



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.

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 Marlborough Catholic Parish**

**From the Sounds to the Sea, the Mountains to the Plains
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**Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward
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**Newsletter No 50: 15 December 2019
 Third Sunday of Advent Year A**

**"Be strong, do not fear ! Here is your God.
 ...He will come to Save you."**

Today we rejoice as we wait in hope for the Coming of the Lord.

Someone remarked to me, when we spoke of the difficult circumstances that people were going through: "I don't know how people can cope when they don't have our Catholic faith that gives us something to hold on to !"

It is true – that God gives us so much reason to hope when things look grim, or in times of illness or darkness.

In the readings today – God tells us that the future is bright and full of hope. It is for us to trust God – to have faith in his Promises.

Isaiah (chap. 35) sees God coming to save his People, bringing them home from exile. Even the desert places will bloom with flowers. Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped – God's people will be singing for joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

The second reading (James) tells us to be patient: "Strengthen your hearts for the coming of the Lord is near!"

Jesus assures the disciples of John the Baptist, when they question if he really is the Messiah. "Look at my works! Go and tell John what you hear and see . . the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear again, the lepers are cleansed and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is he who does not lose faith in me!"

Jesus came to lift up his People, to bring them home and to banish sin and sadness. He came to save us – to give us a future full of hope.

As we await the Feast of Christmas, let us keep patient and in gentle spirits to one another. The Lord is coming to save our tired, broken world. He is still working to make that Kingdom come. We must keep up our faith in Him. He is coming to Save us His People.

Pat McIndoe CP

Reconciliation Services leading to Christmas

Blenheim 18th Dec 7pm in the Church
 Kaikoura 20th Dec 7pm in the Church

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

Wed Dec 25 Christmas Day

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

Thurs Dec 26 ... No Mass

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent

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

Psalm Response: Lord Come and save us

Mon 16th: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 Matthew 21:23-27

Tues 17th: Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Matthew 1:1-17
Wed 18th: Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24

Thurs 19th: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 Luke 1:5-25

Fri 20th: Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38

Sat 21st: Songs 2:8-14 Luke 1:39-45

Fourth Week of Advent

Sun 22nd: Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

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

Renwick-5pm Mass/ Fr Pat

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
Renwick- 5pm Carols & Christmas
Cheer

Dec 24 Christmas Eve:

Details on front page

Dec 25 Christmas Day:

Details on front page

Feast of the Holy Family (5)

Sat Dec 28

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Dec 29

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Paul

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Pat

Epiphany (1)

Sat Jan 4

Blenheim-5pm Mass/
Cuppa after Mass

Sun Jan 5

Seddon-8am Mass/
Cuppa after Mass

Picton-9am Mass/
Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/
Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/
Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/
Cuppa after Mass

Baptism of the Lord (2)

Sat Jan 11

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Paul

Sun Jan 12

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Paul

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Phil Cody

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Paul

Parish News & Events

Parish accounts: The accounts have finally been audited and a copy is available at the Parish Office if anyone would like one. They can also be emailed out. Please contact Ginetta.

Advent Online: Sign up at 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 for a full job description.

Calling All Irish people: Calling all Irish people, Irish community groups, people of Irish heritage or affinity with Ireland living in New Zealand.

The Embassy of Ireland in Aotearoa, New Zealand, has partnered with the Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies who have designed two short surveys, that we hope, will assist in showcasing the rich Irish history we have in New Zealand, as well as the opportunities for future collaboration and connection. You can access the surveys and more information at Friends of Ireland. If have any questions about these surveys please email: info@friendsofireland.co.nz

Dec 14.. Decorate St Mary's

This year when we decorate the church for Christmas we would like to include as many of the different 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 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. Collection buckets are going round for a koha to support the Hospital Chaplaincy and their work.

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 for rehearsal dates.

Dec 24/25.Christmas Masses:

People are needed for the different ministries for the Blenheim Christmas Masses: e.g., readers, Eucharist ministers, altar servers, collectors, offertory. commentator, PowerPoint operator, Mass Managers etc. There are sign up sheets in the foyer.

This is for Christmas Eve 5.30pm & 9pm, Christmas Day 9am

Parish Calendar

December-January 2020

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 presents!



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Shirley Anderson, Bev Lyford

Anniversaries: Dec 8 Ken Burrows **13** Nona Thomas

Other Intentions: Beavan Undrill, Judy Shone, Bernie McKenzie, Hugh Campbell, Jim Loe

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 2636.70
Envelopes:	\$ 773.85
Loose:	\$ 626.80

thank you!