

## Parish Calendar, News & Notices

### Weekend Mass Times

**27th Sunday of Ord (1)**  
**Sat Oct 3**

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr J Lyons  
Cuppa after Mass

**Sun Oct 4**

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat  
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob  
Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Lyons  
Cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

**28th Sunday of Ord (2)**

**Sat Oct 10**

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob

**Sun Oct 11**

Seddon-8am **W&C**

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat

Blenheim-10am **W&C**

Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

**29th Sunday of Ord (3)**

**Sat Oct 17**

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

**Sun Oct 18**

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat

Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**

Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Jacob

Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Par

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.**

**Newsletters:** With some internet servers 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. OR call Ginetta at the office.

**Rosary:** During the month of October, there will be Rosary at 7pm every Thursday at St Mary's Church.

### 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.

### Defibrillator Fundraising St. Mary's:

throughout the month of October we are seeking donations for a Heartstart defibrillator for the church foyer. More information will be shared at masses from next week.

**SvdP:** The BHM Shop is looking for Summer clothes for children, if you have some you wish to pass on.

**Situation Vacant: Fixed Term Youth Minister** position to cover Maternity Leave from Mid-March 2021. Contact Mieke for more info 022 391 8584

### Notices from Titipounamu

#### Study & Joy: Online Session

#### 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](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

#### Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? - Reflecting on our Identity in God

with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 28 November, 10.30am-4pm.

Fee: \$60. (Please note new Date!) For more information and registration: email: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz), Website

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

#### 2 bedroom house in Mayfield area for rent.

Single car gar-

age, fully fenced and open-plan kitchen and lounge. One extra off-street carpark. Available from the end of December. \$350 per week. Contact Thijs (pronounced Tase) on 0220122975 for more details.

### Parish Calendar

#### 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 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 22.. First Holy Communion BHM(10)

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

**December**

Dec 15.. Finance & Property (7)

### Community Foodbanks:

Our Community Food Banks help people in need.

This is a collaborative work of Churches, other organisations and individual people in our towns.

### Star of the Sea

#### Collects as follows:

#### 1st Sunday @ Blenheim

We **Urgently** Need *rolled oats, salt, sugar, baby food, spreads & jams, and other non-perishable foods*

#### 1st Sunday @ Kaikoura

#### All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock

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

**Recently Deceased:** Jeanette Sutherland, Rosaleen O'Dea-Steens (Whakatane), Kevin Colville, Helen Hewson, Ruth Gibson, Diana Maney

**Anniversaries: Oct 1** Lal Henderson, Michael Wardrop 7 Rod Wilkes

**Other Intentions:** Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Mary Griffiths, Jo McLean, Tim Wilkes, Paul McIntyre, Pat Swindells, the Election & Referendums

### COLLECTIONS:

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

#### Last week:

AP's:	\$	1802.90
Envelopes:	\$	1392.05
Cash:	\$	302.66
Maori Pastoral Care	\$	50.00

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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### Newsletter No 37: 04 October 2020

### 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

### A Day to Remember Venerable Suzanne Aubert

The saying that stood out especially for me when I first visited the Home of Compassion in Island Bay in 2013 was this saying of Suzanne Aubert written in large letters on a wall: -

"Gratitude is the most beautiful ornament of the human heart."

Gratitude springs from people, it appears to me, who are spiritually poor. Remember the saying of Jesus: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:3)

The problem with the tenants in the parable Jesus tells us (Matthew 21: 33 - 41) is that they forgot that all that they had, all that they were, was given to them on trust by the one who was the owner and father of the Vineyard. They were not the owners - they were to care for the vineyard and tend the vines and make the wine, ready for the Master on his return so that they could joyfully show him the fruit that belonged to him.

So often we get used to thinking - " Boy! What a great job I have done! Yes, I can be proud of myself and my achievements." We forget that we are all beggars before God. Our skills, our human talents, our efforts, our intelligence is all gift - from the Father of all mercies.

I remember in reading "The Story of Suzanne Aubert" by Jesse Munro that Mother Mary Joseph (Suzanne) with a younger Sister, came to Blenheim on a journey to collect funds for building a new church at Jerusalem up the Wanganui River. The previous church had been destroyed by fire. This was in 1889.

Joseph Ward, one of the first active Catholics in the Marlborough area, who was the first teacher of boys near the presbytery of Fr Seauzau wrote then:-

"1889, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Good drop of rain last night. Fine growing morning. To Mass not Benedn. Saw two nuns from near Wanganui 'Jerusalem' up Wanganui River. Church burnt down - a Maori one - They are begging the means to rebuild. Sister Mary Joseph an elderly lady - French - strong short broad; dark brown eyes. Very intelligent look - been for years principally among the Maori, is skilled in medicines made from herbs. The other young; was at school in Nelson with Edith (his daughter). Violet Savage. I gave a couple of pounds - sorry I could give no more." Jessie Munro, p. 184

Let us be glad of working in the vineyard of the Lord, and remember that what we have, what we are, is a gift from God. Truly -

"Gratitude is the most beautiful ornament of the human heart." Today as we welcome Fr James Lyons, who is the present chaplain for the Sisters at the Home of Compassion, let us be ready to show our gratitude to God as Father comes to raise funds towards the renovation and rebuilding of our Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Wellington. God bless you. Pat McIndoe cp

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

**Sun 4th Oct:** Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

**Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

**Mon 5th:** Galatians 1:6-12 Luke 10:25-37

**Tues 6th:** Galatians 1:13-24 Luke 10:38-42

**Wed 7th:** Acts 1:12-14 Luke 1:26-38 **Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Thurs 8th:** Galatians 3:1-5 Luke 11:5-13

**Fri 9th:** Galatians 3:7-14 Luke 11:15-26

**Sat 10th:** Galatians 3:22-29 Luke 11:27-28

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Sun 11th:** Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

## Path to holiness requires spiritual combat: Pope

By [Courtney Mares](#)

Vatican City, Sep 27, 2020 / 06:30 am MT ([CNA](#)).- Pope Francis said Sunday that the Christian life requires concrete commitments and spiritual combat in order to grow in holiness.

"There is no path to holiness without some renunciation and without spiritual combat," Pope Francis said in his Angelus address Sept. 27.

This battle for personal sanctity requires grace "to fight for the good, to fight not to fall into temptation, to do what we can on our part, to come to live in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes," the pope added.

In the Catholic tradition, spiritual combat involves an internal "battle of prayer" in which a Christian must fight temptation, distraction, discouragement, or dryness. Spiritual combat also entails cultivating virtues to make better life choices and exercise charity towards one's neighbour.

The pope acknowledged that conversion can be a painful process because it is a process of moral purification, which he likened to removing encrustations from one's heart.

"Conversion is a grace for which we must always ask for: 'Lord, give me the grace to improve. Give me the grace to be a good Christian,'" Pope Francis said from the window of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace.

Reflecting on Sunday's Gospel, the pope said that "living a Christian life is not made up of dreams or beautiful aspirations, but of concrete commitments, in order to open ourselves ever more to God's will and to love for our brothers and sisters."

"Faith in God asks us to renew every day the choice of good over evil, the choice of the truth rather than lies, the choice of love for our neighbour over selfishness," Pope Francis said.

The pope pointed to one of Jesus' parables in chapter 21 in the Gospel of Matthew in which a father asks two sons to go and work in his vineyard.

"To the father's invitation to go and work in the vineyard, the first son impulsively responds 'no, no I will not go,' but then he repents and goes; instead the second son, who immediately replies 'yes, yes father,' does not actually do so," he said.

"Obedience does not consist of saying 'yes' or 'no', but of acting, of cultivating the vineyard, of bringing about the Kingdom of God, in doing good."

Pope Francis explained that Jesus used this parable to call people to an understanding that religion should affect one's life and attitudes.

"With His preaching on the Kingdom of God, Jesus opposes a religiosity that does not involve human life, that does not question the conscience and its responsibility in the face of good and evil," he said. "Jesus wants to go beyond a religion understood only as external and habitual practice, which does not affect people's lives and attitudes."

While acknowledging that the Christian life demands conversion, Pope Francis emphasized that "God is patient with each one of us."

"He [God] does not tire, He does not desist after our 'no'; He leaves us free even to distance ourselves from Him and to make mistakes ... But He anxiously awaits our 'yes', so as to welcome us anew in His fatherly arms and to fill us with His boundless mercy," the pope said.

After praying the Angelus with the pilgrims gathered under umbrellas in a rainy St. Peter's Square, the pope asked people to pray for peace in the Caucasus region, where Russia staged joint military exercises with China, Belarus, Iran, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Armenia last week.

"I ask the parties to the conflict to make concrete gestures of goodwill and brotherhood, which can lead to solving problems not with the use of force and arms, but through dialogue and negotiation," Pope Francis said.

Pope Francis also greeted the migrants and refugees present at the Angelus as the Church celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees and said that he was praying for small businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

"May Mary Most Holy help us to be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit. He is the One who melts the hardness of hearts and disposes them to repentance, so we may obtain the life and salvation promised by Jesus," the pope said.

## VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT / MERI HŌHEPA CELEBRATION SUNDAY OCT 4

This Sunday we remember and celebrate the **spirituality and good works** of Venerable Suzanne Aubert known to Maori as Meri Hōhepa. It's the one day in the year when we can take time to reflect on what this remarkable woman achieved here in Aotearoa/New Zealand and be inspired and encouraged as we hope and pray that she will soon be formally recognised by the church as New Zealand's first Saint.

Cardinal John Dew received a personal letter last month from the president of the Causes for Saints, confirming the cure attributed to Suzanne's alleged intercession is right now being closely examined in Rome. If the cure is accepted as miraculous, she will be beatified and known as Blessed. This will be a very significant stage on her journey to Sainthood.

One can only wonder what Suzanne Aubert would say about the COVID-19 pandemic but we know she would be working at the coalface ensuring all were cared for during this time of upheaval and stress. Her *wairua* lives on in the work of the Sisters of Compassion and their co-workers today.

To coincide with Celebration Sunday, the Sisters have launched a special video project design for students. Details are on the Suzanne Aubert website- [www.suzanneaubert.co.nz](http://www.suzanneaubert.co.nz) or a link directly to the video <https://youtu.be/QjCTAJLqwc>

You will also find new resources including a video book on her life and a booklet of 35 reflections.

Please pray for her beatification and eventual canonisation. And, let us remember her constant prayer. **"Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."**

"Mother Aubert's vision and example – her insistence on seeing Christ in every person who needed help, her refusal while doing so to distinguish between Catholic and non-Catholic – were among the most pervasive and enduring forces to emerge from the Catholic Church in New Zealand."

New Zealand historian, Michael King



Year of Mission quote this week: Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*



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

If you in your family, in your neighbourhood start out with envy, with fights, there will be "war" in the end. Instead, if you start out with love, sharing love, forgiveness, there will be love and forgiveness for everyone.

[Pope Francis: General Audience 9 September 2020](#)