



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

Thank you.

In his last sermon, Fr John
preached about INTENTIONAL sharing
and caring. Little did he know that would
set the tone for the next couple of
weeks.

First there were the well wishers
offering their condolences, to the Parish,
to the Congregation of the Passion, to
John's family. Thank you.

The offers of help in so many
ways: cleaning the presbytery, providing
meals, prepping meals, doing the laun-
dry, providing morning and afternoon
teas. Thank you.



The team that put together
John's farewell, he would have been
proud of what was achieved. You all
worked so well together and it just got
done. Special thanks to those who
picked up the wheels when they fell off!!

To the Tongan Community who
set up the mats and flowers for the Ro-
sary, the Mercy Room where John
stayed for the night, Then packed it all
up to set the stage for the funeral, THEN

provided the music at 5pm AND 10 am
Masses: thank you for your service and
commitment.



To the Marlborough Convention
Centre, for accommodating us at such
short notice, Thank you. To Sowman's
Funeral Directors, for caring for John and
helping with the necessary details, thank
you.

To Blenheim School, for opening
their grounds for the extra parking, St
Vincent de Paul, Picton & Blenheim con-
ferences for organising the cuppa after-
wards, and went like clockwork. Thank
you.

To those who answered phones
and queries at the office, made cups of
tea and offered inspiration. Thank you.

Both Fr Pat and I thank you all
for your support, thoughtfulness and
continued prayers. John's family were
touched to hear of the high regard the
Parish had for John, and the efforts
made to make them feel welcome in
their time of sorrow.

Ginetta Petersen, Parish Manager.

Readings for Fifth Week of Easter (C)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Psalm Response: I will Praise Your Name forever My King and my God

Mon 20th: Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26

Tues 21st: Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31

Wed 22nd: Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8

Thu 23rd: Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11

Fri 24th: Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17 **Mary Help of Christians**

Sat 25th: Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sun 26th: Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

How We farewelled John Pearce cp

It started Friday morning. As part of their usual Friday morning prayers, The children of St Mary's School, talked about Fr John and what they remembered about him. There were turns at bringing forward material and these were draped around the cross. This was one of Fr John's loves of expression in liturgy. The children also said prayers. The time was interspersed with some of his favourite songs.



That evening, There was a Rosary in the church led by Fr Pat. People had the opportunity to share their thoughts about John and the funny things he would say. He didn't like titles, especially "father". He would tease the St Mary's School DRS, Rosie Lamain. Whenever she said "Hello Father" he would reply "Hello Mother".



John was then taken to the Mercy Room, where people could spend time with him, pray and say their goodbyes.

The following morning, Fr John travelled to the Marlborough Convention Centre which had been decked out in honour of the occasion.



Fr John was welcomed in with a Karanga. Then Peter Pearce, his brother, and Greg Stretch, chair of the Parish Council, gave parting words about John. Greg's Eulogy was in last weeks newsletter.



The following is the eulogy from Peter Pearce:

On behalf of my wife, Helen & son Jim, who are here today we would like to extend a thank you to everyone here who has come to celebrate the life of Fr John Pearce.

My name is Peter Pearce John's younger brother, I can tell you how proud I am of John to be my oldest brother. John is the oldest of 4 children in the Pearce family being John, Brian, Peter & Ann.

John's journey into his life as a priest was influenced first by my mother Maureen but helped on by my grandmother Delia who was a staunch Irish Catholic.

Mom & Dad got married in late 1940's and John was born on 6 July 1950.

John was the first of 4 children born by 1956 - we lived in Guildford an outer suburb of Sydney in a fibro house tile roof and a few dogs.

Our easy family life was interrupted by mum contracting tuberculosis in 1958 she was sent to a convalescent home at Picton in NSW to get over the sickness, t.b. was a contagious illness.

John & Brian were sent to my grandparents' house in Marrickville where they went to kindergarten and first class. I lived with 3 different families for a period of 4 to 5 months. It was a confusing time for us all. Dad went to work and got on with visiting Mum and working as an accountant with a Sydney daily newspaper.

My grandmother Delia Edward had a big influence on John's Catholic upbringing while he lived there at Marrickville, she walked a mile to St Brigid's church each morning for Mass.

Mum slowly got over the tuberculosis and came home, the family got back together. Mum prayed a lot while she was at Picton when she was sick, I remember there was a saying in the house that if she got over her illness, she would dedicate her first son to God.



John's future was sealed, it was a given that one day he would become a priest. He left home to join the Passionist noviciate at St Ives. I was 13, John was 16.

Our life as a family at home was easy, John went to primary school at St Joseph's Guildford, secondary school at Marist brothers Paramatta. Our weekends were spent going to sport: John played rugby league for Guildford convent where he excelled in the position of left right out as dad described it.

All our holidays were spent at

a nice coastal town called Ettalong, there was a saying when we were kids "get along to Ettalong", aboriginal for "a place for drinking". Each morning Dad and Mum took us down to the water ways to go fishing, John specialised in untangling the bird's nest in the fishing lines on the beach. Poor John he never caught a fish Dad wouldn't buy bait so we used bread for the rusty hook. It never lasted long on the hook, John got so frustrated with the bread coming off the rusty hooks and untangling the birds nest in the old fishing line I remember him sitting on the sand sulking. To add salt into the wound I caught a large flat head. Dad and Mum told John to stand up there and got a photo of him and the fish. He wasn't happy standing there with my fish, his younger brother caught, a photo with my fish.

John was included in all his brothers & sisters' life and their children his nephews. We loved John, and were so proud of him.



After the Gospel, Passionist Provincial, Fr Tom McDonough cp, gave the following homily:

When someone dies, one of the things that becomes possible is to see their life as a whole. When we live with someone, especially someone larger than life, as John was, we get caught up in the 'immediate', the present moment, what is happening here and now. And that effects how immediately we see them and what we think or feel about them or how we respond to them.

And when we see the pattern of their whole life, we can really appreciate who they have been for us, and what their life has meant, the difference they have made, how they have left our lives richer, and our world a better place. Even their idiosyncrasies, the things that might have driven us crazy, we can smile about them now, and we wish we still had to put up with them. And with John's passing we now have the chance to see John's whole life - and how he has made our lives so much richer.

when we take stock of all John did, the huge variety of ministries and roles and responsibilities he had over the 43 years of his life as a priest, it is quite breath-taking. I may not get the order right but it includes:-straight after ordination, John was in youth retreats, stranger camps, school retreats and parish missions, was stationed with Kevin Hennessy in Geelong and with our Passion-

ist Retreat and Mission Team
 -spiritual leadership Program in Chicago and then the ministry of spiritual direction
 -Director of the Adelaide retreat House
 -retreats and adult education in Papua New Guinea for seminarians and Uni students
 -Adult education with teachers, parishes, Passionist Family groups & Passionist companions.
 - parish priest of Endeavour Hills, Marrickville and Marlborough
 -he was a whizz catechetical and liturgy programs, especially music
 - establishing Men's Clubs and Men's spirituality programs
 -ecumenical and interfaith work, to name a few.

But underneath this enormous variety and workload there were real constants: John had a passion for mission - the mission of the Church to be the field hospital Pope Francis called us to be. Within that general mission John was passionate about the mission of our congregation to bring to people wherever and wherever they are, the message of the Cross: this is how much God loves you. Mission was John's driving force.

In all the incredible business of



his life, John was totally committed to his Passionist brothers and to community life. No matter how busy, community responsibilities, community prayer, meals recreation, relationships where an unquestioned priority. In places as PP he also was the 2-i-C for the community. John also took the time to get out into the garden, planting and mowing and getting his hands into the soil.

All these various ministries also represent John's extraordinary ability to make and keep friendships, relationships and connections. John never left behind a ministry and those he shared it with; he took those friendships and partnerships with him. John kept up contact with an absolutely amazing number of people - lay people he worked for, parishioners, community friends and benefactors, lay partners he worked with, religious from many congregations, diocesan clergy, members of parliament, local councils, and more. He was in contact with people from many of our other provinces that he'd met in his studies or at congregational meetings or seminars, or his work.

And in this too we see John's Passion for mission was always grounded in the down to earth and the local. John wanted to make church

happen at the local level, - the parish, the local neighbourhood, the local church, the deanery, the diocese. John was a great one for partnerships, collaborating and sharing. He was concerned about what worked.

And as we have seen most recently here in Marlborough, John was passionate about empowering the local church, empowering the school or the parish, to educate the local community to make Church - firstly because that is your privilege and responsibility as the baptised, and not just but also because there won't be enough clergy.



John was also wonderfully creative, always working on new ideas, new projects, reading widely, googling madly, to know what was being tried elsewhere. And he was always game to try it out where he happened to be. He wasn't shy at naming the elephant in the room, questioning the status quo, or afraid of making the difficult decisions. One of his last gifts to us has been in our planning for our future and making us face as a Province the questions and decisions about ministry and finance that we must make at our chapter in July if we are to keep going.

John was also an avid communicator. Emails were answered instantly. Minutes of our Provincial Council meeting arrived on our computers before the meeting had finished. Facebook and social media were second nature. He communicated on a personal level; and he wanted to get the greatest outreach -to get the message out there. AND of course his Parish Bulletins, were an adult education course in themselves.

It goes without saying that John was a tireless and dynamic worker. He never stopped, and perhaps that is what stopped him last Sunday. He was always thinking, doing planning, meeting, talking, organising, suggestions, offering and initiating. His capacity for work was amazing. He was always restless to be doing.

And holding all this together was the other side of John, the brother and uncle to his family, the brother to us in the Province. John the larrikin, John the friend. He had so many strengths, but he also had his doubts; he could be so self confident, but also felt at times paralysed by the stress and anxiety; he could do so much but also questioned his own ability.

John was in the prime of his life when he died. He had renewed confidence in himself, he knew he was valued by us his brothers; he was affirmed as a Provincial Consultor, as a member of the Executive of our Asian

Pacific Regional governance; he was on our Congregational International Committee for our 300th Jubilee, he was loving his work at Marlborough rolling out the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan, and developing strategies of his own for the future Church. Wherever he went his gifts, abilities and competence were being affirmed.

We Passionists will miss all of John's gifts and his energy, but most of all we will miss John. He leaves an enormous hole in the Province, which can't be filled. We are richer for having shared life with him and I guess what John would want us to do now is to share the stories, enjoy the wake, and then to get back to work bringing the message of God's incredible love to those who need it most.



Cardinal John Dew was the presider for the Requiem Mass, accompanied by twelve priests from the Archdiocese and the Passionist Community.

Various representatives of the parish and local community, were involved in the offertory procession, the bringing forth of the symbols of John's life and as pallbearers.

Fr John's favourite hymn, The Galilee Song, was sung after the symbols were presented. Both the Tongan Community and the 10am Mass band provided the music.

On Sunday, Fr John was flown to Sydney, where he was farewelled at St Brigid's Marrickville. Fr Pat went to the funeral and Greg Stretch accompanied him, to represent our parish and Support Fr Pat.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will publish the articles Fr John had intended for the newsletters over the last two weeks.

We will honour Fr John's memory by carrying on the work he started.



Parish Matters

Weekend Mass Times

5th Sunday of Easter (3)

Sat May 18

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

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

6th Sunday of Easter (4)

Sat May 25

Blenheim (5pm) Mass/Fr Pat

Sun May 26

Seddon (8am) Mass/Fr Chris

Picton (9am) Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura (9.30) **W&C**

Blenheim (10am) Mass/ Fr Chris

Havelock (11am) Mass/Fr Pat

Then Fr Chris returns to Adelaide



Parish News & Events

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

National Police Vetting for Church Employees & Volunteers

1. National Police Vetting for Church Employees & Volunteers

The next step for Police Vetting is for ID to be sighted by a staff member or delegated volunteer. Two forms of ID are needed.

1. A Passport or Birth certificate
 2. A Drivers license or photo ID.
- This can be done at the Office or at Church on Sundays.

Our implementation of this requirement is moving ahead slowly but successfully.

May 20: St Vincent de Paul Picton

We invite you to meet and mingle with members 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

Inaugural Meeting 10am - 3pm, at St Michael's School Hall, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, Auckland - Cost \$25 per person.

Will include Blessing and

Holy Mass from Bishop Patrick Dunn and provide an opportunity for doctors and others involved in healthcare to find pastoral care, support, encouragement and faith development.

We wish to extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, physiotherapist, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, pharmacists, dentists, health administrators, lawyers and anyone who works in allied roles. Registration is required for catering purposes by 20 May 2019. Event details: newzealandcatholic-medical.co.nz/event.

Contact email: info@newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

May 30: Garin College Info Meeting

Thursday 6:30pm in the Community Centre. Meet the Principal and learn more about secondary education at our Nelson Catholic College.

BHM Rosters: its that time of the year again. I will start putting together the rosters, aiming to have them with you by end of June. We would really welcome new people to various ministries needed for weekend Masses. If you have any preference please let me know. Belinda 578 2628/ 021774858. or email hugh.vavasour@xtra.co.nz

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 of 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

Nanny wanted:

We are looking for that savvy nana to help out with our 3 girls after school and do some household chores.

Our girls have after school activities almost every day so will need someone who is organised and efficient. Must have a clean driver's licence, sense of humour and love children. Firm but fair is ideal.

Rates are negotiable for the right person with other perks. Car is provided. This role will suit a mature lady.

Please contact Kamni with your name, address, contact details and experience, 0274853991.

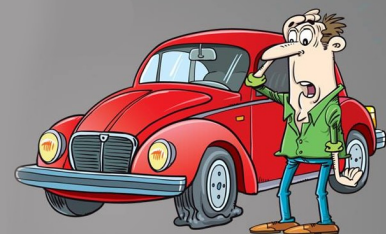
Parish Calendar

May

- 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 (9.30am)
- Aug 28-30 .. John Burland, Sydney



A bad attitude

is like a flat tire,
you can't go
anywhere until you
change it.

The meaning of life

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Fr John Pearce, Sr Jerome (Pauline O'Regan) RSM, Barrie Clark, David Cosgrove

Anniversaries:

16 May Gordon O'Callaghan, Jessie Campbell

19 May Billie Hayes, Hugh Vavasour

Other Intentions: Barbara Ryan, Roger & Colleen Lawson, John Keighley

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$2705.00
Envelopes:	\$1071.60
Loose:	\$ 787.20
Vocation Sunday:	\$ 356.50
Holy Places:	\$ 10.00
Easter Dues:	\$ 0.70

thank you!