



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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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



As is usual, John had already filled this
weekend's newsletter before he left. Be-
low he described what he would be doing
on Mother's Day. Little did he know that
he would be celebrating with her, face to
face. What a lovely day this will be for
them.

Happy Mother's Day

In my years in our Sydney par-
ish of Marrickville, on Mother's Day I
went to lunch at Concord West Parish,
where a priest friend organised lunch for
a group of us whose mothers had died.
Lunch was always the same, mum's
corned beef and cabbage. At the end of
the meal, each man had to say some-
thing about his mother.

Remembering and celebrating
and saying Thank You are important
parts of this day. Presence is more im-
portant than presents today.

Sorry I'm away this weekend.
Hopefully I'm enjoying three days of
R&R with Joachim, our Aussie Superior
General, after the Jubilee Committee
meeting earlier in the week.

Today at Mass I will give thanks
for all the Parish Mothers. I fly out of
Rome at 4.40pm this afternoon, arriving

home on Tuesday morning.

John Pearce CP.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is a special day of
prayer for vocations to the priesthood.

Please pray for our seminarians
Alfred, Matthew and Kin and all those
discerning the call to priesthood.

Could someone you know be-
come tomorrow's priest? Pray for this
person. Invite him to consider priest-
hood. Affirm his gifts and qualities. En-
courage him to be open to the possibility
of becoming a priest.

"The Lord's call is not an intru-
sion of God in our freedom; it is the lov-
ing initiative whereby God encounters us
and invites us to be part of a great un-
dertaking. Every vocation is a summons
to follow Jesus on the path he has
marked out for us, for our own happi-
ness and for the good of those around
us."

Pope Francis

Fr David Dowling
Vocations Director
Archdiocese of Wellington



Readings for Fourth Week of Easter (C)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sun 12th Acts 13:14,43-52 Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 John 10:27-30

Psalm Response: We Are His People The Sheep of His flock

Mon 13th: Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10

Tues 14th: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 John 15:9-17 **St Matthias, Apostle**

Wed 15th: Acts 12:24-13:5 John 12:44-50

Thu 16th: Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20

Fri 17th: Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6

Sat 18th: Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sun 19th: Acts 14:21-27 Apocalypse 21:1-5 John: 13:31-35

A Great Totara has fallen

The Following is the eulogy given by Greg Stretch, Parish Pastoral Chair, at Fr Johns Funeral.

I am honoured to be asked to share with you, on behalf of the Star of the Sea Parish a few words about what John meant to us.

During his 2 ½ years as our parish priest, John impressed us all with his strong commitment to bringing the wider parish community together following the amalgamation of the various parishes that now make up the Star of the Sea. John travelled freely between Picton (where his favourite café Gusto's was located), Havelock, Renwick, Blenheim, Seddon, Ward and Kaikoura to ensure everyone was included on this journey. Following the Kaikoura Earthquake John became a frequent flyer with Sounds Air, ensuring that community continued to



be supported.

John wanted to grow the church as a community. He understood that our church was our people, not our places of worship. He was very passionate about our faith and getting out into the community. John also spent many hours with students at our schools throughout the parish talking and joking with them in his warm and unique way. He was also a good supporter of the chocolate wheel at school galas.

John was larger than life, a people person. He was interested in where people came from and where they were going. He could see skills in



them and drag them into ministry and expand their horizons and in such a way that you couldn't say no.

Now I was bought up to always refer to our priests as "Father". I recall early in our friendship Father John saying to me "for Pete's sake, just call me John". He had no airs or graces and was most definitely a man of the people. I remember emailing John not long after he came to town to welcome him and suggest a coffee. His was always a cappuccino ... with cinnamon. So, we chatted and he asked me what

I'd been involved with in the parish in the past.

Down the track John emailed me to catch up for a coffee, I thought "that's nice, being invited out by the parish priest for a coffee"! Unbeknown to me it was to ask me to Chair the parish pastoral council ... only for a year he said. We've spent many hours together since discussing not only church matters, but also sport and particularly his love of the Parramatta Eels. They had a big win on Sunday, John would have been chuffed with that.

He had talents in many areas, music, interior design, creating events and so eloquent. He was always smiling and enjoyed a good laugh and a good natter. Yes, John was a great story teller and loved talking about his time in Melbourne and Sydney too.

John embraced New Zealand Maoritangi and had recently started to learn Te Reo Maori. John started the inter-faith relations in Marlborough and was also heavily involved in the



Blenheim Christian Ministers' Association. John was a prime mover behind a vigil in Blenheim to honour the victims and families of the Christchurch Mosque Shooting. And recently John was made an Airforce chaplain at Base Woodbourne, earning him an Airforce ID card ... which he was very proud of!

John delivered thought-provoking sermons which always resonated with you and made you reflect on your own faith. He often used his own life stories growing up in Australia, and always peppered these with humour and that famous smile!

He was very active in his role, often travelling back to Australia for meetings and being involved in the 300th Jubilee Commission in Rome. John was also instrumental in driving the Passionist family groups within the parish.

He was well liked and will be missed. This is evidenced not only by the people here today, but also the many tributes on social media from here and abroad. Father Pat (can I call you Pat now) and I will be travelling to Sydney next week for John's funeral at St Bridget's in Marrickville, followed by his burial in the Passionist Section at Rookwood Cemetery, where I am sure we will meet many of those that have

been influenced by his faith and stewardship.

I would like to thank everyone who has send messages of support to the parish, send flowers and cards and provided meals. The office has been inundated with apologies from people who unfortunately couldn't be here to farewell a much loved and respected man.

I would also like to thank the Passionists and John's family for allowing John to be part of our lives here at the Star of the Sea Parish. My thanks also to Ginetta for her support and organisation these past days. And to you Pat, you have lost a good friend. We acknowledge that and are so grateful you continue to give of your time so freely to do God's work. We are, all of us, here to support you.

My last words to John were



"safe travels and have a great time in Rome and say hi to the big fella for me". I meant the Pope but it seems John had other ideas.

John, you are in a better place now. Look down on us all with a happy heart knowing that we will continue to use our time and talent's.



Rest in Peace Father John.

Memories



Parish Matters

Weekend Mass Times

4th Sunday of Easter (2)

Mothers Day

Sat May 11

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Chris Atiakaten

Sun May 12

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

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Chris

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/Fr Pat

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Chris

The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday so we can catch our breath.

5th Sunday of Easter (3)

Sat May 18

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/

Sun May 19

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Senele

Picton (9am) **W&C**

Kaikoura (9.30) Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim (10) Mass/Fr Senele

Havelock (11) **W&C**

Tongan Community Mass/Fr Senele

Renwick (5) Mass/Fr ?



Parish News & Events

Catholic Vocations Today

Who would be a priest of religious today?

People like Fr Justin Glynn SJ above, a university graduate, a migrant from South Africa to New Zealand, now working as a priest within an international Religious Community called the Jesuits.

People like Fr Chris

Atiakaten CP from the Philippines who is joining us for the next few weeks.

People like Deacon Joseph Liaia CP

from Papua New Guinea who is coming to us on July 14 for an immersion experience for 3 weeks.

The invitation is this: Please consider!



Welcome Fr Chris Atiakaten CP

Chris is with us May 7-26, to see how we operate as a parish and to have a break. He is from the Philippines, and has been assistant novice master in Ade-

laide for the past four years. In August he returns to the Philippines to continue work as a formator. Welcome Chris.

Parish Review of Buildings and Properties

In February, the Newsletter gave us information and the documents from the Archbishop on the present Review of Churches, Presbyteries and Properties across the Diocese.

Several realities have caught up with us. First, the cost of maintaining many churches with low attendance rates, low income, and the rising cost of insurance. These factors are beyond many parishes.

Secondly, since amalgamation, maintaining liturgies and churches close to each other is draining the time and energies of the dwindling number of ageing priests, and our ageing communities. In essence, we can't continue as we are. The human and financial resources are beyond us.

We have been quietly gathering basic information of our properties and buildings over the last few months. We have now begun discussions and consultation with local committees, Stewardship Groups, Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council & the Finance & Property Committee will be working together over the next few months to give oversight to the work of research a number of us are doing.

Once completed, this paper will be brought to the parish members for consultation.

Please pray for our leadership group members as we discern the right steps forward for our Marlborough Parish

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

1.Safeguarding Workshop.

We are negotiating dates for a 90 minutes workshop on Safeguarding by the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding in July or August.

2.Safeguarding Complaints

In each of our Churches and Schools, there is an information card available of who to contact in the Archdiocese if we have a complaint on abuse of children and vulnerable adults. Complaints may be recent or historical.

We will look at Drivers' licenses and passports after mass next weekend.

May 20: St Vincent de Paul PN

This conference invites you to meet and mingle with member and volunteers if you are interested in joining the team. Light refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome. 6pm at St Joseph's Place, 7 Otago Street.

May 25: New Zealand Catholic Medical Association

Advance notice.....New Zealand Catholic Medical Association - Inaugural Meeting Date: Sat: 25 May 2019 Time: 10am -3pm Place: St Michael's School Hall, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, Auckland - Cost \$25 per person. Blessing and Holy Mass from Bishop Patrick Dunn Provides an opportunity for doctors and others involved in healthcare to find pastoral care, support, encouragement and faith development. Registration is required by 20 May 2019. Details newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz/event Contact email: info@newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

Protect vulnerable people: Say no to the euthanasia Bill

If you haven't already signed your name to the petition rejecting David Seymour's Euthanasia Bill, we ask that you consider visiting this link and providing your details to oppose this. <https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/protect-vulnerable-people-say-no-to-the-euthanasia-bill.html>

The euthanasia Bill is fundamentally flawed and dangerous. There are no effective safeguards that can adequately protect vulnerable people from coercion and wrongful deaths.

If more than one person in your household would like to sign the petition this is allowed, but each person needs to use a different device (PC, Mac, tablet, phone, etc).

Parish Calendar

May

12 .. Mother's Day

13 .. Kaikoura Stewardship Group

14 ... Fr John returns.

19 .. Sounds Stewardship (5pm)

21 .. Renwick Community Meeting

21 .. Finance & Property Committee

Review Committee

Pastoral Council

27 .. St Mary's Youth Committee

28 .. Catholic Schools Day

June-August

June 2 .. Ascension of the Lord

June 9 .. Pentecost

Jul 8-12 .. CP Provincial Chapter

Aug 17 .. Confirmation @ Blenheim (5pm)

Aug 18 .. Confirmation @ Kaikoura

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Fr John Pearce cp, Barrie Clark

Anniversaries: 4th May Jim Kilmartin, **9** Ripeka Clayton **12** Asuncion Godinez

Other Intentions: McConway, Hope & Cheeseman family, Hand & Nolan family

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$3624.00
Envelopes:	\$1700.50
Loose:	\$ 703.20
Easter Dues:	\$ 145.00
Holy Places:	\$ 55.00

thank you!