

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 & Picton.

26th Sunday of Ord (4)

Sat Sep 26

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

Sun Sep 27

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat

Picton-9am **W&C**

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Jacob

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat

Havelock-11am **W&C**

Ward-4pm Mass / Fr Pat

27th Sunday of Ord (1)

Sat Oct 3

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Cuppa after Mass

Sun Oct 4

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

28th Sunday of Ord (2)

Sat Oct 10

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Oct 11

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr

29th Sunday of Ord (3)

Sat Oct 17

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr

Sun Oct 18

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.

Newsletters: With some internet sites changing their settings, we

have had problems sending out the newsletter. If you have stopped receiving the newsletter and wish to receive it again, you can sign up on our facebook page or on our parish website. Just look for the tab on the homepage.

Operation Christmas Child:

Its that time of year again. Boxes are available at the Parish Office, and when churches open, from the foyer of St Marys. Kaikoura are already filling theirs. The deadline for filled boxes to be returned is Labour weekend.

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.

Sept 18: St Mary's Night Market POSTPONED to 16th Oct

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, 21 September, 7-8.30pm: **Marian Dogmas – Do they Speak to Today?** Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. ZOOM.

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz
See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-mother-of-god-i-with-kieran-fenn-fms-6/>

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 24 October, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60.

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

Nehemiah Kaikoura Trust 22 September - update and AGM - open to all

The Nehemiah Kaikoura Trust was established in 2019 with the aim of providing wrap-around support to those recovering from the effects of addiction, and support to their families. The Trust will have its first annual general meeting at 6:30 PM

on Tuesday 22 September 2020 at St Pauls Presbyterian church in Deal Street. All are welcome to attend this meeting, which will include a summary of the initial vision and updates on progress so far and the way ahead.

DVDs wanted

Please donate DVDs to young people living at Remutaka Prison, in the Youth Wing. I need DVDs to give to the prison to provide film evenings.

If you have any: please send them to Steve O'Connor: Challenge 2000, PO Box 13059, Johnsonville. Or drop them at our Centre at 1 Wanaka Street Johnsonville. For more info, call Steve 021 192 7328.

Parish Calendar

September

Sep 18..SMF Night Market BHM **POSTPONED** to 16 Oct

Sep 20..SVdP Festival Day **Postponed**

Sep 28...Review Group 5.30

October

Oct 3-4.. Fundraising Visit by Fr Jim Lyons

....**Peter's Pence Collection**

Oct 4..Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Oct 4.. Sounds Stewardship (5)

Oct 6..Wairau Stewardship (7)

Oct 11..Day-Prayer to Respect Life

Oct 12.. KK Stewardship (7)

Oct 16..SMF Night Market 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)

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: Jeanette Sutherland, Rosaleen O'Dea-Steens (Whakatane)

Anniversaries:

Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Hazel Bason, Peb Simmons, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Mary Griffiths, Margaret Fairhall; the Election & Referendums, Tom Hickman, John Bede Costello

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 1493.25
Envelopes: \$ 0.00
Cash: \$ 0.00

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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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

10 September

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Kia tau rangimarie ki a koutou,

In these Covid days and these days and weeks of uncertainty, constant change and many challenges, many people are finding it very difficult due to the limitations imposed on our lives by the threat and pressures of Covid 19. We know that a lot of people are out of work and struggling financially, others are working in difficult and trying circumstances, our social life has been disrupted, and for some mental health and well-being are a growing concern.

For our Parish, School and College communities, for families and individuals our whole way of praying has been disrupted. Many are finding it very hard at the moment while there are no Masses on Sundays under Alert Level Two. I understand how trying, testing and tough it is with no Sunday Masses. The decision not to have Sunday Masses, where it is very difficult to ensure that there are no more than one hundred people present, was made solely in order to keep everyone safe and to prevent the spread of the virus.

As the Prime Minister said recently "this is a tough year." This means that we look for ways to support and help one another more than we have ever done before. A few weeks ago in one of his Wednesday Audiences Pope Francis said "the pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is," and then went on to say "the pandemic is a crisis, and we do not emerge from a crisis the same as before: either we come out of it better, or we come out of it worse."

This is not a time to complain, it is not a time to feel sorry for ourselves. This is a time to give hope to one another, and in our parishes in particular to look for ways to make a "new start." Maybe the new start will come about when each of us looks for ways to sow seeds of love and compassion and inspire others to care for those who are suffering because of the virus.

Every blessing. Naku noa

+ John

Praying:

It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.

Mary Oliver

Readings for Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 20th: Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24,27 Matthew 20:1-16

Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Mon 21st: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 Matthew 9:9-13 **St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

Tues 22nd: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13 Luke 8:19-21

Wed 23rd: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13 Luke 9:1-6 **St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, priest,**

Thurs 24th: Eccles. 1:2-11 Luke 9:7-9

Fri 25th: Eccles. 3:1-11 Luke 9:18-22

Sat 26th: Eccles. 3:1-11 Luke 9:43-45

Sun 27th: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

Cathedral Campaign– Fr James Lyons visit

Many of you are no doubt aware that the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Wellington has been closed for some time (almost 2 years now), and the Cardinal and a group from the Cathedral Parish of Thornden are planning to repair and strengthen the roof and also begin improvements and refurbishment of the Cathedral.

The Committee for raising the funds have already raised \$3 million towards the project, and work on a major part of the restoration began last month. Then a huge boost to the work was received in August with a Government grant of \$8.5 million

from its Covid-19 'shovel ready' infrastructure fund. There is an estimated \$5 mill. still to be raised. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$16.5 million.

Fr James Lyons is the Cathedral Campaign chair and he will visit our parish of Star of the Sea from 2nd to 6th October. Father Lyons will be seeking assistance from the parishioners towards the work of strengthening and refurbishing our Cathedral.

I know these are difficult times, but please consider the opportunity to give towards making the Cathedral an enduring and beautiful legacy for the Catholic people of tomorrow.

Fr. Pat McIndoe CP
a/Parish Priest

PS. Please see the centre pages of this month's Welcom obtainable in the Church foyer for a full run-down on the Project, or if you wish by request to Fr Pat (0221653354) delivered to your door.

And the people stayed home; And read books; and listened; and rested; and exercised; and made art; and played games; and learned new ways of being; and were still: And listened more deeply.

Some meditated; some prayed; some danced: Some met their shadows: And the people began to think differently; And the people healed: And in the absence of people living in ignorant; dangerous; mindless; and heartless ways; the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passes; and the people joined together again; they grieved their losses; and made new choices; and dreamed new images; and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully; as they had been healed.

Kitty O'Meara,
Retired teacher and chaplain

The End of Life Choice Act

At the coming elections which have been announced for 17th October, but which actually begin for those who wish to cast a postal vote on 3rd October, two Referendums will also be put before us to consider and vote on:-

One is whether New Zealand should allow the recreational use of cannabis,

and the other is whether you approve that people who have terminal illness may choose to have drugs administered to them in order to terminate their life, or that they may be given the means whereby they themselves may terminate their life. This latter referendum is called the End of Life Choice Act. If more than 50% of people vote in approval, then the Act will come into force and legal 12 months after the date of the election.

This latter is a very serious matter that we should carefully consider.

Most of us have had friends of one kind or another who have had a difficult battle with cancer or another debilitating disease. Is it doing such people a service that they may quietly and efficiently have someone put them out of their misery?

If we truly believe in a God, who has given us life and has revealed himself to our world in Jesus our Lord, then we must not get trapped into a neo-liberal thinking that dominates many people's decisions and thinking today. God alone has given us life and he has given us a day when we were born and there is a day when each of us will die. None of us are permitted by his Laws made clear in the Old and New Testament to take our own life or to assist in the taking of the life of another innocent person. God's commandment is very clear: "Thou shalt not kill."

Let us be loud in our support for the "No" vote.

Secondly, to give the excuse that people are in pain and should have the right to end his or her life – in effect denies the dignity and the power of the Cross of Christ. For a Christian it is a privilege to stand at the foot of the Cross and to share in the sufferings of Christ through my own burden or death.

We are to help people to see that illness or suffering – for all its trials and unpleasantness is a sharing in the Passion of Jesus our Saviour.

People today love to see celebrities who seem so charmed and beautiful and suffering free. However we all know that the gloss of the media paints an unreal world. Life has its bruises, its boredom, its disappointments and its hurts, as well as the joys and pleasures that God gives to us. To wish only for the peaks of human experience without its valleys and disappointments is to effectively deny the meaning of the sharing in the Passion and the Cross.

We are to embrace the lame, the disabled, the elderly, the person suffering mental illness and by our love and acceptance of them, we help their experience of the Cross to have meaning and value.

This Referendum is a law that in a sense tries to continue and finish off the work of Nazi Germany. In those times not so long ago, Hitler and his cohorts tried to send those who were disabled or not of a certain racial kind to the extermination camps. If we add our voice for this vote to become a yes vote – we are taking part in a form of eugenics that thinks the world and our nation is only for the fit and beautiful and healthy.

Let us be loud in our support for a No vote!

Fr Pat McIndoe CP



The End of Life Choice Referendum 2020: The Care Alliance Trust Live-streamed presentation: Tuesday 22 September – 7.00pm

Care Alliance Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/carealliancenz/> Learn more about what you are voting on as Dr John Kleinsman, Chair of the Care Alliance, unpacks the End of Life Choice Act 2019.

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

There was much work to do in the vineyard and this landlord spent almost all his time going down the streets and to the town squares to seek workers. Think of those of the last hour: no one had called them; who knows how they must have felt, because at the end of the day they would have brought nothing home to feed their children. Thus, all those in charge of pastoral care can take this parable as a good example. To go out at various times of day to go and meet the many who are in search of the Lord. To reach the weakest and the poorest in order to give them the support of feeling useful in the Lord's vineyard, were it even for only an hour.

Pope Francis, [Address 19 September 2014](#)

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.