



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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Easter Sunday

Our Liturgy Plan

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 ad-
 vance.

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.

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)

Between the Cross and the Resurrection

The crucifying encounters of life
 come to all of us, and many are totally
 unexpected. The burning of the Cath-
 edral of Notre Dame de Paris on Tuesday
 is one of them, just as the Christchurch
 massacre was a month ago.
 Our various crucifixions, that nail
 us to a tree or to the
 ground, with all the
 heartfelt pain that these
 entail, make us stop and
 re-evaluate where we are
 going.

Last Monday, Sr
 Maureen and I led a re-
 flection day for priests
 and pastoral leaders from
 the Top of the Sounds
 Parishes. In one session we named the
 following matters that occupy our atten-
 tion, amidst the ordinary events of our
 days: *Amalgamation; Archdiocesan Syn-
 od 2017; Chrism Mass: Renewing our
 Priestly Promises; City Parishes with
 closely located communities; Concerns
 of the Past: The Origins and Traditions of
 the former Parishes and Churches;
 Earthquake damage & readiness; En-
 couraging new Parish Leaders; Holy Oils:
 a Blessing for all times, Initiation, Sick-
 ness, Ordination, Consecrating Altars;
 Impact of Clericalism; Increased respon-
 sibilities for Parish Priests and Secretar-
 ies/Managers post Amalgamation; Lis-*



tening to and Hearing the Voices of the
 People of God; Ministers of the Lord;
 New procedures for Safeguarding Chil-
 dren & Vulnerable Adults; Our Mission
 from Jesus; Pilgrim always on a Journey;
 Priestly People; Review of Churches &
 Presbyteries 2019; Royal Commissions
 in NZ & AU; Sexual abuse & misbehav-
 iour by Church Workers; Small Isolated
 Communities.

Our question for reflection and shar-
 ing was: **In these chang-
 ing/accelerating times in
 our world, daily lives,
 Church, how am I travel-
 ling with all this?** These
 questions we could all ponder.

We took up the word
 Pilgrim to connect the day.
 And Pilgrims we all are, trav-
 elling between Crucifying
 moments and Resurrections.

And in the midst of the losses,
 personally and as local communities, and
 as a parish in its entirety, Resurrection
 moments dawn. But do we stop and see
 them?

**May this be an Easter of Hope.
 May this be an Easter of Dreams.
 May this be an Easter of Love.
 May this be an Easter of Pilgrims
 walking forward.**

Happy Easter to All

John Pearce CP.

Readings for Easter Sunday (C)

Easter Sunday		
Sun 21st:	Acts 10:34,37-43	Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9
Psalm Response: The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty		
Mon 22nd:	Acts 2:14,22-23	Matthew 28:8-15
Tues 23rd:	Acts 2:36-41	John 20:11-18
Wed 24th:	Acts 3:1-10	Luke 24:13-35
Thu 25th:	Acts 3:11-26	Luke 24:35-48
Fri 26th:	Acts 4:1-12	John 21:1-14
Sat 27th:	Acts 4:13-21	Mark 16:9-15
Octave of Easter - Second Sunday of Easter		
Sun 28th:	Acts 5:12-16	Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31



Easter for our Schools & Pre School



St Mary's School: Gala Day Thank You

The children at St Mary's School have sent us this picture and a card in appreciation of the support of our parish members in their recent Gala Day. They have put their bodies out there in spelling THANKS.



St Mary's School: Easter Dramatic Liturgy

On Friday 12th St Mary's School had an inspiring dramatic liturgy, telling the Story of Holy Week. The drama took us around the grounds of the school, as each scene opened up.

It was great to see so many parents and friends from the parish and wider community there supporting and participating. They enacted to story from Palm Sunday to Easter. Also joining us were the 4 year olds from St Mary's Pre School.



St Joseph's School: Easter Art & Drama

The Junior classes have prepared art work to be in the school and church. Added to that was the wonderful Holy Week Liturgy celebrated in the hall.



St Mary's Way of the Cross

Thank you to all who joined our students in this Holy Week Prayer. The Way of the Cross traversed the school yards as we walked through the story of Jesus death and resurrection together. Thank you to the students and staff for inviting us to join you.



Connections: Lent into Easter Time

God is Present to Us, but are We Present to Him?

Elizabeth Kirkland Cahill April 09, 2019
America. The Jesuit Review.



From Fifth Tuesday of Lent

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you. Hide not your face from me in the day of my distress. incline your ear to me; in the day when I call, answer me speedily.

~Ps 102:1-2

When the road gets rough, or we don't get our way—or as the psalmist puts it, "on the day

of our distress"—we often blame God for being absent. The job falls through, or the relationship sours, or the results disappoint us, and we immediately cry, "Where are you, God? Why aren't you looking out for me?"

Here we are making an altogether human—and altogether false—equivalence between the presence of God in our lives and the absence of suffering. "If only God had been paying attention and hearing my prayers, I wouldn't be ill, or unemployed, or on the outs with my spouse."

Perhaps we, not God, are the ones who have gone missing, distracted by a thousand urgent details and unable to focus for even five minutes on what is truly important. Or as the British-born American poet Denise Levertov put it, "Lord, not you, / it is I who am absent . . . / I have long since

uttered your name/ but now/ I elude your presence."

Beset by these distractions, we neglect to set aside regular time to cultivate a relationship with our God—also known as time for prayer—then we complain when he doesn't seem to be at our beck and call.

Perhaps we should ask, with the Russian Orthodox monk and theologian Anthony Bloom, "When we think of the absence of God, is it not worthwhile to ask ourselves whom we blame for it?" Perhaps before we point the finger at God, we could check our own attentiveness, ensuring that we are present to God every day, asking his guidance and accepting his direction for our lives, knowing that whatever befalls us, he will hear our prayer.

Attentive and ever-faithful God, may I strive to be as faithful to you, as you are to me. Amen.

Drawing Closer to God by Letting Go

Elizabeth Kirkland Cahill. 08.04.2019
America. The Jesuit Review



From Fifth Monday of Lent

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the darkest valley, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

~ Ps 23

Today, the gently-flowing verses of the 23rd Psalm—a much-loved fixture beside sickbeds, at funerals and in times of distress—encourage us to let go. The psalm invites us to open our clenched fists and release whatever we are clinging to so fiercely, whether it is the deep grief of losing someone we love, the depletion of our souls by unexpected hardship or our own need to act as if we are in charge of our lives. For as the very grammar of the psalm shows us, God is in control.

Throughout these verses, the psalmist does not do much at all; God, however, makes him—makes us—lie down, leads us by still waters, restores our soul, guides us in the right paths. Each of these divine actions has as its object "me," the pronoun attached to verb's end in a tightly-

knit relationship of actor and acted-upon. In the process of reading (or saying aloud) these verses of trust, we find ourselves drawing closer to God, so close, in fact, that we leave off describing him in the detached third person and enter into the intimacy of "you." As the path in front of us leads into a "deep darkness," as the Hebrew reads, (or, in the phrase that the King James translators erroneously but eternally gave the English language, the "valley of the shadow of death"), we reach for God instinctively, urgently.

You are here, your rod and your staff will protect me, you will comfort me. Perhaps as we prepare for the Holy Week that is to come, we will trust fully in God, knowing that whatever our circumstances, we need fear no evil, "for you are with me."

Loving shepherd and generous host, comfort me with the goodness of your presence today and always. Amen.

The Cross and The Altar

In the hours after the fire in Notre Dame de Paris was contained, one of the first photos was this one, where amidst the rubble and the smoke, the Cross and the Altar remained standing. A visible sign at the start of Holy Week that faith still stands up in the saddest of moments, and sustains us on our Pilgrim Journey.

Following this was news that the Fire Service Chaplain had gone into the Cathedral and salvaged first the Blessed Sacrament, then the other ancient relics: the Crown of Thorns of Jesus. A Nail from his Cross, and the Cloak of St Luis.

Stepping into Holy Week, we are also invited to see the moments when the Lord reveals his face to us, as we share in Holy Communion, God here among us.



Parish Matters



Weekend Mass Times

Easter Vigil

Sat Apr 20

Blenheim (7pm) Mass/Fr Pat
Kaikoura (7pm) Mass/Fr John
Picton (7pm) Mass/Fr Julian

Easter Sunday (1)

Sun Apr 21

Seddon (6.15am) Dawn Mass/Fr Pat, *Costello's at Seaview Beach, Flemmings Rd. BBQ Breakfast to follow.*

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Julian
Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr John
(11am) Mass/Hospital/JP
Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Pat
Baptism (11.30) /Fr Pat
Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Julian

Easter Week

Fr's John & Pat in Melbourne for the Annual Province Assembly and Pre-Chapter Meeting. They return on Saturday night.

ANZAC Mass is at 9am with Fr Julian at St Mary's prior to the March.

2nd Sunday of Easter (4)

Sat Apr 27

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Julian

Sun Apr 28

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Julian
Picton (9am) Mass/Fr John
Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat
Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Julian
Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr John
Ward (Loe's at 4pm) Farm Mass/Pat

3rd Sunday of Easter (1)

Sat May 4

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun May 5

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John
Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat
Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**
Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr John
Havelock (11) Mass/Fr Pat
1.30pm John to Rome

Parish News & Event

Passionist Companions Pilgrimage: The Camino to Santiago de Compostelo

Over many years in the various locations of Passionist ministries in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, we have enjoyed the company and partnerships with many good lay people, whether in our parishes, through the Family Groups ministry, and our Retreat Houses.



Out of these relationships, and through mutual discernment, some of our lay associates have moved into a more connected relationship with us, in groups called Passionist Companions. These PC Groups are another form of community, where lay and vowed Passionists explore and share together. Most gather once a month for a time of sharing on an aspect of the Passion of Christ in our lives today, and the Resurrection moments that come with these. Then there is a time of socialising, with some supper and a glass of wine or coffee.



The Endeavour Hills (Melbourne) Group has just finished a 10 day Camino Pilgrimage across part of Spain, finishing at the Cathedral of St James on Monday.

Photos and short stories can be found on the Passionist Face Book Page or the Pilgrims Blog.
FB ... The Passionists: Holy Spirit Province
Blog ...<https://thecamino2019.wordpress.com/>

St Mary's Preschool Board of Governors.

On Tuesday April 11 at the St Mary's Preschool a revised Constitution was approved unanimously.

Following this, the parents/guardians present elected these as their representatives on the Board: Hannah Harris, Maurice Davies, Patrick Mulcahy, Rebecca Hitchcock.

Previously, the Parish Pastoral Council approved the appointment of these as our parish representatives: Anna Gleeson, Jeffrey Ho, and Justin Hanrahan.

At the next meeting of the Board, new Office bearers will be elected.

Thank you to the outgoing Board for their assistance and work for the Preschool over the past 12 months.

Apr 28 Feast of Divine Mercy

On Sunday 28th April at 3pm, the Divine Mercy Devotions will be held in St Mary's Blenheim before the Blessed Sacrament. This gathering for prayer is open to all.

Apr 28: Farm Mass in Ward

Next Farm Mass in Ward is at the Loe's at 4pm. Ward Catholic Community meeting on The Hub at 3pm.

Help Wanted:

A Blenheim parishioner wants to go to Exposition and Mass every Friday. Are you willing to go on a roster ferrying them to and from St Mary's. If enough offer, this will only be once a month. Please contact Belinda Vavasour Ph: 578 2628

Planned Giving Reminder

For those on the Planned Giving Programme, your envelopes and Donation receipts are available in your church Foyer.

Parish Calendar

April

23-26 .. Easter Week

Pat & John at CP Province Assembly in Melbourne. Julian will be in residence and available.

25 .. Anzac Mass at St Mary's (9am)/Fr Julian

26 .. CP Provincial Council

27 .. No Mass on Saturday morning.

28 .. Feast of St Peter Chanel. Celebration at the 10am Mass at St Mary's.

30 .. Pastoral Council (7pm)

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Please remember those parishioners who have passed away over the years and are noted in our memorial books at Blenheim, Kaikoura and Picton. People will be mentioned specifically each week if family notify the office of their loved ones anniversary.

April 20 Jeanne Jenkins **23** June Lacey

Other Intentions: Joevil de la Cruz, deceased members of the Stretch & Fitzpatrick families, Michael McKee & relatives of McKee/ Hounsell family

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$3110.00
Envelopes:	\$1436.00
Loose:	\$ 854.80
Easter Sunday:	\$ 20.00
Holy places:	\$ 25.00

thank
you!