

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday Masses are suspended while in Level 2.

Weekday Masses at St Mary's are in the church until we move to Alert Level 1. Weekday Masses and/or Word & communion will also continue in Kaikoura and Picton.

21st Sunday of Ord (4)

Sat Aug 22

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

Sun Aug 23

Seddon-8am Mass/Fr Jacob

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

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

25th Sunday of Ord (3)

Sat Sep 19

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Sep 20

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

Parish News & Events

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

Women's Friendship Group

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

Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary

with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way to bring Scripture alive. This is an online series (Zoom) starting on **Monday, 24 August** at 7pm and will be on for 6 consecutive Mondays. The sessions are connected but also stand alone. Fee: \$25/session or \$120 for 6 sessions. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons.

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

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.

St Mary's Night Market

We are on the lookout for musicians who would love the opportunity to share their talents at our Night Market or if you are a community organisation or an individual who would like to be a stallholder at our Night Market, please call the school office and leave your contact details: 03 578 9494

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 info@marriageandfamily.org.nz. For information, visit: www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

Parish Calendar

August

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 3-4.. Fundraising Visit by Fr Jim Lyons

....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

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, Pat McGillan (Temuka), Brian Brimble, Jim Hailes (KK), Sr Josephine Gresham smsm

Anniversaries: August 22 Dean Sutton 24 Noel Spencer, Terry Lacey 25 Terry Mulvena 26 Joan Green 28 Gay Mulvena, Jim Hogg

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: \$ 1696.80

Envelopes: \$ 73.70

Cash: \$ 76.10

Mission Sunday: \$ 40.00

thank you!



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

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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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

"Who do you say that I am?"

(Matthew 16: 13 – 20)

Jesus asks in the Gospel passage two questions of his disciples, two questions that still resonate for us today.

First, he asks them: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Jesus often calls himself the Son of Man; for me it is a humble title – Jesus rejoices to be a human person, a son of Adam, a brother to men and women everywhere. In its simplest form Jesus is asking "Who do people say I am?" The disciples talk of the different views they hear of Jesus – often that he is a prophet, one like John the Baptist or Elijah raised again from the dead.

Similarly some people today say of Jesus – He is a Prophet, or he was a very good person, a charismatic figure like Gandhi or like Martin Luther King, or even like the Buddha; a good person, but not living and present today.

Then Jesus asks them personally, a second question:

"But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answers without hesitation: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Simon is saying that Jesus is in truth the Messiah promised by God to the People of Israel to save his People from their sins, and that He is in very truth the Beloved Son of God.

This is a high-point in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus commends Simon Peter. "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven."

Jesus shows very clearly that to have faith in him is not a product of human reasoning, but is a gift from God. Jesus then affirms Simon Peter's identity:

"I tell you, you are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Peter (the name means "Rock" in Greek) is to be the spokesperson and leader of the New People of God, to bear witness to Christ the Lord – to lead the community in faith and in discipleship. Peter did this powerfully at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down on the first Community and he bore witness to Jesus proclaiming him as the Risen Lord and Saviour to many people. (Acts 2: 14 – 36)

As Catholics, we see the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) as leading the Church, as the spokesman for all the Bishops who continue the work of the apostles. This the Pope does powerfully on Easter Sunday when he proclaims that Christ has Risen triumphant from the tomb. He also continues to be the Leader in faith and charity as he bears witness to Christ, preaching the Good News of God's Love and liberation to the poor.

The Christian Church today is not just we who are Catholics, but all people who believe in Christ, and bear witness to Him by their words and their way of life and example. It is first of all Christ's Church, not mine.

What name or identity does Jesus give to you?

"I have called you by your name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

Who is Jesus for you? Speak to him in prayer and ponder this in your heart. God bless you.

Pat McIndoe CP

Readings for Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time

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

Psalm: Lord Your Love is eternal, do not forsake the work of your hands

Mon 24th: Apocalypse 21:9-14 Matthew 23:23-26 **St Bartholomew, Apostle**

Tues 25th: 2Thewss.2:1-3,14-17 Matthew 23:23-26

Wed 26th: 2Thess. 3:6-10 Matthew 23:27-32

Thurs 27th: 1Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 24:42-51 **St Monica**

Fri 28th: 1Corinthians 1:17-25 Matthew 25:1-13 **St Augustine, B.D.**

Sat 29th: Jeremiah 1:17-19 Mark 6:17-29 **Passion of John the Baptist**

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 30th: Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

Pope Francis: Mary's Assumption was a 'giant leap for mankind'



Pope Francis offers Mass in Gyumri, Armenia June 25, 2016. Credit: Vatican Media/CNA.

By [Courtney Mares](#)

Vatican City, Aug 15, 2020 / 06:10 am MT ([CNA](#)).

On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis said that Mary's assumption into Heaven was an infinitely greater achievement than man's first steps on the moon.

"When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' In essence, humanity had reached a historic milestone. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater achievement. Our Lady set foot in Heaven," Pope Francis said Aug. 15.

"This step of the little Virgin of Nazareth was the giant leap forward of mankind," the pope added.

Speaking from the window of the Vatican's apostolic palace to the pilgrims spread out throughout St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis said that in Mary's assumption into Heaven, one sees life's end goal: "not to gain the things here below, which are fleeting, but the patrimony above, which is forever."

Catholics around the world celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on Aug. 15. The feast commemorates the end of Mary's earthly life when God assumed her, body and soul, into heaven.

"Our Lady set foot in Heaven: she went there not only in spirit, but with her

body as well, with all of herself," he said. "That one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost."

The life of the Virgin Mary is an example of how "the Lord works wonders with the little ones," the pope explained.

God works through "those who do not believe themselves great but who give great space to God in life. He enlarges His mercy in those who trust in Him, and raises up the humble. Mary praises God for this," he said.

Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to visit a Marian shrine on the feast day, recommending people in Rome to visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major to pray before the icon of Salus Populi Romani, Mary Protection of the Roman People.

He said that the Virgin Mary's witness is a reminder to praise God each day, as the Mother of God did in her Magnificat prayer in which she exclaimed: "My soul glorifies the Lord."

"We might ask ourselves," he said. "'Do we remember to praise God? Do we thank Him for the great things He does for us, for every day that He gives us because He always loves us and forgives us?'"

"How often, instead, we let ourselves be overwhelmed by difficulties and absorbed by fears," he said. "Our Lady does not, because she puts God as the first greatness of life."

"If, like Mary, we remember the great things that the Lord does, if at least once a day we 'magnify', we glorify Him, then we take a great step forward ... our hearts will expand, joy will increase," Pope Francis said.

The pope wished a happy Feast of the Assumption to everyone, especially the sick, essential workers, and all those who are alone.

"Let us ask Our Lady, the Gate of Heaven, for the grace to begin each day by raising our gaze to Heaven, to God, to say to Him: 'Thank you!'" he said.

Women call for more leadership roles

Beth Doherty with her book 'All the Beautiful Things: Finding Truth, Beauty and Goodness in a Fractured Church' (Supplied)
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With Pope Francis appointing six women to senior positions overseeing the Vatican's finances, calls are growing in Australia for greater structural change within the Church. Source: ABC News.

According to Robyn Horner, from the Australian Catholic University's school of theology, the Church's sexual abuse crisis demonstrated the failings of a male-only leadership structure. She views the sexual abuse crisis as a line in the sand, "which says either the Church is going to change or it's going to die". Teacher and author Beth Doherty says women have held positions of influence in Church history — so there's no reason they can't today.

"There's, of course, the scriptural argument that Jesus chose only men as his disciples," she says. "But there's lots to suggest that people like Mary Magdalene and Mary and Martha of Bethany were disciples as well — and they were the first ones who actually saw Jesus as the resurrected Christ."

Female ordination is a contentious topic that often rears its heads in conversations about gender equity within the Church.

Ms Doherty says by getting "lost in that conversation" about female ordination, people don't look at other ways women can already participate. One such way, she proposes, could be through the College of Cardinals because members do not need to be ordained.

According to Maeve Heaney, a theology lecturer at ACU and member of the order of Verbum Dei, lay men were involved in papal elections historically, but the practice hasn't occurred for hundreds of years.

Despite the gendered nature of certain Catholic leadership positions, Dr Heaney says there is "an awful lot happening" to promote equity within the Church.



St Catherine of Siena didn't become literate until adulthood, yet her letters to Pope Gregory XI convinced him to return the papacy to Rome. (*Wikicommons: Baldassare Franceschini*)

Some possible options as we can't attend Mass on Sundays:

Fr Pat & Jacob will livestream mass on our Facebook Page.

This link takes you through to four different types of online retreats including a "3-Minute Retreat" and an Audio retreat as well as daily scripture with **Sacred Space** and **Pray as You Go** . <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/prayer-online/>

Auckland Liturgy Office <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/> "Celebration of the Word at home" with links to daily readings and music.

Reflections from John O'Connor, 'Food for Faith' have just started again. <https://foodforfaith.org.nz>

Or even Youtube- google "Catholic Daily Mass"