



When a priest is not available, Word & Communion will be led by parishioners.

**Blenheim**

**Tues:** 9.30am Mass  
**Wed:** 12.05pm Mass  
 Rosary: 5.30pm  
 Ph: 572 9067 for venue  
**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:** 5.00pm Mass  
**Sun: 10.00am 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:** 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**

**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 advance.

**Open Church**

Our Churches at St Mary's  
 and Sacred Heart Kaikoura  
 are open every day if you  
 want a quiet place for  
 prayer.

**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 49: Second Sunday of Advent Year A**

**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD**

As we move closer to Christmas, we are confronted by the figure of John the Baptist. He comes as a great prophet – to prepare for the coming of the Saviour. In the Gospel, crowds of people from Jerusalem and all over Judea were going to listen to his preaching and to be baptized by him in the River Jordan.

The Church too takes up the call of John the Baptist to us: "Repent . . . turn away from sin . . . so that you can welcome the Saviour with joy this Christmas time."

As we approach the Feast of Christmas, we must ask ourselves – do my actions and my behaviour show good fruit ?

- forgiveness to others, welcoming one another as Christ has welcomed me ?

The early Christians were noted by their hospitality and love for one another. "See how these Christians love one another !" Do we warmly welcome one another and the stranger too?

- do I share with others less fortunate than me?
- do I spend time to welcome the Lord each day in prayer ?

Let us all listen to John's call to turn more deeply to the Lord in this Advent season, and also make avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we can welcome Christ with joy and hope this Christmas time.

God bless you all.

Pat McIndoe CP



**Reconciliation Services leading to Christmas**

Picton 12th December 6.30pm  
 Blenheim 18th Dec 7pm  
 Kaikoura 20th Dec 7pm

**2019 Christmas Services Timetable**

**Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve**

Havelock 4pm Mass  
 Seddon/Ward 7pm Mass  
 Blenheim 5.30pm Mass  
 Kaikoura 7.30pm Mass  
 Blenheim (8.30pm) Carols 9pm Mass  
 Picton (8.30pm) Carols 9pm Mass

**Wed Dec 25 Christmas Day**

Blenheim 9am Mass  
 Picton 9am Mass  
 Kaikoura 9.30am Mass

**Thurs Dec 26 ... No Mass**

**Readings for Second Sunday of Advent**

**Sun 8th Dec:** Isaiah 11:1-10      Romans 15:4-9      Matthew 3:1-12  
**Psalm Response: Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever**

**Mon 9th:**      Genesis 3:9-15,20      Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12      Luke 1:26-38

**Immaculate Conception BVM**

**Tues 10th:**      Isaiah 40:1-11      Matthew 18:12-14

**Wed 11th:**      Isaiah 40:12-31      Matthew 11:28-30

**Thurs 12th:**      Isaiah 41:13-20      Matthew 11:11-15

**Fri 13th:**      Isaiah 48:17-19      Matthew 11:16-19      **St Lucy, V.M**

**Sat 14th:**      Eccles 48:1-4,9-11      Matthew 17:10-13      **St John of the Cross, PD**

**Third Week of Advent**

**Sun 15th:**      Isaiah 35:1-6,10      James 5:7-10      Matthew 11:2-11

# Parish Calendar, News & Notices

## Weekend Mass Times

### 2nd Sunday of Advent (2)

Sat Dec 7

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Dec 8

Seddon-8am Mass/ Jacob

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Paul

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

Tongan Mass 2 pm/ Fr Sanele

Thur Dec 12

Reconciliation Service Picton

6.30pm

### 3rd Sunday of Advent(3)

Sat Dec 14

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Dec 15

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

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Wed Dec 18

Reconciliation Service Blenheim

7pm

Fri Dec 20

Reconciliation Service Kaikoura

7pm

### 4th Sunday of Advent (4)

Sat Dec 21

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Dec 22

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-4pm Mass/ Fr Jacob

### Feast of the Holy Family (5)

Sat Dec 28

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Dec 29

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr

### Epiphany (1)

Sat Jan 4

Blenheim-5pm Mass/

Cuppa after Mass

Sun Jan 5

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

**ADVENT ONLINE.** Sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) to receive daily email reflections every morning until Christmas.

**SVdP Position:** The Society of St Vincent de Paul New Zealand is currently accepting applications for the role of National Treasurer. If you have a desire to join one of New Zealand's best known, trusted and respected not-for-profit organisations, please email [national@svdp.org.nz](mailto:national@svdp.org.nz) for a full job description.

### Dec 7..National March for Life.

You're invited to love them both by attending the third annual National March for Life in Wellington. Gather at Civic Square from 12pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: [marchforlife.nz](http://marchforlife.nz)

### Dec 7...Rosary for life 3pm

St Mary's Church, Blenheim, to pray for Life. This coincides with the Walk for Life March in Wellington on the same day. Please try to attend as this is a very critical time in NZ history that affects all of us.

### Dec 8...Messiah, ASB Theatre

This year is the 150th anniversary of Handel's death & the Marlborough Singers are proud to present his best known & loved work. Book through ticketek.

### Dec 8...1st Aglow meeting

We will be holding an Aglow meeting at 1.30pm at the My Space Youth Centre. Cnr Redwood & Kinross St's. The speaker is Annie Cox from Kaikoura. Aglow is now open to both men and women. All welcome. Contact : Sheryll Gwynne Ph 577 6507 or Ph 0210791981

### Dec 13.. BHM Women's Friendship Group Christmas Party

at the Community Centre, 10.30am. Bring along family & friends & a plate to share. Call Jessie 021 0863 5235

### Dec 14.. Decorate St Mary's

This year when we decorate the church for Christmas we would like to include as many of the dif-

ferent cultures within our church as possible. So we would like people to provide a Christmas Decoration or perhaps a piece of cloth that represents their culture so that we can include it in the decorations. Christine O'Neil and a team will be at the church on Saturday 14th December at 2pm, please feel free to join us bring along a decoration to be used in our Christmas decorations.

### Dec 15 Christmas in the Park

At Pollard Park: Family Fair 1pm Christmas Concert 2.30pm. Bring a chair and a picnic for the concert.

### Dec 15..Carols at Nativity

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 7pm. All are welcome.

### Dec 24.. 9pm Christmas Eve Mass: Singers required.

If you would like to be involved with the Choir for that night, contact Kev & Ali Murphy, 0274 822 325 or email [kevmur@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kevmur@xtra.co.nz) for rehearsal dates.

## Parish Calendar

### December-January 2020

Dec 7.. March for Life- Wgtn

Dec 8.. Messiah, ASB Theatre (2)

Dec 9.. Sacred Heart Stewardship (7)every 2nd month

Dec 13.. BHM Women's Friendship Grp party (10.30)

Dec 15 ...Christmas in the Park

Dec 17.. Finance & Property (7)

### Dec 25..Christmas Day

Dec 26..Boxing Day

No Parish Committee meetings in January.

### February-March 2020

Feb 10.. Sacred Heart Stewardship (7)every 2nd month

Feb 18.. Finance & Property (7)

Feb 23.. Parish Past'l Council (7)

Mar 14..St Mary's School Gala

Mar 17.. Finance & Property (7)

Mar 28..BHM Mission Expo

**Christmas: it's about**

**presence, NOT pre-**



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

**Recently Deceased:** Bev Barry (Melbourne), Judy Milton (Melbourne), Alison Bacon

**Anniversaries:** Dec 3 Trevor Bugler 8 John O'Halloran, Rex Burrow 11 Lynnette Kilmartin, Gyula Mitribusz 12 Flor Arcaya Vernal 19 Mavis Bugler

**Other Intentions:** Beavan Undrill, Shirley Anderson, Judy Shone, Esme & Dan

## COLLECTIONS:

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

### **Last week:**

AP's:	\$ 981.75
Envelopes:	\$ 886.90
Loose:	\$ 581.60

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you!