



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 or 5782507 for venue

Thurs: 9.30 am Mass

Except 1st Thurs:
 Bethsaida **10.45am**

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

Mon: Adoration 4-5pm

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 week-end 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 & 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**

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 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

Jesus walks on water...

Jesus was walking on water in the sea of Galilee and his disciples thought they had seen a ghost and became fearful or frightened. But Peter recognized him as Jesus and he said, "If it is you then let me come towards you". Jesus said, "yes, it is I, do come!" What happened between Peter and Jesus at this very point is a biggest leap of faith that Peter took. knowing too well that no one had ever walked on water before. Yet he asked Jesus if he would ask him to walk on water towards Jesus. Jesus' response was "Yes come across" and Peter got out of the boat and walked towards Jesus. As soon as he feels the force of the wind, he began to doubt his own ability to walk on water.

Christians spend lots of money to go to places that have significant meanings in their Christian lives. The moment they get there, some of those places hold a memorable or significant moment in their lives, a complete turnaround in their lives; others have no impact in their lives so that they wonder why they spent all those resources and got nothing out of it. It is like Peter, who jumped out of the boat confidently knowing that the Lord is there to help him, but starts doubting as soon as he is in the water whether he has done the right thing and the fear factor comes in. He began to sink and called out at the top of his voice, "Save me Lord!" Jesus gently reached out his hand towards Peter to help him out of the water.

Obviously if we have doubt in our own faith journey, we are allowed to call out to Jesus just like Peter, "Please help me Lord". His hand is always reaching out to us, we just have to have the courage to search and find out where His hand is and have to reach out so he can pull us out of misery. We need to have complete trust that we will come out on the other side better than we were before. We cannot turn to Jesus only when we need Him, just like Peter, and call out to him to save us. But even when things are going okay or right for us, family are great, work is good, income is better, God can take the back seat of our lives. We don't need God in our lives right now. Yes, very true, but he is still putting out His hand to catch us and rescue us. Do we still need God when things are going smoothly in our lives?

Fr Jacob Kuman CP

Readings for Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 9th Aug: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14: 22-33
Psalm Resp: Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.		
Mon 10th: 2Cor 9: 6-10	John 12:24-26	St Lawrence, D.M.
Tues 11th: Ezek 2:8-3:4	Matthew 18: 1-5,10-14	St Clare, V
Wed 12th: Ezek 9:1-7,10:18-22	Matthew 18: 15-20	
Thurs 13th: Ezekiel 12: 1-12	Matthew 18: 21-19:1	
Fri 14th: Ezek 16:1-15,60-63	Matt 19:3-12	St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest
Sat 15th: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
1 Chron 15:3-4,15-16,16:1-2	2 Cor 15:54-57	Luke 11:27-28
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Sun 16th Aug: Isaiah 56: 1,6-7	Rom 11:13-15,29-32	Matt 15: 21-28

Cardinal Dew's Response to the Parish's Recommendations: Parish Communication 1 – 2 August 2020

In February last year you may recall that Cardinal John Dew directed all parishes in our Archdiocese to complete a review of their churches and presbyteries. This was an outcome of the 2017 Archdiocesan Synod, and as a response to the call of Pope Francis for us to radically rethink who we are as a church, and to re-organise and direct our resources to mission. It was also driven by pressures experienced by the Archdiocese which need addressing: earthquake resilience issues, reduced number of priests, too many churches for our mass count, amalgamation, and the Synod outcomes.

A Review Group made up of members from the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance and Property Committee worked on the recommendation for 6 months before it was submitted to the Cardinal. Additional submissions from the Renwick and Havelock communities were included in this. Since then Cardinal John has taken the time to study and reflect upon the proposals all parishes put forward for the future of their properties, and to seek input from his advisory bodies; namely, the Council of Priests, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and the Board of Administration.

Cardinal John agreed with most of what the parish proposed, but after consultation and taking what he believes to be a pastoral approach, there are some differences. His response to our parish's proposals is as follows:

Retain Blenheim church, presbytery, hall, administration block, community centre and Mercy Room.

Retain Kaikoura church, hall, presbytery, and Shepherd's Hut.

Retain Seddon church, and sell the adjacent land.

Sell the Renwick and Havelock churches and land.

In Picton build a multi-purpose centre on the school land with a base for Catholic Social Services and other mission purposes, and with a worship space of a chapel rather than a church.

Sell the Picton presbytery if its land is not needed for a multi-purpose centre.

He is in favour of gifting or selling the Ward church land to the community trust, however more work needs to be done from a legal and financial perspective to enable this to be a reality, and this will be done as quickly as possible.

The Cardinal recognises that there will be difficulties and opportunities as decisions begin to be translated into action. We should not consider his response to the parish's proposals to be a "final deci-

sion", but rather we should recognise the considered response relative to his own consultation with his advisory bodies, as previously described, and reflect on it seriously as we plan for the future.

We acknowledge that a sense of loss and anger for all of us at the thought of some of our mass centres closing is inevitable, and we will endeavour to confirm the timeframes for these as soon as possible. Understanding how to best meet the future pastoral needs of these areas after the closure of the Mass centres will be an important step in the process.

At St Mary's, we have the additional consideration of the church's Heritage 1 rating, but also the need for earthquake strengthening to the building. Since we submitted our proposal to the Cardinal, we have received a report from a conservation architect whom we engaged last year. The recommendations from this will also need to be factored into the parish plan and will be the cornerstone of future consultations for this site.

The Cardinal's response differs most from our original proposal in Picton, and further consultation and enquiry will be required to understand how best to meet our future needs in this community.

In summary, the Review Group, which includes Fr Giltus, as well as the Stewardship Groups have much work to do creating this plan. Timeframes are not known at this point; however, we must move steadily forward step by step to meet the future mission of the church. To that end, we will not be re-visiting our original proposal, but rather using this as a starting point, in line with the Cardinal's response, for formulating this plan. We will continue to keep you updated on progress as we move forward.

Please continue to keep the parish in your prayers, particularly those communities who face an uncertain future because of this announcement.

A copy of Cardinal John's letter to Fr Pat communicating his response to us is available by contacting Ginetta in the parish office should you wish to read this. A transcript of today's communication will also be published in next week's parish bulletin.

Any further questions should be directed to either Fr Pat or Greg Stretch, our Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson.

Thank you and God bless.

A quote courtesy of The Ecology, Justice and Peace advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington

This is an effective image of the Church: a boat which must brave the storms and sometimes seems on the point of capsizing. What saves her is not the skill and courage of her crew members, but faith which allows her to walk, even in the dark, amid hardships. Faith gives us the certainty of Jesus' presence always beside us, of his hand which grasps us to pull us back from danger.

Pope Francis: [Angelus 10 August 2014](#)

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

19th Sunday of Ord (2)

Sat Aug 8

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Aug 9

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

Sat Aug 15 Feast of The Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary

Kaikoura-9.30am Mass/Fr Jacob

Blenheim-9.30am Mass/ Fr Pat

Picton-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

20th Sunday of Ord (3)

Sun Aug 16

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

Tongan Mass- 2pm Mass/

Renwick-5pm Mass/ Fr Jacob

21st Sunday of Ord (4)

Sat Aug 22

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Aug 23

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Pat

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob

Havelock-11am **W&C**

Ward-4pm Mass / Fr Pat

22nd Sunday of Ord (5)

Sat Aug 29

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Aug 30

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Jacob

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Pat

23rd Sunday of Ord (1)

Sat Sep 5

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Cuppa after Mass

Sun Sep 6

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr

Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr

Parish News & Events

Feast of the Assumption: 24 hours Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Life and Faith at St Joseph's

15/16 August 2020: Begins 8.45am Saturday (15 August) and finishes 8.45am

Sunday morning just before 9am Mass. All parishioners are invited to make a "mini pilgrimage" to Picton for some

quiet prayer and contemplation. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available 24 hours. A prayer timetable can be obtained by emailing ki-wi.cooper@xtra.co.nz or viewed on noticeboard at St Mary's and St Joseph's Churches.

The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith

will be held this year on Saturday 15th Aug and there will be a time to pray the Rosary at 3 pm at St Mary's Church, BHM and St Joseph's, Picton. For more information, please phone Clare 022 1912 886 or go to

www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

St Mary's Preschool Fund-raiser:

Bamboo Garden dinner on 18th August 6pm. \$40pp for 2 courses. There will also be an auction. All funds to go towards a new playground. Tickets can be bought at the preschool.

Women's Friendship Group

Come join us for an afternoon of Line Dancing and Fun. Friday 21st August. Mercy Room, 2pm. Phone Jessie 02108635235

Monthly Combined Church service at Picton.

This month it is on 30th August, 6pm, hosted by St Joseph's. Instead of bringing money for the collection, please bring non-perishable food or toiletries for the foodbank.

Human Love in the Divine

Plan (Theology of the Body)-

First intake in Wellington!

Courses for Young Adults (ages

18-35 years) on September 5 & 6, and for Adults on September 19 & 20. Venue: Challenge 2000, 1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville, Wellington. Early Registration: \$40.00 (closes: 29 August). General Registration: \$50.00. Contact 0220289737 or email in-fo@marriageandfamily.org.nz.

For information, visit:

www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

Parish Calendar

August

Aug 15..Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 18.. Finance & Property (7)

Aug 30.. Combined Church service, 6pm, hosted by St Joseph's Picton

September

Sep 1.. Care of Creation

Sep 1..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Sep 6.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Sep 6-12..Social Justice Week

Sep 8.. Feast of Our Lady, Star Of The Sea

Sep 13.. Good Friday Collection

Sep 15.. Finance & Property (7)

Sep16-17..Commission of Inquiry Hearings

Sep 20..SVdP Festival Day

October

Oct 4.. Peter's Pence Collection

Oct 4.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Oct 6..Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Oct 6..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Oct 11..Day-Prayer to Respect Life

Oct 18..World Mission Sunday -Prop. Of Faith Collection

Oct 20..Finance & Property (7)

Oct 25..BHM Multicultural Day

November

Nov 1.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Nov 3..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Nov 15..World Day of the Poor

Nov 17..Finance & Property (7)

Nov 22nd.. First Holy Communion BHM(10)

...300th Anniversary of the formation of the Passionist Order

December

Dec 15.. Finance & Property (7)

Dec 25..Christmas Day



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Peter van Dyk, Margaret Laugesen (KK), Nanise Hoeft, Margaret McKinnel (Rox), Pacita Suan (Phil)

Anniversaries: August 5 Mary (Bahane) O'Connor 9 John Hamilton 12 Bernard Dry 16 Kath Holden

Other Intentions: Fr Jacob Kuman-25 years of profession, Kitty Collier, Katherine Maher, Lil McKinley, Harvey Howard, Bevan Undrill, Margaret Doherty, Pat Stretch, Gwen Costello, Conway, Hope & Cheesman families, Lenore Freeth.

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 1606.18
Envelopes:	\$ 847.00
Cash:	\$ 579.64
Easter Dues:	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence:	\$ 20.00

thank
you!