



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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Newsletter No 30: 16 August 2020 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Dear parishioners,

Please read Cardinal John Dew's letter. The Cardinal has told all priests and Lay Pastoral Leaders that this weekend there are to be no public Masses or public gatherings. This also includes not giving Communion to the sick, nor Reconciliation.

Please read. Please realise that Cardinal John is our Archbishop and we must follow his instructions.

I know some would like to have the devotions for the Coast to Coast Rosary on Saturday 15th Aug, but I ask that the arrangements you have made for an organised Prayer also be cancelled. The Churches may be open for private visits as usual. This will also be permitted for the St. Joseph's Place at Picton if there is someone to open and close the Chapel.

When King Saul did not carry out the instructions given him by God, he was severely reprimanded by the prophet Samuel. (cf. 1 Samuel chap 15)

In his rejoinder to Saul, Samuel said –"Obedience is better than sacrifice, submissiveness than the fat of rams."(1 Sam 15:22)

Fr. Jacob and myself will see if we can put Mass online on the Parish Facebook page for the Feast of Our Lady and for Sunday. Let us pray the Rosary at home or in the family during this time.

We hope that we have a clearer way ahead by next Tuesday.

Let us pray for one another.

Thank you especially to Greg Stretch and Ginetta for getting the word out to the parishioners.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pat McIndoe CP

Readings for Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 16th Aug: Isaiah 56: 1,6-7 Rom11:13-15,29-32 Matt 15: 21-28

Psalm Resp: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Mon 17th: Ezek 24:15-24 Matthew 19: 16-22

Tues 18th: Ezek 28:1-10 Matthew 19: 23-30

Wed 19th: Ezek 34:1-11 Matthew 20: 1-16

Thurs 20th: Ezekiel 36: 23-28 Matthew 22: 1-14 **St Bernard, abbot D.**

Fri 21st: Ezek 37:1-14 Matt 22:34-40 **St Pius X, Pope**

Sat 22nd: Ezek 43:1-12 Matt 23:1-12 **Queenship of Mary**

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 23rd Aug: Isaiah 22: 19-23 Rom11:33-36 Matt 16: 13-20



Archbishop of Wellington

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

12 August 2020

Dear Fathers, Lay Pastoral Leaders, Leaders of Religious Congregations, School and College Principals

With the return of Alert Level 2 outside of Auckland we need to proceed with the utmost caution in the Archdiocese. Churches have proven to be part of the spread of COVID-19 overseas and we don't want that in New Zealand.

When we were in Alert Level 2 previously, it proved very difficult for parishes to have Masses with the 100-person limit. Social distancing significantly reduces the number of people who can be accommodated in a church and there are many issues around deciding who should take part and how it is managed. Priests are not to celebrate six or seven Sunday Masses to deal with the 100-person limit and social distancing requirements.

The government has said the three days in Level 2 are to give time to find the source of the infection, and they will not rule out continuing for longer at Alert Level 2/3 or higher depending on what they find. This means that it will be Saturday morning before we find out what the situation will be, which will make it difficult to communicate with parishes and parishioners.

To be safe I am suspending all Masses, and parish activities which involve gathering, until Tuesday 18 August. This means there will be no Masses this weekend, and the dispensation from the Sunday obligation is in place. The dispensation also applies to the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation and falls on Saturday. There are to be no exceptions to this suspension of public Masses over the next few days. It is vital that we all work together to keep everyone safe.

Taking Communion to the sick and Reconciliation are also to be suspended for the same period of time. Priests can make their own decisions about those who are very ill or in danger of death.

Churches can be open for private visits but there is to be no Eucharistic Adoration. Contact tracing information will need to be collected and social distancing observed.

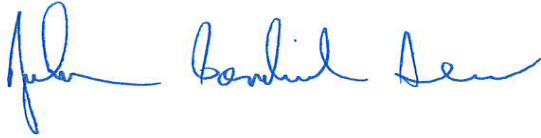
Letter from Cardinal John Dew regarding this weekend. Contd.

I will provide further advice on Tuesday depending on the government's decisions about the Alert Levels.

Thank you for the work that you and parishioners have been doing to keep our communities safe. This is a challenging year and I am very grateful for what you are doing.

With good wishes and blessings

Yours sincerely in the Lord



✠ John A Cardinal Dew
Archbishop of Wellington

From the Cardinal's Facebook Page

The change in the COVID-19 Alert Levels in New Zealand has led us once again to having to think carefully about our behaviour. What we would normally do, what we want to do, may not be the safest action for ourselves or for others. For some of us it may be about daring, pushing the boundaries of the restrictions. For others the situation may engender crippling fear, especially if we are in a vulnerable group. St Thomas Aquinas identifies fortitude as the virtue that moderates the emotions of fear and daring in accordance with reason, keeping a balance between them. It is the virtue which leads us to do the right thing, even in the midst of hardship and restriction. This weekend when Masses are suspended in the Archdiocese of Wellington take time to reflect with the readings, especially the gospel (Matthew 15:21-28). The Canaanite woman would have been afraid to step forward in the crowd but dared to persevere in seeking help for her daughter. We need the virtue of fortitude so we can do the right thing for ourselves and our neighbours during the pandemic.



"Sometimes a light goes out, but is blown again into an instant flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner service."

Albert Schweitzer



Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

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

NO MASSES

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/

CANCELLED

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 Jacob
 Cuppa after Mass

Sun Sep 6

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

24th Sunday of Ord (2)

Sat Sep 12

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Sep 13

Seddon-8am **W&C**
 Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob
 Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat
 Blenheim-10am **W&C**
 Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

Parish News & Events

With the ever-changing situation due to COVID-19, some of the following events may be postponed to a later date.

Feast of the Assumption: 24 hours Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Life and Faith at St Joseph's 15/16 August 2020



CANCELLED.

The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith Saturday 15th at 3 pm at St Mary's Church, BHM and St Joseph's, Picton. **CANCELLED**

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](mailto:info@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 18..SMF Night Market BHM
 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 17..SMF Garage Sale BHM
 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
 Dec 26..Boxing Day

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Pacita Duan (Phil), Margaret Laugesen

Anniversaries: August 17 Yvonne Brunel **23** Ellen Gallagher **24** Noel Spencer

Other Intentions: , Kitty Collier, Katherine Maher, Lil McKinley, Harvey Howard, Bevan Undrill, Margaret Doherty, Pat Stretch, Gwen Costello, Hazel bason, Jim Brunel, Peb Simmons, Mary Hogg, Terri Byrne, Paul O'Connell, Jim Loe.

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's:	\$ 2,221.81
Envelopes:	\$ 547.52
Cash:	\$ 405.08
Mission Sunday:	\$ 20.00
Peter's Pence:	\$ 10.00
Maori Pastoral Care:	\$ 10.00
Holy Places:	\$ 10.00
Vocations:	\$ 10.00

thank you!