

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

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

33rd Sunday of Ord (3)
Sat Nov 14
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob
Sun Nov 15
 Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob
 Picton-9am **W&C**
 Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Pat
 Blenheim-10am Mass/ Fr Jacob
 Havelock-11am NONE
 Renwick-5pm Mass/ **W&C**

Feast of Christ the King (4)
Sat Nov 21
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat
Sun Nov 22
 Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat
 Picton-9am Mass/ Fr Jacob
 Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
 Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat
 Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob
 Ward-4pm Mass / Fr Pat

1st Sunday of Advent (5)
Sat Nov 28
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat
Sun Nov 29
 Seddon-8am **W&C**
 Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob
 Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat
 Blenheim-10am Mass/Cardinal
 Havelock-11am Mass/Fr Jacob

2nd Sunday of Advent(1)
Sat Dec 5
 Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr
 Cuppa after Mass
Sun Dec 6
 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

Parish News & Events
With the ever-changing situation due to COVID-19, some of the following events may be postponed.

Working Bee-Blenheim:
 Saturday **7 Nov** 8am-12noon.
 Many hands make light work, so if you have some time, please come along. For details contact Blair McLean or Lex Agnew. If wet, postponed to following weekend.

SEEK – EXPLORE YOUR CALL
 Sunday 8 Nov, 1 - 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

BHM Bereavement Mass- 12th Nov: At St Mary's Church at 7pm, followed by supper organised by SVdP BHM Conference.

SVdP Festival: There will be a Festival Meeting of the Nelson Marlborough St Vincent de Paul on 15th Nov commencing with 10am Mass at St Mary's which will incorporate the annual Commitment ceremony. After Mass a meeting will begin in the Community Centre. All members and associate members are urged to attend.

Have you been to Crossroads lately? If not, we'd love to meet you. Pop in any weekday between 8am and 1.30pm for soup, filled rolls, sandwiches, cake and a cuppa, or join us for dinner on Wednesdays at 5.30pm. Check out our Urban Harvest for fruit, vegetables and bread. It's all about showing our faith to the community we serve, and everything is available for a koha. See you there!

27 -29 Nov 2020 ADVENT RETREAT with Rex Begley and Fr. Donald Hornsey SSC - time to reflect on what's happened to You, our Church, our World

since last Christmas. Magnificat Retreat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston. Cost \$190.00. Registration required. Contact: rexandthere-sabegley@gmail.com
 Phone: 027 545 6808 or 027 967 2299

National March for Life.
 You're invited to love them both by attending the fourth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 5 December. Join pro-life Kiwis from all over NZ in a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

Parish Calendar
November
 Nov 12..Bereavement Mass BM (7)
 Nov 15..World Day of the Poor ..SVdP Commitment Ceremony (BHM 10)

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.

Annual Foodbank Drive
23 Nov from 6pm

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: \$ 1184.70
 Envelopes: \$ 900.50
 Cash: \$ 476.10
 Mission Sunday: \$ 60.00



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Josephene McLean, Erin Gray (nee Maher) CHCH
Anniversaries: Nov 1 Alec Logan 4 Mary O'Halloran 6 Ethel McHugh, Bev Lefforel 11 Thomas McHugh 15 Fr Humphrey O'Leary CSSR
Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Pat Swindell, Heather Alexander, Des Maney, Flo Andrews, Pauline Stephens (Wgt), Laurie Squire, Margaret Squire, Kathleen Logan, Mollie Hanley, Eileen Hanley, Eric Hanley, deceased members & friends of Logan, Squire & Hanley families, all the soul of Pahila-Ventura family, Joveil Basulgan Dela Cruz & Patria Pahila



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
 No Mass)

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
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Wisdom of Heart

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This parable (Matt. 25: 1 – 13) is one of a group that Matthew places near the end of the ministry of Jesus. Jesus warns his disciples that he will come again in glory like the bridegroom at a wedding. What response will we show? Will we be wise – spiritually awake at his coming, or will we be like the foolish bridesmaids who were unprepared, and were shut out from the wedding feast.

The difference between the bridesmaids who were prepared and those who were left napping is that the fortunate girls were wise – they were spiritually wise and had brought enough oil for their lamps, whereas the five foolish bridesmaids were excitedly talking too much and did not take time and trouble to prepare for the feast to bring oil for their lamps. Their minds were on other unimportant things.

To my mind Jesus is calling us to have wisdom of heart that comes from an active faith. Five bridesmaids were looking forward with a ready faith, a firm hope and a generous love to meet the bridegroom. They believed in their heart that he would come and they took active measures to prepare to meet him.

The other five did not think ahead, and had become so immersed in other things that they were spiritually asleep – not thinking with any spirit of faith about the one who was coming.

Do I live my life with wisdom of heart taking time to pray, to ponder the Word of God in scripture, to be busy with an active generous love, or am I so immersed in daily affairs that I have forgotten why I am here, to welcome the Lord who is coming?

Jesus urges us: "Stay awake! True you need your physical sleep, but let your hearts be spiritually awake – to watch for my Coming."

Do I help my children and grandchildren to have wisdom of heart to look out for the Lord in their lives? Lord, give us the wisdom of heart to make our hearts active with a lively faith, a firm hope and a generous love so that we can go out with our lamps lit ready to welcome your Coming.

Pat McIndoe cp

Readings for Thirty Second Week of Ordinary Time

Sun 8th:	Wisdom 6:12-16	1Thess. 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Psalm:	My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.		
Mon 9th:	Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12	1Cori. 3:9-11,16-17	John 2:13-22
	Dedication of St John Lateran		
Tues 10th:	Titus 2:1-8,11-14	Luke 17:7-10	St Leo the Great, pope D
Wed 11th:	Titus 3:1-7	Luke 17:11-19	St Martin of Tours, B.
Thurs 12th:	Philemon 7-20	Luke 17:20-25	St Josaphat, B.M.
Fri 13th:	2 John 4-9	Luke 17:26-37	
Sat 14th:	3 John 5-8	Luke 18:1-8	
	Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Sun 15th:	Prov. 31:10-13,19-20,30-31	1Thessa. 5:1-6	Matthew 25:14-30

“O that you would tear the heavens asunder
and come down to us O God;
come be with us... comfort your people...”

(Is 64 & 40)

Comfort My People
Advent Pandemic - Video and Music Resources

The Advent cry from the Prophet Isaiah holds new meaning for our times and greater urgency, because of the global COVID-19 pandemic. In the face of such extreme suffering and heartache, as a result of COVID-19, as well as the economic, political, social unrest and uncertainty across our world, together with the devastating impact of climate change on our planet and our lives, we hope and pray these video and music resources will comfort you and your Communities in your waiting, hoping and longing!

This complimentary Advent resource features video reflections and meditations from:

Joyce Rupp OSM Ron Rolheiser OMI Daniel O'Leary
Margaret Silf Michael Whelan SM Edwina Gateley
Denis Edwards Noel Davis Richard Leonard SJ
Monica Brown Hilary Musgrave

Emmaus is also delighted to make available in this resource kit a selection of Monica Brown's music for adults and children.

There are also 10 videos and 12 songs and mantras for children included in this kit.

We encourage you to share this information far and wide with communities, families and individuals whom you feel could benefit from these resources.

Simply follow the link below to access our new complimentary resource kit.

[Click here for Comfort My People Advent Resources](#)

Preliminary results of the End of Life Choice Act referendum are disheartening. With [65.2% voting for the Act](#) to come into force, we have to wonder what has become of our nation.

Despite this being the expected result, the reality is still shocking.

Do New Zealander's really know what they have voted for? Do they really understand the implications of this decision? I don't think they do.

Wesley J. Smith, a lawyer who works tirelessly to expose the dangers of euthanasia has [said the following](#) about the ever-widening criteria for euthanasia.

"Once a society accepts the noxious notion that killing is an acceptable answer to human suffering, the definition of "suffering" never stops expanding."

Already, there are people commenting on social media, disappointed that the law does not allow for those suffering from dementia to end their lives. It will not be long before these dissatisfied comments become full-blown requests to expand the law.

Our response must be to continue teaching the truth about the dignity of the human person and the real meaning of suffering. We need to uphold the values we as a society have always held even in the face of great opposition. We need to preach the Gospel of Life both with our words and in how we live our lives.

Just as we are there in the greatest hour of need for the pregnant mother who believes her only choice is abortion, so too must we be there for the person suffering who believes that their only option is to prematurely end their life. It is only natural that a society that has accepted and justifies the killing of tiny human beings in their mother's wombs would also eventually come to embrace euthanasia.

The great Apostle of Life, Father Paul Marx clearly saw the relationship not only between abortion and euthanasia but between contraception, abortion, and euthanasia. "In every country, bar none," he wrote, "contraception has led to abortion, and once abortion, to infanticide, the prelude to full-blown euthanasia."

Recently Human Life International's President Father Shenan Boquet, [provided further insight](#) into this relationship.

"Contraception, abortion, and euthanasia are all rotten fruits of the same diseased tree," he said. "If life is unwanted in the beginning because it is inconvenient, then it makes sense that at the end of life, when a person becomes inconvenient, that we should be free to "abort" this life as well. Euthanasia would not be possible without the widespread acceptance of abortion, and the violence of abortion would not be possible without the full-throated acceptance of contraception."

We as a nation stand on very precarious ground.

There is much work to be done. It is our task to remain strong, standing with courage, and with our feet firmly grounded in truth.

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you... do not fear or be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31 6,8).

The victory is Christ's. The culture of life will win out over the culture of death, of this, we can be certain.

Yours in the service of life and the family

Michelle Kaufman
Family Life International NZ

A quote for Ecology, Justice and Peace

Brothers and sisters, let us learn to dream big! Let us not be afraid to dream big, seeking the ideals of justice and social love that are born of hope. Let us not try to rebuild the past — the past is the past. New things await us.

Pope Francis: [General Audience 23 September 2020](#)