



# 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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## Newsletter No 17: 28 April 2019 Second Sunday of Easter

### 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)

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Parish Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison

### Easter Across Marlborough

While Easter came in the middle  
of the holidays, the holiday makers  
came to us. By Sunday our communities  
doubled in many Churches, with the visi-  
tors leaving us pleased they came.

#### From Havelock

Happy Easter everyone. At-  
tached are some photos from our Good  
Friday procession from St Peter's to Sa-  
cred Heart church. It was a lovely cele-  
bration with both church communities.  
Special thanks to Fr Julian and Rev Sue  
Howarth for their prayers and leader-  
ship.



#### From Kaikoura

A highlight of the weekend was  
the Baptism of the Petrus Family, Vladi-  
mir and Veronika and their three chil-  
dren. Originating from Czech Republic,  
they have made their home in Kaikoura.  
On their first visit to New World, they  
were greeted by a very very friendly  
storeman. They then saw him at Church  
where he was also welcoming, and de-  
cided, this is our home.



#### With Thanks

Thank you to all parishioners  
who took an active role in the liturgies  
across the parish communities, those ut  
front in the Churches and those behind  
the scenes who prepared the spaces for  
our prayer.

Thank you also to Fr Julian Wagg  
for joining us for these three weekends  
and Holy Week, so that we were able to  
celebrate the Easter Triduum in our main  
Churches. His generosity over the past  
three Easters is appreciated by us.

John Pearce CP.

### Readings for Second Week of Easter (C)

#### Octave of Easter - Second Sunday of Easter

Sun 28th: Acts 5:12-16      Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19      John 20:19-31  
Psalm Response: Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good His love is everlasting  
Mon 29th: Acts 4:23-31      John 3:1-8      St Catherine of Siena, D.V.  
Tues 30th: Acts 4:32-37      John 3:7-15  
Wed 1st May: Acts 5:17-26      John 3:16-21  
Thu 2nd: Acts 5:27-33      John 3:31-36      St Athanasius, B.D.  
Fri 3rd: 1Corin 15:1-8      John 14:6-14      Sts Philip and James, Apostles  
Sat 4th: Acts 6:1-7      John 6:16-21

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Sun 5th: Acts 5:27-32,40-41      Apocalypse 5:11-14      John 21:1-19

## The Spire of Notre Dame has Fallen, But Our Faith Endures

Edward W. Schmidt SJ. 16 April 2019



A man kneels as people came to watch and photograph the Notre Dame cathedral after the fire in Paris, Tuesday, April 16, 2019. (AP Photo/Christophe Ena)

I am in Milan for Holy Week. I have done this a couple of times before, privileged to experience our faith in this ancient center of Christian life and thought.

Yesterday, I walked down toward Milan's Piazza del Duomo, the plaza in front of the cathedral, the center of town, the heart of the city. As the façade of the cathedral came into view, its dozens of statues gleamed in the afternoon sun. (They had undergone thorough cleaning in recent years.) This façade, though not so ancient as the structure behind it, speaks of faith, of art, of celebration, of what has been and is and is yet to be. These are the saints who have gone before us and who call us to follow them as they lived the Gospels in their days.

At the same time as I admired Milan's cathedral, I did not know that a couple of 100 miles to the northwest, the cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris was in flames. When later my younger brother and sister both alerted me to this catastrophe, I watched some video footage on the small screen of my computer. Flames roared into the sky, and the ancient spire in the center of the roof caught fire and soon collapsed. The people in the videos watched in horror, as now did I.

As in many of Europe's cities, the cathedral in Paris is a magnet, drawing faithful Catholics through its portals to get in touch with their roots. But it also attracts tourists, individuals of other faiths or of no faith, curious about its art and its history, its splendor and its mystery. It is easy to believe that very few of these tourists leave untouched by the faith that imagined and built and kept this place alive through centuries.

Twenty years ago, "Notre Dame de Paris," a musical based

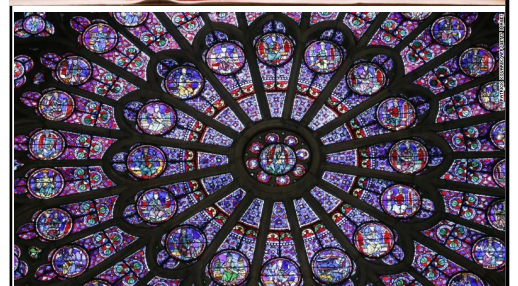
on Victor Hugo's writing, opened in Paris. It soon after toured Europe, including a London production in English. In one of the musical numbers, the singer declares that "it has arrived, the age of the cathedrals, as the world has entered a new time." He says that he and his colleagues are the nameless artists "in rock and in rhymes" who made that age what it was. They cut the wood and chiseled the stone and shaped and fired the bricks. They raised up pillars branching into pointed arches that lifted the lofty roofs. They "wanted to climb up toward the stars, to write their story in glass and in stone." (Josh Groban has a beautiful rendering of this song in French on his album "Stages.")

This was not some mere house they were making; it was art, story, life. They spent their lives celebrating their faith, the faith of their families, their cities. Thus they shared that faith with future generations. In Paris, this has been going on for 850 years. And now a sudden fire has wiped away much of what they lived and toiled for.

Are these stones I see in Milan permanent? Every possible care is taken to make them so. Entering the cathedral now means standing in a long line and passing through tough security, a sad necessity of our times. The line is shorter just to enter the left side, which is specifically set aside for praying. But still the visitors come, the faithful and the curious, who experience something here that makes the lines worth the wait. They admire and they pray, and when they leave they bring with them the memories and the feelings they experienced here.

Today's headline in Milan's *Corriere della Sera* proclaimed "In Lacrime per Notre Dame" ("In Tears for Notre Dame"), which appeared under a dramatic photo of the cathedral ablaze. An inside page ran a spread of the faces of Parisians as they watched in horror as their cathedral, the heart of their city, burned away.

The fire tears at all of our hearts and makes us wonder: Will Paris rebuild? One would suppose so. Life will endure. And so will the faith, which does not need our buildings, as much as they enhance it. We will continue to write our stories, in glass and in stone, perhaps, but also in how we live our lives with others and for others. This cannot burn away.



# Pope Francis: Different Religions

## Don't be Afraid that God has Allowed Different Religions in the World

Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service.  
3 April 2019



No one should be afraid that God has allowed there to be different religions in the world, Pope Francis said.

"But we should be frightened if we are not doing the work of fraternity, of walking together in life" as brothers and sisters of one human family, he said.

As is customary, at his general audience April 3, the first after his March 30-31 trip to Morocco, Pope Francis reviewed his visit.

"People might ask themselves, 'Why is it the pope visits Muslims and not just Catholics?'" the pope said.

Catholics and Muslims are both "descendants of the same father, Abraham," he said, and the trip was another step on a journey of "dialogue and encounter with (our) Muslim brothers and sisters."

The pope said he wanted to follow in the footsteps of two great saints: St. Francis of Assisi, who brought a "message of peace and fra-

ternity" to Sultan al-Malik al-Kami 800 years ago, and St. John Paul II, who visited Morocco in 1985.

Pope Francis said people also may wonder why God allows there to be so many different religions in the world.

Some theologians say it is part of God's "permissive will," allowing "this reality of many religions. Some emerge from the culture, but they always look toward heaven and God," the pope said.

"What God wants is fraternity among us," he said, which is why "we must not be frightened by difference. God has allowed this." But it is right to be worried when people are not working toward a more fraternal world, he added.

The pope's comment about God's "voluntas permissiva" or "permissive will" clarified a controversy that erupted during the pope's trip in February to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

He and Sheikh Ahmad el-Tayeb -- a leading authority for many Sunni Muslims, signed a document on human fraternity that said, "The pluralism and the diversity of religions, colour, sex, race and language are willed by God in his wisdom, through which he created human beings."

In his audience talk April 3, the pope clarified that God did not create religious diversity, but rather allows it to happen, as he created human beings who possess free will.

During the general audience, the pope also spoke about the many encounters and events during the two-day trip, making special mention of his visit with migrants -- some of

whom told him how their lives only became "human" again when they found a community that welcomed them as human beings.

"This is key," the pope said.

The Vatican supported the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which was adopted by the majority of U.N. member states at a conference in Morocco in December, so that the international community could strengthen an approach that focused on welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants.

"It's not about assistance programs coming down from 'on-high'" but about everyone working together "to build cities and countries that, even preserving their respective cultural and religious identities, are open to differences and know how to see their value" as part of a sign of human fraternity.

Reading from his prepared text about the church's work with migrants, the pope looked up at the people in the square and said that, in all honesty, "I do not like to say, 'migrants,'" preferring to say, "people who migrate."

"We have fallen into a culture of adjectives. We use so many adjectives and sometimes we forget the substantive," that is, the noun or "the substance," he said.

When talking about people, it is better to remember the adjective should always go with a noun, "a person," he said.

"That way there is respect and no falling into this culture of adjectives that is too fluid, too airy" and lacking substance, he said.

## The Elephant in the Room



### The Elephant in the Room: The Clergy

12 April 2019. The Jesuit Institute South Africa

"It seems the younger priests emerging from seminaries, here and elsewhere, are getting better (or worse!) at demanding full allegiance from the laity," said an email I received this week.

Last Saturday the Archbishop of Johannesburg, Buti Tlhagale, preached about his woes -- and sufferings -- as a diocesan bishop at the first profession of a religious sister. He reportedly said that some priests "regard the money of the parish as their own, like Zuma with state funds, it is their own little piggy bank."

Here is the burgeoning question: When will we deal with the elephant in the room -- the clergy? Pope Francis has condemned 'clericalism'. One of the big systemic problems in the Catholic Church is us, the clergy. Yet, this is not being addressed. If anything needs urgent reform it is the current archaic formation system that

is failing dismally. Two seminary professors write an article worth reading in *Commonweal Magazine* entitled "The Reform Seminaries Need".

Many lay people too have bought into the clerical caste and so aid and abet clericalism. Our ecclesiology needs serious rethinking.

People often talk about how they are treated by those in (and those who support) the clerical caste. One priest stopped children from serving at Sunday Mass because he hadn't seen them at Mass the week before. In the sacristy he told them that they could not serve as they had missed Mass and needed to go to confession first. He *assumed* they had missed Mass -- is his the only parish? He *assumed* they hadn't been to confession -- is he the only confessor in town?

A priest refused to say a weekly Mass for a local school and forbade the school from asking another priest to celebrate Mass in 'my territory'. He said he could only celebrate Mass once a month at the school.

Another newly minted priest, starting out in a parish, stopped a religious woman who has been in religious life for over 50 years, from doing a

communion service for the sick and infirm (as she had done for many years).

Yet another priest told a woman whose marriage was a real source of unhappiness (for too many reasons to write here), that even if she cried herself to sleep every night and woke up in the same state every morning, she had no choice but to make the marriage work. This was her "cross" in life!

There are many good priests who have given their lives generously and at great cost to the service of others. There are, it seems, a growing number of us priests who would be better off heading-up dictatorial fiefdoms. These pastoral issues don't even begin to address the mismanagement of resources. Priests have, for many people, become the weekly cross they bear.

Unless there is considerable attention given to reforming the way priests are trained and carefully discerning who is put forward for ordained ministry, we are in great danger of becoming more like the Pharisees Jesus was so often at odds with.

# Parish Matters

## Weekend Mass Times

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (4) Feast of St Peter Chanel

Sat Apr 27

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Julian

Sun Apr 28

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr John

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Julian

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr John

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Julian

Ward (4pm) Farm Mass/Fr Pat

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (1)

Sat May 4

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

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 flies to Rome**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (2)

Mothers Day

*Fr John in Rome. Fr Chris Akiaten CP is assisting for the weekend before a holiday. Chris is a Pilipino Passionist, Assistant Novice Master in Adelaide.*

Sat May 11

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Chris

Sun May 12

Seddon (8am) **W&C**

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Chris

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10am) **W&C**

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Chris

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (3)

Sat May 18

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr John

Sun May 19

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Senele

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr John

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Senele

Havelock (11) Mass/Fr John

Tongan Community Mass/Fr Senele

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr John

## Pope Francis in Holy Week We need forgiveness every day: Pope

*Published: 11 April 2019*

Everyone is "in debt" to

God, who offers his infinite love and graces for free, Pope Francis said.

Source: *CNS*.

"We have received so much: our existence, a father and a mother, friendships, the wonders of creation," the Pope said yesterday during his weekly general audience in a rain-soaked St Peter's Square.

"Even if difficult days happen to everyone, we must always remember that life is a grace, it is a miracle that God has pulled out of the blue."

Continuing his audience talks about the Lord's Prayer, Francis looked at how Jesus teaches people to ask God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us".

"Just as we need bread, we need forgiveness every day," he said.

With the Lord's Prayer, he said, Christians ask that God forgive their "being in debt," which is the meaning behind the use of the word "trespasses" in the original Greek of the Gospel.

Even "if we were perfect, even the purest of saints who never waver from a life of good, we are always children who owe everything to the Father," the Pope said. In fact, the most dangerous thing Christians can be are people filled with pride, deceiving themselves that they are on par with God and owe him nothing, he added.

While some sins are "loud" and glaringly visible, Francis said, pride is the worst of the "sneaky", less obvious sins, which "nest in the heart" without one realising it.

Pride can be "contagious," even infecting those who live an intensely religious life, he added, and it divides people, making them believe they are better than others.

"Before God, we are all sinners and we have reason to beat our breast," he said. "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

Everyone also is in debt, the Pope said, for the boundless love they receive from God. People are capable of loving because they have been loved first and they love, not with their own power, but "with the grace of God", he said.

### Pharmacy Discount Card

Dear Parishioners, historically a significant number of you were members of the Hibernian Society. As you know the Society has closed down. A major benefit from belonging to the Hibernians was to enjoy a 20% DISCOUNT on prescriptions and front shop sales at the UFS Pharmacy here in Blenheim. Many Hibernians took advantage of this significant benefit. It was the intention of the governing body of the local branch that going forward, members could continue to receive this 20% discount at the UFS Pharmacy by simply paying a small annual fee ( \$15.00 per adult/children fee ) at the pharmacy. I fear this communication to you may have

been lost in translation!

Just to clarify, Ex Hibernians (or Hibernian wanna be's after the fact! ) are welcome to join the family of discount holders at the UFS Pharmacy and as such continue to be part of the ongoing tradition which gives significant benefits to members! Please feel free to call into the pharmacy or phone on 5786099 and have a chat with Chris or Jackie if you would like further clarification. And remember ...there are no "strings" or "fish hooks".

We look forward to talking with you soon!  
Chris Furness, Manager/Pharmacist, Marlborough UFS Dispensary

## Parish News & Events Our Vinnies Shops

Our St Vincent de Paul Conferences have Vinnies Shops in Picton and

Blenheim. Both do a wonderful service for the community, providing good quality 2nd hand clothing and bric-a-brac. They also provide opportunities for men and

women, young and old to be of service to others. The funds raised go back into the community in response to particular needs. Blenheim is seeking Men's clothes and Maternity wear at this time. Easter weekend might be a good time to clear out wardrobes. The two conferences are meeting this **Sunday 28th at the Mercy Room in Blenheim at 2pm. Blenheim conference please bring a pate.**



### Apr 28 Feast of Divine Mercy

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Catholic Community meeting at 3pm re the proposed Heritage Hub.

### May 5: Variety Concert

Wesley Centre at 2pm, Featuring the Richmond Handbell Choir from Christchurch, supported by the Marlborough Singers, bagpipes & organ duo and a visiting organist.

### Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

**Recently Deceased:** Everly Dunfoy KK, Pat Bunt PN

**Anniversaries:**

**April 26** Denis Harnett

**Other Intentions:** 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:	\$1448.00
Envelopes:	\$1120.50
Loose:	\$ 0.00
Easter Dues:	\$4376.30
Holy Places:	\$ 821.60

thank you!