

Parish Calendar, News & Notices

Weekend Mass Times

2nd Sunday of Lent (4)

Sat Feb 27

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Feb 28

Seddon-8am W&C

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am W&C

Havelock-11am Mass

Ward- 4pm

Fr Pat away 11 Feb-4 March

3rd Sunday of Lent(1)

Sat Mar 6

Blenheim-5pm Mass

cuppa after Mass

Sun Mar 7

Seddon-8am Mass

Picton-9am Mass

cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 W&C

Blenheim-10am Mass

cuppa after Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

4th Sunday of Lent (2)

Sat Mar 13

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Mar 14

Seddon-8am W&C

Picton-9am Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 Mass

Blenheim-10am W&C

Cuppa afterwards

Havelock-11am No Mass

5th Sunday of Lent (3)

Sat Mar 20

Blenheim-5pm Mass

Sun Mar 21

Seddon-8am Mass

icton-9am Mass

Cuppa after Mass

Kaikoura-9.30 W&C

Blenheim-10am Mass

Havelock-11am Mass

Renwick-5pm Mass

Parish News & Events

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

St Vincent de Paul: Conference Meetings have started for the year and the next one for BHM is this Tues in the Mercy Room after 9.30am Mass. There will also be a short meeting and cuppa at 11am

for the shop Volunteers. They would also like to thank all who provided support & donations last year, including parishioners, school & preschool. And thanks to the Stewardship Teams who rang around to check on parishioners during lockdown.

BHM Rosters for those who do not receive them by email are now available in the Foyer of St Mary's Church. If you expect to receive a roster and do not receive it, please contact Belinda at 578 2628 or 021 774 858. Thank you to those who volunteer, for the gift of your Time, Talent and Treasure.

There is a **Parish Mass on the first Thursday of every month at Bethsaida at 10.45am.** The Management and Residents of Bethsaida are very happy to welcome parishioners to this Mass. Please come and join us.

Getting Married this Autumn?

There is still time to attend an Engaged Encounter weekend to build a solid foundation for your marriage. The next available weekend is on 20th and 21st March. There are other weekends in July and October 2021 (see our website www.cee-wellington.co.nz). Here's what one couple said after they attended "We have grown to love each other more....we had not thought this was possible. Thanks." For information or to register contact Simon & Kate 04 801 6192

Forgiven: a series of five Reflection evenings during Lent based around the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sessions will be on **Sundays at St Joseph's, from 5 - 6pm, beginning 28 February.** The evenings will include a video presentation from the "Forgiven" series produced by the Augustine Institute, time for private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and fellowship over a cuppa afterwards. This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Sacrament and spend some extra time with Our Lord during Lent.

St Mary's School Gala:

This is coming up fast, so look out things to donate. The school is looking for potted plants, fruit, veges, books, toys, clothing, items for the Mystery Bottles & Bags, and silent auction, or people to make

preserves. NO White Elephant stall as we will have a garage Sale later in the year. And if you are free to help on the day, even better. Contact Fiona- 027 479 8131, Megan- 027 449 7837 or Ross-021 527 766. More details on SM notice board.

A Fresh Look at Lent: A Lenten Retreat Weekend at the Magnificat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston with Columban Missionary, Fr Don Hornsey and Rex and Theresa Begley from 6.30 pm on Friday 19th March to 4.00 pm Sunday 21st March. Cost \$190. Registration required. Phone: 027 5456808 or 027 9672299 or rexandthere-sabegley@gmail.com

The Parish to Parish bed and breakfast book is available with nearly 200 homes in NZ and Australia for catholic hospitality, \$35 a night for one person or \$30 each for 2 or more persons this includes continental breakfast, I would welcome new hosts to join us. For information or to purchase a book (\$15 includes postage) contact Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, Ph. 359 5541, or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Parish Calendar

March 2021

Mar 5.. World Day of Prayer
Mar 7.. Sounds Stewardship (5)
Mar 8.. Wairau Stewardship (7)
Mar 13..St Mary's School Gala
Mar 16..Finance & Property (7)
Mar 30.. Chrism Mass, Garin College (11.40)

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, milk powder 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: \$ 1411.20

Envelopes: \$ 583.00

Cash: \$ 293.37

thank you!

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Nona Miller, Colleen Guthrie, Philippa Williams, Geoffrey Norton (AUS)

Anniversaries: Feb 18 Christine Eves 25 Kathleen Lacy 26 Norah Costello, 26 George Martin Mar 1 Ana North 3 Con Palmer,

Other Intentions: Joevil B D Cruz, Kitty Collier, Harvey Howard, Beavan Undrill, Terri Byrne, Jim Loe, Paul McIntyre, Heather Alexander, Sid Nally, Flo Andrews, Diane Smith, Paula Schreuder, Lyn Buttle, Louise Clark



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 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

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

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2nd Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Tom Rouse SSC and Fr Paul Shannahan sm for their big help with masses in Star of the Sea Parish. Fr Tom was here for the last two weeks and now has gone back to Wellington. Now Fr Paul is here for this week to help out with masses in the parish. I'm greatly appreciative of their great help.

After Jesus had asked his disciples about who do people say he is and who is Jesus for them. Jesus told them that The Son of Man will suffer greatly at the hands of enemies. Jesus took his inner most close disciples namely Peter, James and John up to this mountain for a glimpse of Life to come if they remain faithful to Jesus in the face of trail and tribulations. As they were up there Jesus transfigured in front of their eyes. They are so frightened of what they saw, they could not believe they saw Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus. After Moses and Elijah had gone the disciples don't want to go back down to the village but wants to stay on the mountain top. I can not blame them for not wanting to go back down when they can have the best glimpse of the entire area up on the mountain. The best view the money can buy, I can't blame them for not wanting to go back down, but no one can stay on the mountain forever. They have to go down the mountain and get back to the realities of life again.

As we begin our Second week of Lent, we are asked to have the experience of the mountain top but go back down and live the reality of the society. Our society seems to be falling apart and don't have faith in God anymore, we as Christians are asked to show that the opposite is true by being gentler and more kind. Let us bring out the best in humanity and transform their lives by how we act and talk and live our lives.

God bless, Fr Jacob Kuman CP

Readings for the second Week of Lent

Sun 28th: Gen 22: 1-2,9-13,15-18 Rom 8: 31-34 Mark 9: 2-10

Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

Mon 1st: Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6: 36-38

Tues 2nd: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matt 23:1-12

Wed 3rd: Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matt 20:17-28

Thurs 4th: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31

Fri 5th: Gen.37:3-4,12-13 Matt 21:33-43,45-46

3rd Sunday of Lent—Oranga Tamariki—Day of Prayer for Children

Sun 7th: Exodus 20: 1-17 1Cor. 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

Lent a journey of return to God: Pope



Pope Francis celebrates Mass on Ash Wednesday in St. Peter's Basilica, and urges Christians to experience Lent as a return journey toward the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

By Devin Watkins

As the Church begins the holy season of Lent, Pope Francis celebrated Mass for Ash Wednesday, with the blessing and imposition of ashes.

In his homily, the Holy Father reflected on Lent as a journey of return to God and as an opportunity to deepen our love of our brothers and sisters.

God, said the Pope, is appealing to our hearts and our entire being, inviting us to Him.

"It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking," he said, "to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends."

From slavery to freedom

He urged Christians to evaluate the direction our lives are headed and how steadfastly we walk along our path toward God.

"The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom," he said.

As we progress, we will feel tempted to return to our old habits and illusions.

But, noted the Pope, we can rediscover our way by looking to the Word of God, no matter how many times we stumble.

To the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Pope Francis said the first step of Lent involves returning to the Father, by accepting God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

"It is the Father's forgiveness that always set us back on our feet," he said.

Next, he said, we need to return to Jesus. Like the leper who returned to thank Him, we too "need Jesus' healing. We need to present our wounds to Him and say: 'Jesus, I am in your presence, with my sin, with my sorrows. You are the physician. You can set me free. Heal my heart.'"

Then, said the Pope, we are invited to return to the Holy Spirit.

The ashes sprinkled on our heads, he pointed out, remind us that we are dust.

"Yet upon this dust of ours, God blew His Spirit of life."

In heartfelt reconciliation

The Holy Father went on to note that our return journey to God is only possible because He "first journeyed to us."

Because Jesus embraced our sin and death, "our journey then is about letting Him take us by the hand."

Our response to God's invitation, said the Pope, involves heartfelt reconciliation, "with the deeds and practices that express it."

A descent in love

Finally, Pope Francis reminded us that Lent is the proper time both to journey toward God and toward our brothers and sisters.

"Lent is a humble descent both inwards and towards others," he said. "It is about realizing that salvation is not an ascent to glory, but a descent in love."

No matter how often we stumble, concluded the Pope, we can always turn to the Cross of Christ and contemplate in His wounds our own shortcomings and emptiness.

"By kissing those wounds, we will come to realize that there, in life's most painful wounds, God awaits us with His infinite mercy."

Passionist on path to Catholic sainthood



By Philip Pullella

February 21, 2021 —

Vatican City: Pope Francis has put a 19th century English Catholic priest who was a distant relative of Britain's Prince William on the path to sainthood.

The Vatican said on Saturday that the Pope had approved a decree recognising the "heroic vir-

tues" of George Spencer, a priest of the Passionist religious order who lived from 1799 to 1864.

Spencer, who left the Anglican Church, took the name "Ignatius of St Paul" after he became a Catholic priest.

Prince William and his brother Prince Harry are related to Spencer through their mother Diana Spencer, the late Princess of Wales, who died in 1997.

Spencer was Diana's great-great-uncle, and also a great-uncle of Britain's wartime leader Winston Churchill, according to the website of the Roman Catholic diocese of Shrewsbury.

He grew up on the Spencer ancestral estate in Althorp where Diana is buried.

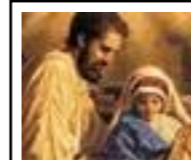
After his ordination in Rome, he returned to England and ministered to poor Irish migrants in the West Midlands.

The Passionist religious order in Britain has been working on his sainthood cause for decades, investigating his life and writings.

The Pope's approval of the decree means Spencer now has the title "venerable". His sainthood cause is still at the early stages. One miracle would have to be attributed to Spencer for him to be beatified and another for him to be made a saint.

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that only God performs miracles, but that saints who are believed to be with God in heaven intercede on behalf of people who pray to them. A miracle is usually the medically inexplicable healing of a person.

The 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the universal Church



Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother. (Pope Francis, Patris Corde)