Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times 3rd Sunday of Advent (2) Sat Dec 12

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

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

4th Sunday of Advent (3) Sat Dec 19

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Sun Dec 20 Seddon-8am W&C Picton-9am Mass/Fr Cuppa after 1st Communion Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Blenheim-10am W&C Havelock-11.30am Mass/Fr Renwick-5pm Mass/Fr

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Dec 25 Christmas Day

Feast of Holy Family (4) Sat Dec 26 Blenheim-5pm W&C Sun Dec 27

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat Picton-9am Mass/ Fr Jacob Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Paul Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob Ward- 5pm

Fri Jan 1: New Year's Day

Picton-9am Mass Kaikoura- 9.30am W&C Blenheim-12.05pm Mass

Epiphany of the Lord (1) Sat Jan 3 Blenheim-5pm Mass

Cuppa after Mass Sun Jan 4 Seddon-8am Mass Picton-9am Mass Cuppa after Mass Kaikoura-9.30 W&C Blenheim-10am Mass cuppa after Mass Havelock-11am Mass

Parish News & Events

Thank you to the Multicultural Committee for organising the Picnic on 28th November at St Mary's. The day turned out really well.

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Fr Jim Kershaw, Eileen Reeve,

Anniversaries: Dec 8 Eric Hanley, John O'Halloran 11 Gyula Mitribusz 13 Alan Webb

Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Flo Andrews, Diane Smith, George Eaton, Helena Lord, Fr Damian Caccioppoli sm, Margaret Squire, Laurie Squire, Mollie Hanley, Eileen Hanley, Kathleen Logan, Alec Logan, Deceased members & friends of Squire, Hanley & Logan families

Tree at St Mary's: Some parishioners may have noticed that the view of the property at 61 Maxwell Road changed on Monday morning. A large section of our Beech along the Road boundary, collapsed unexpectedly. After advice from 2 tree experts, it was decided to take it down completely as it was unstable and the remaining 2 sections were leaning towards the road and could cause injury if left alone. A decision on what to do with the wood will be made soon.

Communion to the Sick: If you have a family member housebound or in hospital and would like a priest to visit or someone to take Communion, please contact the Parish Office or Judith Kerridge 578 6209

24 hours Adoration for Life and Faith - St Joseph's Picton -**12/13 Dec.** 8.45am Sat 12 Dec to 8.45am Sun 13 Dec. A great opportunity to take a mini-pilgrimage during Advent to prepare for the celebration of Our Lord's Birth come and pray for as little or as long as you want. There will be a shared BBO on Saturday evening at 6.30pm or if you are an early bird, you can join us for breakfast at 6.30am Sunday morning before Mass! See Parish Noticeboards or email kiwi.cooper@xtra.co.nz for a Prayer Timetable.

<u>St Joseph's - Working Bee - Sun</u> <u>13 Dec 10am</u>. Many hands make less work!

13 Dec: Farewell to the Sisters of Mercy: the Sisters of Mercy

have had a connection with the Parish since the order's arrival in Blenheim over 140 years ago, and a group of those who have been here at some time over the years would like to say goodbye at 10am Mass. There will be morning tea in the Community Centre afterwards, to give people a chance to talk about their memories.

Service of Lessons and Carols at Nativity at 7pm, Sun, 13th Dec, and all are welcome

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

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 2610.30 \$ 518.10 Envelopes: Cash: \$ 892.30

the celebration! Morning tea to follow.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Evening): Christmas "Self Care Nib**bles**" with Clare Barnett. Tues, 15 Dec, 7.15-8.45pm. Fee: \$30. ZOÓM

https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ christmas-self-care-nibbles/

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I ? - Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Sat 30 Jan, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60, ZOOM https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ virtual-retreat-day-with-eamonoutler-who-am-i/ For more information and registra-

tion: info@studyjoy.nz

Parish Calendar

December

Dec13.. Working bee PN (10) .. Farewell Sisters of Mer cy BHM (10) Dec 14 ... Review Group(5.30) Dec 15.. Finance & Property (7) Dec 16..Reconciliation Service BHM (6.30) Dec 17..Reconcilation Service PN & KK (6.30) Dec 20..1st Holy Communion PN (9) Dec 25. Christmas Day Dec 26..Boxing Day

Dec 25-Jan 30, 17-31 2021-

Parish Office closed No Parish meetings in January

February 2021

Feb 7 2021 ..1st newsletter of the year Feb 1 Sounds Stewardship (5)

Feb 2., Kaikoura Stewardship Feb 9.. Wairau Stewardship (7)

Feb 16.. Finance & Property (7)



When a priest is not availa ble, 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 Rosarv 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

Baptisms

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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The Sisters of Mercy "Welcome back dear Sisters!"

This Sunday and weekend, we are privileged to welcome our dear Sisters of Mercy, with Sr Judith Moroney the Congregational Leader and also including Sr Elizabeth Mary and Sr Mary Susanna, who were with us until only a year ago.

Sisters, one and all, you are very welcome! We are delighted that you have come to share the Eucharist with us and to share stories together over a cup of tea which you have insisted on providing as your "Thank you" to all your friends here at the Parish.

Our joy in seeing you is tinged with sadness as you come to bid farewell to us after all your endeavours here in St Mary's Parish and in St Joseph's Picton too, and now into our new Parish of Star of the Sea.

The Sisters have really given not only their considerable talents to teach and form children and young people in the ways of the Gospel, but they have given their very selves - their heart and care and unstinting love.

We are so grateful for your generous years of service and friendship over many years. As is well-known, the Sisters first came to Blenheim in August 1885, after a request from Fr Foley SM to Mother Xavier in Wellington 10 years earlier. So for 134 years in an uninterrupted sequence, the Sisters have assisted in many ways - in taking charge of the St Mary's Parish School, in developing the St. Joseph's School, in running the High School for girls for many many years. They also ventured to Picton to start a School there in 1914, from which the Sisters were engaged in teaching children of the Sounds area for about 60 years. You dear Sisters have been pioneers in education in Marlborough developing young minds and bodies for almost 140 years.

Eventually after Vatican Council II, the Church encouraged our lay people to take greater responsibility for education and in the mission of the Church. So with the Integration of Catholic and State schools, and the introduction of lay people into the education system, the Sisters took up new fields of endeavour, giving themselves to pastoral work in the Parish, visiting families in their homes, visiting the sick, and helping with CCD for the many Catholic children in the state schools. You Sisters have truly been the face of "Mercy" to us over these many years.

The words of the First Reading have inspired your actions and your endeavours as you and the Sisters before you took up the work of the Saviour among us. (Isaiah 61: 1 - 3)

'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

4th Sunday 4pm Mass

Celebrated during week-

Sun 13th:

Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God Mon 14th: Numbers 24:2-7,15-17 Matthew 21:23-27 St John of the Cross, p.D Tues 15th: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21:28-32 Isaiah 45:6-8, 18,21-26 Luke 7:19-23 TI Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 Fr Matthew 1:18-24 Jeremiah 23:5-8 Sa Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25

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COLLECTIONS:

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to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives,

and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

The witness of your dedication and faith has truly been a great power for good in the Marlborough community. We are indebted to you dear Sisters, and we pray that the good Lord will give you many happy memories and spiritual gifts in your future years. May God richly reward and bless you and your Congregation, the Sisters of Mercy in the years ahead. Your Spirit will live on among us.

Fr Pat McIndoe cp

Readings for Third Week of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28

4th Sunday of Advent

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote Patris corde against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

A beloved, tender, obedient father

Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament," St Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people" (PC, 1). In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. "Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconcilia-tion that we "experience His truth and tenderness," – because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us" (2). Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his 'fiat' he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to

"do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he "cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption," as St John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation" (3).

Welcoming the will of God

At the same time, Joseph is "an accepting Father," because he "accepted Mary unconditionally" — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, "in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, "setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph's spiritual path "is not one that explains, but accepts" — which does not mean that he is "resigned." Instead, he is "courageously and firmly proactive," because with "Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude," and full of hope, he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments." In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: "Do not be afraid!" because "faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad," and makes us aware that "God can make flowers spring up from stony ground." Joseph "did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." For this reason, "he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak" (4).

A creatively courageous father, example of love

Patris corde highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

You can read the rest of the Pope's Apostolic Letter by using the link below:

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html? fbclid=IwAR0TkrFxT-CMjGJAm4IaJkGzs_JmeBAwU56t8LyKPPtbWyKNCu40_aYG_p4

PARISH ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Two mornings per week

The Star of the Sea Parish has an opportunity for a friendly and effective administration assistant to join their small team.

You would provide reception duties at the parish office as well as assisting with administrative functions such as booking parish facilities, preparing weekly bulletins and other clerical work. You would also be assisting with invoicing and bill payments.

Ideally you will have:

- Good customer service skills
- Good keyboard skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Competence in MS Word and Xero

Currently the position is two mornings per week, with potential to grow.

If you are interested, please forward your CV with a covering letter to The Parish Office by 21st December 2020



Christmas Timetable 2020

UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK

Reconciliation Services

Blenheim 16th Dec Kaikoura 17th Dec 17th Dec Picton

16th December



Blenheim 5.30pm (Family Mass) Seddon/ Ward 6pm Kaikoura 7.30pm (Carols from 7pm) Blenheim 9pm (Carols from 8.40pm) 9pm (Carols from 8.40pm) Picton

25th Dec Christmas Day

Blenheim 9.30am Kaikoura 9.30am 9.30am Picton

26th Dec Boxing Day Blenheim 5pm W&C

27th Dec Feast of the Holy Family

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat Picton-9am Mass/ Fr Jacob Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Paul Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob Ward 5pm

Fri Jan 1: New Year's Day

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Volunteers for Christmas at St Mary's

Sign up sheets

We also require Readers, Altar Servers, Collectors, Eucharist Ministers, PowerPoint operators. please add your name to the lists in the Church fover.

And if you want to be involved in Mass at any of the other Mass Centres please approach their Stewardship Team

FOOD FOR FAITH FOR ADVENT - Father John O'Connor's popular Food for Faith page will have daily reflections for Advent. Go to his site and sign up to get the reflections daily by email during December: www.foodforfaith.org.nz

A guote from the ADW office of Ecology, Justice and Peace

We who are baptized, children of the Church, we are called to accept ever anew the presence of God among us and to help others to discover Him, or to rediscover what they have forgotten. It is a most beautiful mission, like that of John the Baptist: to direct the people to Christ — not to ourselves! — for He is the destination to which the human heart tends when it seeks joy and happiness. Pope Francis: Angelus 14 December 2014

A quote from the Year of Mission

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailing each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord'." - Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium #3)

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<u>Masses</u>

Blenheim- School Mass 10.30am in the Hall

24th Dec- Christmas Eve

