherent change to a local law of ten years ago in Argentina on the 'egalitarian marriages of same-sex couples and of the opposition of the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires in this regard."

In this connection, it continues, the Pontiff "has affirmed that it's an incongruence to speak of homosexual marriage,' adding that, in that same context, he had spoken of the right of these persons to have certain legal coverage: 'what we have to do is a law of civil coexistence; they have the right to be covered legally. I defended that."

The Doctrine Is Reaffirmed

The document goes on to refer to the words that the Bishop of Rome pronounced in an interview in 2014. "Marriage is between a man and a woman. The secular States want to justify civil unions to regulate different situations of coexistence, moved by the need to regulate economic aspects between the persons as, for example, to ensure health care. They are coexistence pacts of a different nature, of which I would not be able to make a list of the different forms. It's necessary to look at the different cases and to evaluate them in their variety."

Hence, "it's evident that Pope Francis referred to specific State dispositions, and certainly not to the Doctrine of the Church, reaffirmed numerous times over the course of the years," it concludes.

TO UNDERSTAND SOME EXPRESSIONS OF THE POPE IN THE DOCUMENTARY "FRANCIS"

In recent days, some affirmations contained in the documentary "Francis," of screenwriter Evgeny Afineevsky, have triggered different reactions and interpretations. Therefore, some useful elements are offered, with the desire to foster a correct understanding of the Holy Father's words.

Over a year ago, during an interview, Pope Francis responded to two different questions in two different moments that, in the mentioned documentary, were edited and published as only one answer, without the due contextualization, which has generated confusion. In the first place, the Holy Father made a pastoral reference about the need, within the family, that a daughter or son with homosexual orientation never be discriminated. It is to them that these words refer: "homosexual persons have the right to be in the family; they are children of God, they have the right to a family. No one can be thrown out of the family or have his/her life made impossible because of it."

The next paragraph of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (2016), on love in the family, can illuminate these expressions. "I took into consideration with the Synodal Fathers, the situation of families that live the experience of having within them persons with homosexual tendencies, an experience that's not at all easy either for the parents or the children. Therefore, we want to reiterate first of all that every person, regardless of his/her sexual tendency, must be respected in his/her dignity and received with respect, endeavoring to avoid 'any sign of unjust discrimination,' and, particularly, any form of aggression and violence. In regard to families, it's about their ensuring a respectful accompaniment, so that those that manifest a homosexual tendency can count on the necessary help to understand and carry out fully the Will of God in their life" (n. 250).

A subsequent question of the interview was a change inherent to a local law of ten years ago in Argentina on "egalitarian marriages of same-sex couples" and the opposition of the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires in this regard. In this connection, Pope Francis affirmed that "it's an incongruence to speak of homosexual marriages," adding, in this same context, that he had spoken of the right of these persons to have certain legal coverage. "What we have to have is a law of civil coexistence; they have the right to be covered legally. I defended that."

The Holy Father expressed himself thus during an interview in 2014. "Marriage is between a man and a woman. The secular States want to justify civil unions to regulate different situations of coexistence, moved by the need to regulate economic aspects between persons as, for example, to ensure health care. They are coexistence pacts of a different nature, of which I wouldn't be able to give a list of the different forms. It's necessary to look at the different cases and to evaluate them in their variety."

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Day of the Poor 2020 – "Stretch forth your hand to the poor"

The Fourth Day of the Poor is Sunday 15th November. Pope Francis has called on people to keep their gaze fixed on the poor, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, and warns against succumbing to a "whirlwind of indifference". This year's theme is "Stretch forth your hand to the poor", taken from the book of Sirach. Pope Francis points out that "prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable." Now is a good time to recover 'the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world'. In a word, he continues, "until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue."

Even during this pandemic, the Word of God "constantly impels us to acts of love," Pope Francis says. He also describes how the command: 'Stretch forth your hand to the poor' "challenges the attitude of those who prefer to keep their hands in their pockets and to remain unmoved by situations of poverty in which they are often complicated." Concluding his message, the Pope recalls that in the book of Sirach it is written, 'In everything you do, remember your end'. He continues by saying, "the 'end' of all our actions can only be love. This is the ultimate goal of our journey, and nothing should distract us from it."

National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the fourth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 5 December. Join pro-life Kiwis from all over NZ in a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history:

www.marchforlife.nz

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begins at 2pm Civic Square to
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Thursday 19th Nov. 'Passionist Jubilee 300'. Information Evening. 7pm

A friendly information evening about the coming "Passionist

Jubilee 300" which begins on Sunday 22nd Nov and lasts for a year (till 1st January 2022). Evening begins at 7pm. St Mary's Parish Centre

All parishioners are invited. There will be a presentation which Fr Jacob and Pat will give, followed by a cup of tea and light refreshments.

All welcome.