

## 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.

### 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-9am **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat  
Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob

### Tues Sep 8: Feast Day of the Parish

Picton-9am Mass, instead of Wednesday

Blenheim-12.05pm instead of 9.30am, plate to share, cuppa to follow

### Wed Sep 9:

Kaikoura-9.30am

### 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 Pat

#### Sun Sep 20

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

### 26th Sunday of Ord (4)

#### Sat Sep 26

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

#### Sun Sep 27

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr  
Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/  
Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr

Havelock-11am **W&C**  
Ward-4pm 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.**

**SVDP BHM-Shop:** some volunteers are making facemasks to sell and are in need of unused narrow flat or hat elastic. If you have some spare, please drop it into the parish office or the shop in High Street BHM.

### AGLOW GAME CHANGERS :

Aglow is a Christian organisation for men and women, our Blenheim group are hosting a "Game Changers" meeting on Tuesday evenings 6pm - 8pm from 1st September for 5 weeks. Game Changers is a powerful DVD series looking at us standing in the Presence of God. A Study book for \$25 included. Meetings at "My Space Youth Centre" Cnr Redwood / Kinross St's. Info : Sheryll 0210791981 or Jo 0274468649

### "The Mission is at Home and in us"

**A Workshop with Alfred Tong**

**Sunday 13 September, 3.30pm in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church - Williams Street**

*How does the command to 'proclaim the Gospel to all nations' translate to Mission in our Church Congregations and communities today?*

This workshop will include an introduction to some common liturgical hymns in other languages, not exclusively but including Te Reo himene and waiata.

### Sept 18: 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

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary** with Br Kieran Fenn who has

a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Topic on Monday, 7 September, 7-8.30pm: **Mary in the Gospel of Luke.**

Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. ZOOM.

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)  
See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-mother-of-god-i-with-kieran-fenn-fms-4/>

**Online Session (Retreat Day): Homecoming – A Journey of Transformation (Prodigal Son)** with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60.

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-the-prodigal-son/>

### Parish Calendar

#### September

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 14-21..Maori Language Week

Sep 15.. Finance & Property (7)

Sep 16-17..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 12.. KK Stewardship (7)

Oct 17..SMF Garage Sale BHM

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

Oct 18..BHM Multicultural Day

Oct 20..Finance & Property (7)

#### November

Nov 1.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

### Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Brimble, Jim Hailles (KK), Sr Josephine Gresham ssm, Paul O'Connell (Fiji), Maureen Doran (Brisbane)

**Anniversaries: 31 Aug** Cecylia Stevie **Sept 4** Reta O'Leary **5** Donald Johnstone **7** Kevin Kearns

**Other Intentions:** Kitty Collier, Katherine Maher, Lil McKinley, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Hazel Bason, Peb Simmons, Mary Hogg, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Mary Griffiths, Margaret Fairhall; Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

### COLLECTIONS:

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

#### Last week:

AP's: \$ 1306.80  
Envelopes: \$ 256.00  
Cash: \$ 1.20

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 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 & 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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## Newsletter No 33: 06 September 2020 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A



### Social Justice Week: 6th – 12th September 2020 Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential

"Today we want to keep dreaming. We celebrate all the opportunities which enable [us] not to lose the hope of a better world with greater possibilities." (Pope Francis, 2015)

Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference give us Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme is Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential. Let us take this opportunity to delve deeper into our Church's social teaching and consider how we promote love, peace and justice.

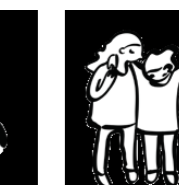
For resources and more information visit [caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week](http://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week).  
**CST :Catholic Social Teaching**

**"A real concern today is that liturgy and social justice tend to be treated as two unrelated activities in the life of the Church... the equality we know at the table of Christ's Body must be celebrated at all other tables."**

Cardinal Thomas Williams said these words in 1997 at a "Love in Action Day" during an address to a gathering of Catholic charity and social justice groups.

Our liturgical gathering on the Sunday reminds us of Church as community and as a family united in prayer. The mercy and compassion we receive from God flows out into the rest of our week and into our relationships in our wider community.

These resources has been prepared with the support of the National Liturgy Office.



### Readings for Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

**Sun 6th Sep:** Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

**Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your Hearts**

**Mon 7th:** 1Corinthians 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11

**Tues 8th: Feast of Our Lady Star of the Sea**

Micah 5:1-4 Matthew 1:18-23

**Wed 9th:** 1Corinthians 7:25-31 Luke 6:20-26

**Thurs 10th:** 1Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13 Luke 6:27-38

**Fri 11th:** 1Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27 Luke 6:39-42

**Sat 12th:** 1Corinthians 10:14-22 Luke 6:43-49

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sun 13th:** Ecus. 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

**New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference Statement on Catholic Social Teaching  
He Kupu na te Huinga Pihopa Katorika o Aotearoa mo nga Akoranga Papori Katori-  
ka**

Never has Catholic social teaching been more relevant in New Zealand and in our world than now. From navigating through a world still responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, to an increased awareness of racism and historic injustice, and the ever-increasing socio-economic disparities, the Church's social teaching helps us focus our concerns about the world. It provides a lens through which we can try to make sense of how our society is being changed, particularly by COVID-19 at this time.

Catholic social teaching is a body of thought on social issues that has been developed by the Church over the past hundred and thirty years. Its foundations are rooted within scripture and can be found in writings by a succession of Popes and other Catholic leaders. Catholic social teaching helps us to apply Gospel values such as love, peace, justice, compassion and community, to modern social problems such as poverty – including homelessness and hunger, conflict, migration, access to goods and the environment.

Considering the theme of Social Justice Week 2020, perhaps it is not mere coincidence that this year's Social Justice Week falls right before Aotearoa New Zealand's general election. As well as pondering on the Social Justice Week resources prepared by Caritas on Catholic social teaching, we encourage you to also read and reflect on our Election Statement in your preparation to vote.

COVID-19 has exposed our vulnerabilities – within ourselves, our communities and in our world. However compared to other parts of the world which have been unable to move beyond individual rights and freedoms to protecting the health of the community, most New Zealanders showed a commitment to the common good of all. Lockdown allowed us to rally around the common good of the health of all, but now can we rally around the common good of the economic health of all? Are we able to bring our experience and understanding of the common good forward and compel ourselves to think first of the needs of those who are most vulnerable?

Our rich tradition of social teaching helps us develop a heart for social change. A change in heart or behaviour needs firstly, an encounter with Christ. Pope Francis spoke of seeing the Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable, through charity and sharing<sup>1</sup>. After COVID-19, we don't have to look very far. Secondly, we need to apply our intellect – using tools to be able to analyse current social issues. In order to move together towards a more just world, we need to question how we "proclaim the Gospel and make it present"<sup>2</sup>.

When Pope Francis gave his Urbi et Orbi blessing on 27 March 2020 he said, "We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us." This imagery of solidarity and working for the common good is valuable to keep in mind with the election imminent, but also from our shared experience of the New Zealand COVID-19 lockdown. We remember what we have collectively experienced and learned, we reflect on those experiences in the light of Catholic social teaching, and we move forward in love and justice to care for each other, for our neighbours, and for our world.

1 Pope Francis. (2017). *First World Day of the Poor*.

2 Pontifical Council for Justice & Peace. (2004). *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 62.

Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland and NZCBC President

Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton and NZCBC General Secretary

John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington and NZCBC Vice-President

Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin

Paul Martin, Bishop of Christchurch

Michael Gielan, Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland

## E te Atua o te aroha, loving God

We pray for fathers-to-be about to embark on the journey of fatherhood,  
and for new fathers adjusting to life with a newborn.

We pray for fathers who juggle work and family life and worry  
about their need to provide and the future of their children.

We pray for grandfathers who treasure and support grandchildren,  
for uncles and father figures who care for and mentor young people;  
for spiritual fathers who guide our children on their faith journey.

We pray for lonely fathers who are separated from their children,  
and for foster fathers who open their hearts to the children of others.

We pray for struggling fathers whose family lives have been disrupted by the pandemic.

We pray for fathers who grieve the loss of their children,  
and for all men who long to be fathers.

### Loving God, we thank you for all our fathers

Bless them with your loving kindness as they patiently guide and nurture our children.

On this special day, help us to show them how much we love and value them.

May St Joseph, patron saint of fathers, be their helper and protector.

Amen

*Family Ministry - Building Families of Faith*



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

Social Justice Week begins on Sunday. Caritas has prepared resources on their [website](#) and which have been distributed where possible which aim to assist us to deepen our understanding of Catholic social teaching principles. Pope Francis is also currently using his Wednesday General Audience addresses to discuss these principles in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. This quote is taken from his introductory remarks to this series on 5 August.

Over the centuries, and by the light of the Gospel, the Church has developed several social principles which are fundamental, principles that can help us move forward in preparing the future that we need. I cite the main ones which are closely connected: the principle of the dignity of the person, the principle of the common good, the principle of the preferential option for the poor, the principle of the universal destination of goods, the principle of the solidarity, of subsidiarity, the principle of the care for our common home. These principles help the leaders, those responsible for society, to foster growth and also, as in the case of the pandemic, the healing of the personal and social fabric. All of these principles express in different ways the virtues of faith, hope and love.

Pope Francis: [General Audience address 5 August 2020](#)

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

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

Liturgical Guide for Season of Creation 2020, by Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine <https://tuimotu.org/a/3nqdBdW>

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

For children, try this link: <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/family-prayer-week-by-week.html/>

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

Another great website for a variety of prayer and worship options <https://www.faithcentral.org.nz/chapel/on-line-prayer-resources/daily-prayer>

Or even Youtube- google "Catholic Daily Mass". Mass is also on Shine TV at 2pm on Sunday.