



When a priest is not available for Mass, 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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**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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Greg Stretch
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Tom Harrison

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First Sunday of Lent Year A

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Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou,

Last Saturday, 22nd February, was the Feast of the Chair of St Peter, a feast once described by Pope John Paul II as "shedding light on the special ministry of Peter strengthening and guiding the Church in the unity of faith which the Lord entrusted to the head of the Apostles." he went on to say that this mystery of unity comes from "Fixing our gaze on Christ."

The Lenten journey we have begun is all about "fixing our gaze on Christ."

Lent is a time to hear again the call of Jesus to "repent and believe the good news." The call to personal conversion is at the heart of the message of Jesus and is clearly at the heart of the ministry of Pope Francis. The Pope is very clear about the fact that ALL of us are constantly called to conversion of heart. In his first year as Pope, on the Feast of St Ignatius Loyola, he said in a homily: "The question 'is Christ the centre of my life?' is for us, for any of us, the question that cannot be taken for granted. It cannot be taken for granted because there is always the temptation to think that we are the centre; and when we put ourselves and not Christ at the centre, we err, we go astray".

I think that sometimes the temptation for us is also to think that the call to personal conversion, to "fix our gaze on Christ" is for others and not for me. In this time of Lent when we are invited to pay closer attention to the Word of God, we know that is so we can personally focus on our relationship with Jesus, and not on all the other things that worry, distract or preoccupy us.

One of the strategies of Pope Francis in his work to reform the Church, and especially the Roman Curia (which was asked for in the Cardinals' meetings leading up to his election) is to keep emphasising that this is always about personal conversion. It is about a change of heart, putting Jesus at the centre of life and fixing our gaze on him. When Jesus is at the centre and the focus of our lives the relationships that we have with others improve, the things that worry us fall into place - even things like the question of Mass times, what will happen with "MY" parish, and how to cope with the many questions we are faced with today seems to fall into place.

The questions for Lent therefore are:

- How do I keep my gaze fixed on Jesus?
- How do I make Jesus the centre of my life?
- How do I focus on Jesus in the days ahead?

Naku Noa, +John

Readings for First Week of Lent

Sun 1st March: Gene.2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Psalm Response: Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned

Mon 2nd: Lev. 19:1-2,11-18 Matthew 25:31-46

Tues 3rd: Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15

Wed 4th: Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32

Thurs 5th: Esther 4:17 (Esther's Prayer) Matthew 7:7-12

Fri 6th: Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26

Sat 7th: Deut. 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

Sun 8th: Genesis 12:1-4 2Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

1st Sunday of Lent (1)

Sat Feb 29

Blenheim-5pm Mass/ Fr Pat
Cuppa after Mass

Sun Mar 1

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat
Picton-9am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Pat
Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob

2nd Sunday of Lent (2)

Sat Mar 7

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Mar 8

Seddon-8am no Mass today
Picton-9am no Mass today

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Pat, Fr Tom
Havelock-11am no Mass today

3rd Sunday of Lent(3)

Sat Mar 14

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Mar 15

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr

Tongan Mass- 2pm Mass/ ?

Renwick-5pm Mass/ Fr

4th Sunday of Lent (4)

Sat Mar 21

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Mar 22

Seddon- Mass/ Fr

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr

Havelock-11am **W&C**

Ward-4pm Mass / Fr

Parish News & Events

FAREWELL MASS FOR FR PAT:

This will be 8th March at 10am Mass. There will not be Masses or Word & Communion (except for Kaikoura) at other Mass Centres that day, to allow all the priests and parishioners to attend. Please bring a plate to share, in the Community Centre afterwards. It will be open before Mass to pop your contribution in.

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Lenten Activities:

Stations of the Cross:

Kaikoura- every Fri 7pm/ Church.

Blenheim-every Fri, 6.45pm / Church.

There are also Lenten discussion groups. Ask if there is one near you.

Presence! Formation Evenings:

St Joseph's, Picton are hosting a series of five formation evenings based around the Mystery of the Eucharist,

continuing this Sunday 1st March 2020, 6pm – 7pm.

Each session will consist of light refreshments followed by a video presentation of around 30 – 40 minutes. The videos, provided courtesy of the Augustine Institute, are a beautiful insight into the meaning of the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your faith during the Lenten season.

Venue: St Joseph's School, 4 Otago Street, Picton. Remaining Session dates: 1 March, 8 March & 15 March 2020. Time: 6pm – 7pm

For more information contact:

Leanne Cooper 021 357537 ki-wi.cooper@xtra.co.nz

Tues Mar 3: SVDP BHM Meeting.

10.15am in the Mercy Room.

Please bring a plate as we will bid farewell to Fr Pat.

World Day of Prayer:

Service on Friday 6 Mar at 10am Salvation Army, Cnr Henry & Charles Sts, Bhm. All welcome.

Mar 7: Multicultural Festival

Pollard Park 10am-4pm. Details on the noticeboard

St. Mary's BHM Old Boy's Reunion:

Class of 1960-61. The old Boys will be at 10am Mass on 8th March. Any enquiries to Roger Black 027 274 2937.

Sacred Heart/ St Josephs Sacramental Programme

begins on

March 8th.

-Parents' Introduction to the Programme.

-Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Classes with Sr Maureen in the church following Mass/W+C every Sunday.

If you know of any child not attending St Joseph's School who would like to make the Sacraments of Initiation this year, please encourage their parents or guardians to have them sign up for classes.

CCW-Connecting Christian

Women-This year we have a wonderful speaker from the Gold Coast joining us for the CWCI Summer Getaway Tour. We invite you to join us at the **Headingley Centre, Richmond on Tuesday the 10th March** to hear Becky Bee's message "Standing at the Crossroads". More info on your church noticeboard.

Safeguarding Workshop 2:

Those who have attended the 1st-

Workshop are now required to attend the next workshop. This is earmarked for **18 March at 6pm, Parish Centre, Kaikoura & 19 March, 6.30pm, Community Centre, Blenheim.** Please mark these dates in your diary. This applies to parish council members, Ministers to the sick and those working with children, either Liturgy or Altar Servers. Contact your Stewardship team for more info or the Parish Office.

Mar 21: Mission Expo

Note for your diaries: Come and celebrate with Cardinal John the start of the Archdiocese's year of mission by coming to the Mission Expo which is being held on **Saturday 21st March at Garin College.** Please register your interest by signing up on the list which is at the stall. Subsidised transport will be put on, based on numbers who will be going from the parish. For further information please contact Ginetta at the office or Vicky Raw

Mar 21: Ignatian Retreat

10am-3pm at St Mary's Community Centre. Take some time out with god and be attentive to his work in your life. Be refreshed in spirit as you are led by Kirsten Challies, wife, mother, trained retreat leader, spiritual director, hospital chaplain, & Parish Pastoral Worker in CHCH. To register contact Jenny McElhinney 548 577/ 027 4242 003 by 20th March. BYO lunch, coffee & tea provided. Gold coin donation.

Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need.

This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

Star of the Sea

Collects as follows:

1st Sunday @ Blenheim

We **Urgently** Need *rolled oats, salt, sugar, baby food, spreads & jams, and other non-perishable foods*

1st Sunday @ Kaikoura

All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Christine Eves, Fr Fergus Reeves (New Plymouth)

Anniversaries: Feb 21 Shane Falvey **25** Kathleen Lacey

March 1 Ana North **6** Chris Riordan

Other Intentions: Beavan Undrill; Cardinal John Dew; Lynell Ham; Hazel Bason

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week (minus levies):

AP's:	\$ 1637.40
Envelopes:	\$ 852.80
Loose:	\$ 602.80

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you!