

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

2nd Sunday of Advent (1) Sat Dec 5

Blenheim-5pm Mass/Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass

Sun Dec 6

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat
Picton-9am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Cuppa after Mass
Kaikoura-9.30 **W&C**
Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat
cuppa after 1st Communion
Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob

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 Jacob

Sun Dec 20

Seddon-8am **W&C**
Picton-9am Mass/Fr Jacob
Cuppa after 1st Communion
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/Fr Pat
Blenheim-10am **W&C**
Havelock-11.30am Mass/Fr Jacob
Renwick-5pm Mass/Fr Pat

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 Mass/ Fr Paul
Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat
Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Ward- 5pm Mass/ Fr Pat

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 con-

tact 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.

Tree at St Mary's: Some parishioners may have noticed that the view of the property at 61 Maxwell Road changed on Monday morning. A large section of our Beech along the Road boundary, collapsed unexpectedly. After advice from 2 tree experts, it was decided to take it down completely as it was unstable and the remaining 2 sections were leaning towards the road and could cause injury if left alone. A decision on what to do with the wood will be made soon.

Communion to the Sick: If you have a family member housebound or in hospital and would like a priest to visit or someone to take Communion, please contact the Parish Office or Judith Kerridge 578 6209

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, Kassander 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 about their memories.

St Joseph's - First Holy Communion Mass - Sun 20 Dec 9am
John, McKenzie and Grace will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass. All welcome to join the celebration! Morning tea to follow.

Parish Calendar

December

Dec 6..1st Holy Communion BHM (10)
...Sounds Stewardship (5)
Dec 8.. Archdiocese Feast Day
Dec 13.. Working bee PN (10)
.. Farewell Sisters of Mercy BHM (10)
Dec 14 ... Review Group(5.30)
Dec 15.. Finance & Property (7)
Dec 20..1st Holy Communion PN (9)
Dec 25..Christmas Day
Dec 26..Boxing Day
Dec 25-Jan 10, 17-31 2021- Parish Office closed
No Parish meetings in January
February 2021
Feb 7 2021 ..1st newsletter of the year
Feb 1 Sounds Stewardship (5)
Feb 2..Kaikoura Stewardship
Feb 9.. Wairau Stewardship (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
1st Sunday @ Kaikoura
All Sundays @ Picton & Havelock

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Fr Jim Kershaw, Pat Swindells
Anniversaries: Dec 8 Rex Burrows **10** Holger Wolf **11** Lynette Kilmartin

Other Intentions: Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Flo Andrews, Diane Smith, George Eaton, Helena Lord, Hope McConway & Cheeseman Families

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 1144.00
Envelopes: \$ 705.80
Cash: \$ 714.95

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
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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"Comfort, O Comfort My People"

The First Reading taken from the Second Part of the Prophet Isaiah (Chap 40- 54) - often called the Book of Consolation, sounds a wonderful note of comfort and encouragement to us all after the troubles of our Pandemic year in 2020.

"Comfort, O comfort my people" says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." (Isaiah 40: 1 - 2)

Last Sunday, we felt that Comfort and Encouragement when our Archbishop Cardinal John visited our Blenheim community and our Parish. He came to celebrate the Eucharist with us and to give much deserved Papal honours to Bill McElhinney and Mike Cullimore who have served our Parish Community so humbly and so well over 30 years in music ministry. This is a shot in the arm for all of us.

Today too our Community at Star of the Sea is comforted and encouraged as 9 children make their First Holy Communion. These young members of our Parish family have the great honour and gift to receive Our Lord Jesus Christ himself - the very First time in Holy Communion. We congratulate them all!

Recently a group of 6 students from St Joseph's School in Kaikoura received their First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful day. In two weeks time, some 3 young people in Picton will also receive First Holy Communion after their preparation is finished. I congratulate all these young people and their teachers too. It makes all of us realise what a wonderful privilege it is to receive Holy Communion. It encourages us to deepen our love and following of Jesus who is our Lord and our constant friend and Companion.

In this time of Advent, let us learn to deepen our prayer - to thank God for his many blessings and to spend more time talking and listening to God.

Let us try to think of others in our families - to be courteous and friendly to one another. Let us resist the urge of the Advertising Media to always think of "Me", "Me", "Me"! "Buy this and it will make you happy." These are false messages.

Let us think of others more than ourselves. And we think of Mary especially as she welcomed the Christ Child into our world. Dec 8th is a Special Feast of Mary - the Feast of her Immaculate Conception. Let us take time to gaze on Mary and learn from her our Mother and Star of the Sea.

God bless you all over our vast Parish. Pat McIndoe cp

Readings for Second Week of Advent

Sun 6th: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 2Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8
Psalm: Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation
Mon 7th: Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26 5:17-26 **St Ambrose, B.D.**
Tues 8th: Immaculate Conception BVM (Feast Day of the Archdiocese)
Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38
Wed 9th: Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs 10th: Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15
Fri 11th: Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19
Sat 12th: Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11 Matthew 17:10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

Sun 13th: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28

Congratulations to our Benemerenti Medal recipients

Last Sunday at 10am Mass, Bill McElhinney and Mike Cullimore were awarded Medals from the Pope to mark their many years of service to the Blenheim Parish community. Mike in music, RCIA and Parish Council; and Bill in music, and coordinating the engaged couples courses. Their wives, Jenny and Carol, were given

flowers in appreciation of the support they gave their husbands in their commitments and their own efforts in the parish. The Parish congratulates them and thanks them for their commitment to the life of St Mary's Community.



PARISH ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Two mornings per week

The Star of the Sea Parish has an opportunity for a friendly and effective administration assistant to join their small team.

You would provide reception duties at the parish office as well as assisting with administrative functions such as booking parish facilities, preparing weekly bulletins and other clerical work. You would also be assisting with invoicing and bill payments.

Ideally you will have:

- Good customer service skills
- Good keyboard skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Competence in MS Word and Xero

Currently the position is two mornings per week, with potential to grow.

If you are interested, please forward your CV with a covering letter to The Parish Office by 21st December 2020

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

Christmas Timetable 2020

UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK

Reconciliation Services

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



Masses

16th December Blenheim- School Mass 10.30am in the Hall

24th Dec- Christmas Eve

Blenheim 5.30pm (Family Mass)
Seddon/ Ward 6pm
Kaikoura 7.30pm (Carols from 7pm)
Blenheim 9pm (Carols from 8.40pm)
Picton 9pm (Carols from 8.40pm)



25th Dec Christmas Day

Blenheim 9.30am
Kaikoura 9.30am
Picton 9.30am

26th Dec Boxing Day

Blenheim 5pm **W&C**

27th Dec Feast of the Holy Family

Seddon-8am Mass/ Fr Pat
Picton-9am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Kaikoura-9.30 Mass/ Fr Paul
Blenheim-10am Mass/Fr Pat
Havelock-11am Mass/ Fr Jacob
Ward-5pm Mass

St Patrick's Church 150th Jubilee

On Anzac weekend 2021, St Patrick's Church, Waipawa, will host celebrations to commemorate 150 years since the first church was dedicated.

Friday 23rd April— 'meet and greet', and "book launch".

Saturday- morning tea and a cemetery tour, and dinner. A special Mass - 4.30pm, with Cardinal John Dew .

To enquire about this historic event, please contact Sue Cullen, phone [06] 8578681, email dalreoch.wi@xtra.co.nz or Jo McGowan phone 021 171 3189, email jomacg2@gmail.com or check out the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St-Patricks-Waipawa-Jubilee-150-years-103597641594678>

A SERVICE IN THE
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Prayer - Scripture -
Song - Quiet

**7PM SUNDAY
6th DECEMBER**

St Barnabas Chapel
76 Alfred St
(by Nativity Church)

All welcome



A quote from the Office of Ecology, Justice and Peace

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to lead us to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the "God-with-us".

Pope Francis: [Angelus 29 November 2020](#)