



# 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  
Not This Week  
Fri: 11am Adoration  
11.30 Reconciliation  
12.05pm Mass  
Sat: 9.30am Mass  
Reconciliation to follow  
Sat: 5pm Mass  
Sun: 10am Mass  
Sun: 4pm Mass (temp)  
(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 week-end Mass or other times.

## Marriages

Marriages celebrated in all our Churches. Please contact the Parish Office well in advance.



## 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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## Newsletter No 19: 31 May 2020 Pentecost: New Beginnings!

We pray during the psalm today:

*'Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!'*

Let's say that again and really mean it: *'Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!'*

Just as the Holy Spirit came down on a group of simple men and women, but with Mary the mother of Jesus also with them – so we look forward on this Pentecost for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help renew our Parish community, to renew our School communities and to renew our Christian families with new hope, new life and new vigour.

And Mary is still present among us – our Mother, our special Patroness.

It has been a difficult time for many of us. Some families – maybe quite a few – have lost jobs – which can make us fearful, worried and uncertain. The Government has tried to assist with some assistance, but that is usually limited. Then there is the constant threat of Covid-19, which though we have beaten back – a team of 5 million – still must be a worry, especially when we have family dear ones who have underlying health issues.

What have I learnt and discovered in this lock-down time? What did I really appreciate ?

Each of you will have an answer for that. I think myself, often we came to notice the little things that sometimes we have over-looked in our busy pre-covid days.

It may be the birds coming to play in the garden. Even some birds we do not normally see! Perhaps we could really breathe in the nice fresh clean air – when there were so few cars around. Perhaps it was having more time to connect with family members and the children that normally were busy at school.

Perhaps for some it has been a painful time – with the death of a recent loved on, or the loss of a job. We do have to face the pain – the dying with Christ too – that is part of God's call for each of us.

In all these experiences Jesus comes so unexpectedly when we give him time. He says – "Peace be with you." Then he breathes over us his Spirit - the Spirit of Jesus:

"Receive my Holy Spirit." And our hearts are filled with a new joy. And Jesus sends us out too: - "Go and bring my peace, my Love and my spirit of reconciliation to others!"

As we begin the month of June, may that Holy Spirit signal new growth, new blessing and new hope for each of you – and for each family, and for the children too.

We have so much to thank God for. Alleluia! Praise the Lord. Let us count our blessings.

*"Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."* Fr Pat

## Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 31st: Acts 2:1-11 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13 John 20: 19-23

Psalm Response: Lord, send forth your Sprit, and renew the face of the earth

Mon 1st June: Judith 13:18-19 Genesis 3:9-15.20 John 19:25-27

### Mary Mother of the Church

Tues 2nd: Peter 3:11-15.17-18 Mark 12:13-17

Wed 3rd: Timothy 1:1-3.6-12 Mark 12:18-27 St Charles Lwanga & comps, Mm

Thurs 4th: Timothy 2:8-15 Mark 12:28-34

Fri 5th: Timothy 3:10-17 Mark 12:35-37 St Boniface, B.M

Sat 6th: Timothy 4:1-8 Mark 12:38-44

### Trinity Sunday

Sun 7th: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

This year's prayer theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action and a greater generosity to those in need. Rev Dr Gerard Kelly, Chair of National Council of Churches in Australia, Faith & Unity Commission, offers a reflection.

We mark this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in circumstances that we have probably never experienced before. We may not even be able to gather in one place to pray together. We may be participating in a virtual mode.

Nevertheless, this time of pandemic makes our prayer this week even more urgent.

In the midst of the upheaval and chaos that has taken over our society and our lives - we have also witnessed many examples of creativity and kindness.

We have seen signs of national unity that would have seemed unimaginable just six months ago.

We have seen local communities reach out to those in need, providing care packages to those who cannot get out, for example, to do their own shopping.

We have seen four and five star hotels open their rooms to the homeless. As one hotel manager in Perth said, he treated them like four and five star guests; and, he added, these have been some of the most personally rewarding moments in his career.

For those who have eyes to see, there have been so

many acts of unusual kindness.

One way to think of this pandemic is with the image of a boat. There is only one boat, and we are all in it together. True, the image may limp a little, and we know that some are more vulnerable than others, but as a Christian people, it is an image that we might want to hold on to. It is the image given to us by the churches in Malta when they developed the theme of this year's Week of Prayer.



The image is of Paul facing shipwreck. The boat acts as a sort of microcosm of the society: Paul and the other prisoners are on the boat; there are the soldiers and the centurion; there are the sailors. There are different layers of society present on that boat.

At one point, things have to be thrown overboard, including the cargo and provisions. They abandon all hope of being saved. The sailors try to jump overboard and escape, leaving the boat to perish. Later on, the soldiers decide it would be best to kill the prisoners – seen to be expendable. Paul urges courage and gives everyone a reason to hope. When they eventually manage to get to the safe shores of Malta, the local

people welcome them. "They showed us unusual kindness". [Acts 28:2] is where the theme of this year's Week of Prayer comes from.

Even though chosen long before COVID-19, this text is most fitting for us this week.

It takes us to the heart of Christianity and to the heart of the life of the Christian people.

To be Christian is to be called to show unusual kindness.

Stories of past epidemics often tell of how the thing that marked the Christian people out was that they valued every life. They made no distinction about who should be saved. Christians stood out for the unlimited love that they showed.

They stood out for their unusual kindness. A time of pandemic has the capacity to make us look beyond our own communities and to see the wider world. We show love without discrimination to everyone. In this, the words of Jesus in the gospel come to life: "these are the signs that accompany those who believe".

This year in a unique way, while we pray for Christian unity, we also give the world a glimpse of what unity looks like.

*Rev Dr Gerard Kelly is chair of the National Council of Churches in Australia, Faith & Unity Commission.*

**National Council of Churches in Australia**  
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## Pastoral Letter on Leaving the Closed Room

26 May 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ  
Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you

In these days between the risen Lord's Ascension into heaven and Pentecost the apostles returned to the closed room. There they *joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers* (cf. Acts 1:12-14). It was from the closed room that the Church was brought to birth as the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles and impelled them to go out and proclaim the Good News.

This year Christians around the world entered a "closed room" due to the pandemic. For some of you this has enabled a graced time of prayer and reflection. For others it has been a time to refocus and put lives in order. For some the "closed room" has led to family tensions or concerns about future employment. For others still this has been a time when they have allowed their faith to drift. Now the "closed room" of our churches is coming to an end.

With you we rejoice that we are able to take these first steps towards returning to some semblance of normality. The sacrifices we have made as a nation have averted what we have seen overseas. As we emerge from our "closed room" and return to our churches and community engagement we take this opportunity to thank those who protected and supported our sick, vulnerable and, indeed, all of us throughout the lockdown. We thank all those in our faith communities who have worked tirelessly to connect with parishioners offering spiritual support. Again, we have been delighted by the creative initiatives that have arisen and the way the risen Lord has used these to bestow his graces.

We share your joy at being able to celebrate Eucharist together. However, we still have to live under the restrictions that are there for the good of our vulnerable and el-

derly. Each parish is going to have to determine how it will offer Masses while ensuring health guidelines are kept. This may mean some churches will not open immediately. It may mean that there are more people wanting to attend Mass than can be accommodated. We ask you to be patient and understanding while your parish leadership determine what will happen in your parish. **With the Government, we ask those who are vulnerable to the virus, those who are afraid and anyone who is not well to stay at home. All people continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time.**

As we emerge from our "closed room" we hope and pray that the Lord will pour out his Spirit upon us, guiding us to work for a better, more caring society. We hope and pray that the Spirit will inspire our faith communities, our parishes, schools and chaplaincies, to re-vision themselves towards a revitalised spiritual life, a renewed effort towards welcome and evangelisation and to a deeper awareness of and response to the needs of the wider community.

As we look towards Pentecost may we be inspired by the early Church that emerged from the "closed room" so long ago. Like those Spirit-filled disciples, may we too take the risen Christ to the world.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland and NZCBC President

John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington and NZCBC Vice President

Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton and NZCBC Secretary

Paul Martin SM, Bishop of Christchurch Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin

Michael Gielen, Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland

A quote sent through from **Ecology, Justice and Peace Office:**

Embracing his cross means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time, abandoning for a moment our eagerness for power and possessions in order to make room for the creativity that only the Spirit is capable of inspiring.

Pope Francis: [Extraordinary moment of prayer](#), 27 March 2020



# Parish Calendar, News & Notices

## Weekend Mass Times

### Pentecost Sunday (5)

#### Sat May 30

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

#### Sun May 31

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob

Havelock-11am Mass/none

Blenheim- 4pm Mass/Fr Jacob

### Most Holy Trinity (1)

#### Sat Jun 6

Blenheim-5pm Mass/ Fr Pat

#### Sun Jun 7

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat

Picton-9am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Pat

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Blenheim- 4pm Mass/Fr Pat

### Body & Blood of Christ (2)

#### Sat Jun 13

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

#### Sun Jun 14

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr

### 12th Sunday of Ord (3)

#### Sat Jun 20

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

#### Sun Jun 21

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/ Fr

Renwick-5pm Mass/ Fr

### 13th Sunday of Ord (4)

#### Sat Jun 27

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

#### Sun Jun 28

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr

Havelock-11am **W&C**

Ward-4pm Mass /

## Community Matters

This weekend will be our first Mass in a long time. And there will be some changes as guided by the NZ Catholic Bishop's Conference. We will try our best to keep you safe. Please lis-

ten to the instructions given at the beginning and end of Mass and follow them.

Please also allow time when entering the church, for Contact tracing, hand sanitising and being seated by our ushers. These instructions are also an attachment to this newsletter.

The Parish Pastoral Council will review how Masses went on Tuesday and make any tweaks. This meeting will continue weekly until we reach a new "normal". For those that are still uncertain about attending Mass, there are still Masses being streamed online.

**Weekday Masses:** This will start this week, on Wednesday for most places and will be reviewed. The Mass times will stay the same.

## Planned Giving Receipts:

Since we have been in lockdown, not everything can be done at the correct time. One is Planned Giving Envelopes and Receipts. We will endeavour to get them out as speedily as possible.

BNZ has made changes to the way we can bank our cash, so we now have to use a Smart ATM. They have also announced that cheques will no longer be accepted in July 2021. If your Planned Giving is done via cheque, please contact Ginetta at the Parish Office and she can discuss other options with you.

**WelCom May 2020** edition is available online :[https://issuu.com/dartworks/docs/welcom\\_382\\_may\\_2020](https://issuu.com/dartworks/docs/welcom_382_may_2020)

## Parish Calendar

### May

#### May 31..Pentecost Sunday

June 2..Parish Pastoral Council

### June

June 1..Mary, Mother of the Church

#### June 7..The Most Holy Trinity

#### June 14..The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 16..Finance & Property 7)

June 19..The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 20..The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### June 21..12th Sunday of Ord Time

June 24..The Nativity of St John the Baptist

#### June 28..13th Sunday of Ord Time

June 29..Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

### July

July 3.. St Thomas, Apostle

#### July 5..14th Sunday of Ord Time

#### July 12..15th Sunday of Ord Time

#### July 19..16th Sunday of Ord Time

July 25.. St James, Apostle

#### July 26..17th Sunday of Ord Time



**Recently Deceased:** Terry Shewan (brother of Carol Furness)

**Anniversaries: June 2** Martin O'Brien

**Other Intentions: May 31** Fr Pat's Birthday

## COLLECTIONS:

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

**Last week (minus levies):**

AP's: \$1905.20

Envelopes:

Loose:

thank  
you!