

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

1st Sunday of Advent (5)

Sat Nov 28
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat
Sun Nov 29
Seddon-8am Mass/Fr Pat
Picton-9am **W&C**
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Jacob
Blenheim-10am Mass/Cardinal
Community Picnic after Mass
Havelock-11am No Mass

2nd Sunday of Advent (1)

Sat Dec 5
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass
Sun Dec 6
Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Pat
Cuppa after 1st Communion
Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass
Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Pat

3rd Sunday of Advent (2)

Sat Dec 12
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Pat
Sun Dec 13
Seddon-8am Mass/Fr Pat
Picton-9am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat
Cuppa after Mass with RSM
Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob

4th Sunday of Advent (3)

Sat Dec 19
Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr
Sun Dec 20
Seddon-8am **W&C**
Picton-9am Mass/ Fr
Cuppa after 1st Communion
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr
Blenheim-10am **W&C**
Havelock-11am Mass/Fr
Renwick-5pm Mass/Fr

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Dec 25 Christmas Day

Feast of Holy Family (4)

Sat Dec 26
Blenheim-5pm **W&C**
Sun Dec 27
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

Parish News & Events

St Mary's AED: thank you for your overwhelming response to our AED appeal in October. We have raised more funds than we expected, and so in the spirit of "One Parish", the WSG propose that we bulk buy a further two AEDs for our next two biggest communities, Picton and Kaikoura. If anyone who has donated objects to this, please contact Simon Popham - simon_trudy@xtra.co.nz, Blair McLean- melandblair@gmail.com or Ginetta in the parish office this week. Thank you once again for your generosity.

The Marlborough Singers Invite you to a concert of Choral Classics. The programme highlights Gabriel Faure's REQUIEM and includes Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs, Handel's Zadok the Priest, Bach's Jesu, joy of man's desiring, and Felix Mendelssohn's Hear my Prayer. Also experience the magnificent new organ installed just this year in the Nativity church. Nativity Church 7pm, Sat 28 Nov. \$25.00 Door sales only.

Sun 29 Nov: The Multicultural Committee warmly invites you to bring your deck chairs and some yummy food from your home countries for a **parish picnic** after 10am Mass. This will be held in the gardens outside the Community Centre. If the weather is bad it will be in the church foyer. Please contact Victoria Raw - 0212268315, Margaret Western -0211584426 or Viv Southby vivsouthby@kinect.co.nz for more information.

Friday 4th Dec: Meeting- Ministers of Communion and to the Sick at 3.30pm. Would all Special Ministers who officiate at Liturgy of the Word at Retirement Homes and those who take the Eucharist to the housebound/sick in Blenheim, please attend a short meeting in the Mercy Room.

The above needs immediate attention so your presence at the meeting would be appreciated. Judith Kerridge, Co-Ordinator of SM to the sick.

On Sunday 6th Dec at 10 am Mass we will celebrate First Holy Communion for David Bacon, Phoebe Bacon, Cyrus Cruz, Daniel Diamond, Mark Diamond, Caitlyn Mitchell, Corbinian Merkle, Kassar-

der Merkle and Mayra Russell. Please remember our First Holy Communicants in your prayers and join us to celebrate after Mass in the Parish Centre. A plate of finger food to share would be appreciated.

24 hours Adoration for Life and Faith - St Joseph's Picton - 12/13 Dec. 8.45am Sat 12 Dec to 8.45am Sun 13 Dec. A great opportunity to take a mini-pilgrimage during Advent to prepare for the celebration of Our Lord's Birth - come and pray for as little or as long as you want. There will be a shared BBQ on Saturday evening at 6.30pm or if you are an early bird, you can join us for breakfast at 6.30am Sunday morning before Mass! See Parish Noticeboards or email kiwi.cooper@xtra.co.nz for a Prayer Timetable.

St Joseph's - Working Bee - Sun 13 Dec 10am. Many hands make less work!

13 Dec: Farewell to the Sisters of Mercy: the Sisters of Mercy have had a connection with the Parish since the order's arrival in Blenheim over 140 years ago, and a group of those who have been here at some time over the years would like to say goodbye at 10am Mass. There will be morning tea in the Community Centre afterwards, to give people a chance to talk

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 30 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:	\$ 1956.90
Envelopes:	\$ 655.00
Cash:	\$ 581.50
Maori Pastoral Care	\$ 57.00
Mission Sunday:	\$ 17.00
Christmas Due:	\$ 25.00



Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Peter Hope, Catherine Maher (Wgtn), Patricia Hickman (Hawera), Patricia Swindells, Eileen Reeve, Colleen Colder

Anniversaries: Nov 23 Steven Giddy **25** Kath Molyneux

Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Underhill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Flo Andrews



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

Blenheim | Havelock | Kaikoura | Picton | Renwick | Seddon | Ward

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1st Sunday of Advent Year B

We are now into Advent, a time when the church asks us again to prepare for the coming of the Messiah into the world and into our own lives. Today is the first Sunday of Advent and as you all know it means "coming". In our Gospel today (Mk13:33-37), it speaks about watchfulness and preparation on our part.

Well, the Messiah was born 2000 plus years ago in the history of our salvation. It can never be repeated again. It is one of the events that happened for the salvation of all human beings, regardless of color, creed or nationality. Every year during Advent we are asked to wait for the coming of Jesus again at the end of time or when we might meet our Saviour at the end of our life's journey. We are asked to constantly be on our guard and be ready for that day to come. As the Gospel reminds us no one knows exactly what time of the day or the hour when we are going to face that ultimate decision.

So, whatever we do in our daily lives, we have to be conscious of the effects that it will have on ourselves and on other people around us. God created us to live in a community where we can have that connection and relationship with our fellow human beings. We are not an island where we can't interact with each other or trees or plants that stand in one particular place. We are created so that we can have a relationship and be responsible for our actions. Pope Paul VI said in his encyclical letter, "that today we don't need good teachers, what we need are witnessing teachers". Our lives are to be a witness to the Gospel values of love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, generosity etc. As we go into the Advent Season let us remember that words are not enough to change one's heart. Actions speak louder than words, so let's put our words into action and make a difference in our family, community and society.

God bless, Jacob Kuman CP

Readings for First Sunday of Advent

Sun 29th: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 1Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Psalm: Lord Make Us turn to You, Let us see your Face and we shall be saved

Mon 30th: Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22 **St Andrew, Apostle**

Tues 1st Dec: Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24

Wed 2nd: Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs 3rd: Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21,24-27 **St Francis Xavier, P**

Fri 4th: Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31

Sat 5th: Isaiah 30:1-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

Second Week of Advent

Sun 6th: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

Royal Commission into Abuse in Care and Faith-based Institutions

Please keep in your prayers at this time the work of The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care which continues to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for survivors for ongoing courage as they share their experience with the Commission.

Starting in late November & early December, the Royal Commission will focus on cases involving the Catholic Church. While this may be a difficult time for survivors and many in our communities, this is an important process. We listen to the experiences of survivors, acknowledge failings, support the justice and reconciliation process and look forward to the future with hope.

Our bishops and congregational leaders requested that churches and faith-based organisations be included in the Royal Commission process in order to have this significant opportunity to acknowledge the past, listen and learn from the experiences of survivors, and participate in seeking justice.

Learn more at www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz.



Your gift to the 2020 Cardinal's Care Appeal will support Marriage, Family and Young Church Ministries. To learn more or to make a gift now, please visit:

www.wn.catholic.org.nz/donate

or phone 04 496 1778

Open Home Foundation

Open Home Foundation is a Christian Child and Family Support Service. We are currently looking for Christian couples or singles who would be willing to open their homes and hearts to a child or young person. While there is always an ongoing need for homes, at present we have a particular need for people willing to provide respite care for some teenagers and an eight year old, on a short term or weekend basis. If you feel you could provide this or know of someone who could, we would really like to hear from you.

If this is not the right time for you we would really appreciate your prayers to have this need met. Please contact us on 03 5780807 or email Marlborough@ohf.org.nz

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Matthew 9:37

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SINGERS/MUSICIANS: Do you love singing Christmas Carols ?

Would you like to join a group to lead the singing at the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass. They'll be songs you are familiar with but we will have some practices on Wednesday evenings 9th, 16th and 23rd December at 7pm.

Musicians: If you play keyboard or guitar we'd love some extra backing music. For more information or to reserve a spot !! Please contact Moira Winter 03 577 8739

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FOOD FOR FAITH FOR ADVENT – Father John O'Connor's popular Food for Faith page will have daily reflections for Advent. Go to his site and sign up to get the reflections daily by email during December: www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Christmas Timetable 2020



Reconciliation Services

Blenheim	16th December	6.30pm
Kaikoura	17th December	6.30pm
Picton	17th December	6.30pm

16th December

Masses

Blenheim- School Mass 10.30am in the Hall

24th Dec- Christmas Eve

Seddon	5pm
Blenheim	5.30pm (Family Mass)
Kaikoura	7.30pm (Carols from 7pm)
Blenheim	9pm
Picton	9pm



25th Dec Christmas Day

Blenheim	9.30am
Kaikoura	9.30am
Picton	9.30am

26th Dec Boxing Day

Blenheim 5pm Word & Communion

27th Dec Feast of the Holy Family

Seddon	8am Mass/ Fr Pat
Picton	9am W&C
Kaikoura	9.30 Mass/ Fr Jacob
Blenheim	10am Mass/Fr Pat
Havelock	11am None

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

You're invited to



LOVE THEM BOTH

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2020

The NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE begins at 2pm Civic Square to Parliament Grounds

Gather from 1pm in Civic Square for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls.

www.marchforlife.nz

A quote from the Office of Ecology, Justice and Peace

The word Advent means coming. The Lord is coming. This is the root of our hope: the certainty that God's consolation comes to us amidst the troubles of the world. Not a consolation of words, but of His presence among us.

Pope Francis, Twitter 2 Dec 2019