

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

30th Sunday of Ord (4)
Sat Oct 24
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat
Sun Oct 25
 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 Jacob
 Fr Pat away 26-30th Oct

31st Sunday of Ord (1)
Sat Oct 31
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob
 Cuppa after Mass
Sun Nov 1 All Saints Day
 Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob
 Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat
 Cuppa after Mass
 Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
 Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob
 Cuppa after Mass
 Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

Nov 2: All Soul's Day
 Blenheim-10am Mass

32nd Sunday of Ord (2)
Sat Nov 7
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat
Sun Nov 8
 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 Nov 14
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr
Sun Nov 15
 Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr
 Picton-9am Mass/Fr
 Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
 Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr
 Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr
 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.

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

Mass Ministry Rosters-BHM: The rosters will have been emailed out

by now and copies are in the foyer of the church for those who are not on email.

Operation Christmas Child: Its last weekend to get your boxes back for BHM & PN parishioners. The deadline for filled boxes to be returned is this Tuesday.

Defibrillator Fundraising - St Mary's: throughout the month of October we are seeking donations for a Heartstart defibrillator for the church foyer. There is info in the foyer and Stewardship team members will be at each Mass to give out receipts for each donation over \$5 received.

SEEK - EXPLORE YOUR CALL
 Sunday 8th November, 1pm to 5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay
 An opportunity for young adults (18+) to explore different vocations as Catholics.
 How are you called to serve God with your talents & gifts? What does vocation look like in 2020? The afternoon will conclude with a Young Church Mass at 5pm.
 To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

YOUNG CHURCH MASS 2020 with Cardinal John
 Sunday 8 November @ 5pm
 Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay
 All young people are welcome!

BHM Bereavement Mass- 12th Nov: Parishioners who would like loved ones who have passed away in the last 12 months remembered at this Mass, please call Annie Wooding 972 3669.

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 (Evening): The Gospel of Mark with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.
 4 Fridays in November, 06-27 November, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/ session. ZOOM. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz
 See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-mark-2/>

Online Session (Retreat Day):

Who am I? - Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 28 November, 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/>

Parish Calendar
October
 Oct 20..Finance & Property (7)
 Oct 27-Review Group Mtg

November
 Nov 1.. All Saints Day
 ... Sounds Stewardship (5)
 Nov 2.. All Souls Day
 Nov 3..Wairau Stewardship (7)
 Nov 12.. Bereavement Mass BM (7)
 Nov 15..World Day of the Poor & ...1st Holy Communion KK
 Nov 17..Finance & Property (7)
 Nov 22.. First Holy Communion BHM(10)
 ...300th Anniversary of the formation of the Passionist Order
 Nov 23..Reveiw Group mtg

December
 Dec 6..Sounds Stewardship (5)
 Dec 15.. Finance & Property (7)
 Dec 25..Christmas Day
 Dec 26..Boxing Day
 Dec 25-Jan 18 Parish office Closed
 No Committee meetings During January

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

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:
 AP's: \$ 1255.65
 Envelopes: \$ 767.25
 Cash: \$ 492.40
 Peter's Pence: \$ 5.00
 Mission Sunday: \$ 346.30
 Maori Pastoral Care: \$ 15.00

thank you!

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Corey McGregor (KK), Joan Sweeney (KK), Eyvonne Kerehoma

Anniversaries: Oct 28 Jack Walker

Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Mary Griffiths, Jo McLean, Paul McIntyre, Pat Swindell, Heather Alexander, Des Maney, Christopher Riordan & Riordan family, Lenore Freeth, Royal Commission of inquiry into Abuse in Care.

AED Donations: \$3,000.00



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
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Love of God equals Love of Neighbours.

Whenever Jesus uses simple everyday life situations in parables to proclaim the profound mysteries of the Kingdom of God, He always gets into trouble with the religious leaders of his time. Some of the parables are aimed towards the religious leaders because of their lack of compassion and putting too much burden on the common people. No one ever challenged them (the religious leaders) because they know everything. To challenge them shows contempt against them and it has a very serious consequence.

In our Gospel today, the Pharisees are angry and upset that Jesus sees fit to silence the Sadducees. They know where Jesus comes from, they know too well his step father who was a carpenter in the village and his mother. They know he had no formal schooling; schools were for the elite and the rich of the society. The religious leaders and their followers all ganged up together to trap Jesus so that they can have the people or the crowds who were listening to them, turn right there and then, against him. But he already knew what they were having in mind and he turned the tables on them.

They came to Jesus with a question to trap him so they asked him; "Teacher which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" (Matt 22:36) Jesus uses Deuteronomy 6:4-5 "Israel remember this! The Lord and the Lord alone is our God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength". And Leviticus 19:18 "Do not take revenge on anyone or continue to hate him/her, but love your neighbour as you love yourself. I am the Lord". If you follow these two commandments then you are not far from the kingdom. These two commandments are the basis of a right relationship with our neighbour and ultimately with our God. If one of these two commandments is missing then the other does not have relevance in our lives. It's both sides of a single coin, separate one and the other does not have a value in itself. Loving God and Loving Neighbor is so paramount in any relationship that we have with our God and our neighbours. Who is my neighbour then? It's best explained in Luke's gospel Chapter 10: 25-37 the parable of the Good Samaritan. Neighbours are the ones sometime we don't see eye to eye with, the ones we take a side track of, if they are on the path we are traveling. The one we would like to gossip or talk behind the back of, when we are with someone else.

God wants the best for us by giving his very own Son to die on the cross for us. We should want the best for our neighbors too.

Fr Jacob Kuman CP

Readings for Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 25th: Exodus 22:20-26 1Thess. 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40
Psalm: I love you Lord, my strength
Mon 26th: Ephesians 4:32-5:8 Luke 13:10-17
Tues 27th: Ephesians 5:21-33 Luke 13:18-21
Wed 28th: Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-16 **Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles**
Thurs 29th: Ephesians 6:10-20 Luke 13:31-35
Fri 30th: Philippians 1:1-11 Luke 14:1-6
Sat 31th: Philippians 1:18-26 Luke 14:1,7-11
Sun 1st Nov: **All Saints Day**
 Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12



Pope Francis greets the crowd during his general audience in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican Oct. 21, 2020. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

By: Junno Arocho Estevez 21 October 2020

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Being indifferent to or hating others is to deny the existence of God's presence in one's neighbour, Pope Francis said.

"This is practical atheism," the pope said Oct. 21 during his weekly general audience.

"To not recognize the human person as an image of God is a sacrilege, an abomination, the worst offense that can be directed toward the temple and the altar," he said.

Arriving in the Paul VI audience hall, the pope once again observed social-distancing measures by taking his seat immediately rather than going to greet members of the crowd up close.

He also apologized and explained that mingling with them would increase "the danger of infection for you."

"I am sorry for this, but it's for your safety," he said. "But please know that I am close to you in my heart. I hope you understand why I do this."

Before his main talk, the pope said he noticed a mother cuddling and breastfeeding her crying baby at the start of the audience.

Upon seeing this, he said, "I thought, 'That's what God does with us, like that mother, who with such tenderness tried to rock the baby, to feed the baby. It is a beautiful image.'"

"Never silence a child who cries in church. Never. Because it is a voice that recalls God's tenderness," he said.

Continuing his series of talks on prayer, the pope talked about "the wicked" person often mentioned in the Book of Psalms and described them as someone who "lives as if God does not exist."

The Book of Psalms, he said, presents prayer as a "fundamental reality of life" that serves as a "boundary," which prevents "us from venturing into life in a predatory and voracious manner."

However, he said, there are "the wicked" ones, like those who go to Mass "only to be seen" or to show off, or those who pray out of habit and with no depth, thus rendering "a false prayer" to God.

"The worst service someone can give God, and others as well, is to pray tiredly, in a habitual way, to pray like a parrot: blah, blah, blah. No. We must pray with our hearts," the pope said.

"Prayer is not a sedative to alleviate life's anxieties; or, in any case, this type of prayer is certainly not Christian," he added. "Rather, prayer makes the person responsible" for others as can be seen "clearly in the 'Our Father' that Jesus taught his disciples."

Pope Francis said the psalms teach Christians that prayer is more than just seeking God's help for oneself but rather a "collective patrimony, to the point of being prayed by everyone and for everyone," the pope said.

"If you pray so many rosaries and then gossip about others, you have resentments, you have hate against others, this (prayer) is purely artificial," the pope said.



Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou.

Last Tuesday we gathered at St Bernadette's Hall Naenae, for a day of "Celebrating Cultural Diversity in Parishes". Gathered for the day were Lay Pastoral Leaders, some Launch-Out candidates, Archdiocesan Staff, Hospital and Prison Chaplains and many of our Clergy.

The day consisted of three presentations in which Samoans, Filipinos and Indians shared something what their faith means their faith. Three kiwi in missions in Latin and the Pacific Island own experience and from living and work-



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reflecting on the follow-gelii Gaudium of Pope community receives the the Holy Spirit enriches transforming power of of the Church shows that have simply one cultural "remaining completely swerving fidelity to the Gospel and the tradition so reflect the different and peoples in which it is root".

In the diversity of peo-gift of God, each in ac-culture, the Church ex-catholicity and shows varied face". [EG 116] I tinue to reflect on this Gaudium and please re-of the encyclical of Pope Francis Fratelli Tutti on fraternity and social friendship, he is calling us to solidarity, encounter and gratitude for one another. These find an echo in our lives and our communities.

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May we all take up the insistent invitation of Pope Francis for dialogue, respect and generosity towards every human being.

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