

Parish Calendar

In line with the restrictions as they are at present, Mass will be celebrated online until we move to Alert Level 1. Fr Jacob will be bringing Mass at 9.30am Tuesday to Friday and on Sunday via our Facebook page and youtube.

We have our own YouTube page. Below is the YouTube link to the Weekend Mass. You can **subscribe** to our YouTube page and get **instant alerts** when we schedule an event on the page <https://youtu.be/WrKoednKUT8>

For those not on the internet, you can go to Free-to-air Telecast, Freeview Shine TV, Channel 25 or Sky TV Channel 201, Vodafone Channel 700. It is 2pm every Sunday.

Signup to newsletter and updates: If you want the newsletter sent to your email address or any other Parish updates, you can log on to the parish website and click on the button that invites you to the newsletter mail out. Or contact the parish office and we will sign you up on your behalf.

For those not connected to the internet, we have printed newsletters outside the front door of the Parish Office.

PARISH ROLL: Have you moved house and/or discontinued your landline? If there have been any changes to your information, please contact the Parish

Office and we will update your details.



Situations Vacant The Archdiocese is seeking applications for four roles, the Manager Property and Support Services, Board and Committee Secretary, Consultant Catholic Secondary Colleges and Administrative Assistant CSES. Please refer to the Archdiocese website under vacancies for further information.

https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/vacancies/. We will accept all applications up to Friday, 17 September 2021.

Readings for 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 19 Sept Wis 2:12,17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

Psalm: The Lord upholds My Life

Mon 20 Sept: Ezra 1:1-6 Luke 8:16-18 *Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gōn*

Tues 21 Sept: Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Matt 9:9-13 *St Matthew Apostle*

Wed 22 Sept: Ezra 9:5-9 Luke 9:1-6

Thus 23 Sept: Haggai 1:1-8 Luke 9:7-9
St Pius Of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Fri 24 Sept: Haggai 1:15-2:9 Luke 9:18-22

Sat 25 Sept: Zech 2:5-9 14-15 Luke 9:43-45

Readings for 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun 26 Sept Num 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Let Us Remember in our Prayers and at Mass:

Recently Deceased: Patricia Westwood, Lorraine Thomson, Chris Fredericks, Graeme Jarvis,

Anniversaries: Sept 5 Donald Johnstone, 16 Sarah Edgar

Other Intentions: Maria Martin, Dan Murphy, Peter Campbell, Steve & Kate Hayman, Rose Giddy, Fr Dave Gledhill, Judith Kerridge, Beavon Undrill, Pat Stretch, David Mahoney, Diane Cagney

COLLECTIONS:

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

Last week:

AP's: \$ 2,810.00
Envelopes: \$ \$
Cash: \$

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.
Blenheim | Kaikoura | Picton | Seddon

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A Warm Welcome to Our Parish Family of Marlborough

We, the people of
Te Whetu O Te Moana,
Star of the Sea Parish,
are committed by our baptism in
Christ, to share our living faith,
and make God visible, in joyful
union with all people, by our
actions in the community.

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Finance Committee Chair: Tom Harrison

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Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

This week Aotearoa New Zealand observes te reo Māori language week and social justice week. The theme for social Justice week 2021 is "encounter and community". The volatile time of change and uncertainty could draw us into our shells. The impact of the pandemic, our reliance on technology, a growing culture of individualism, fear of anything/anyone different and instant gratification are a few reasons why people withdraw into themselves. But Pope Francis reminds us that "isolation and withdrawal into one's interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal. Rather it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter". (Fratelli Tutti, #30.)

Today the ability to sit down with others and really listen to them is becoming a lost art amid virtual networks and the narcissism prevalent in what passes for communication today. Pope Francis refers to it as "information without wisdom" (Fratelli Tutti, #47). We are invited to acknowledge the richness and dignity of each culture and individual that can become a point for an encounter. Love can overcome all fear and provide us with a sound basis for a culture of encounter. Love is the ultimate spiritual measure of a person's life. As Christians, we need "to recognise that love takes first place; love must never be put at risk, and the greatest danger lies in failing to love." (1 Cor 13:1-13 and Fratelli Tutti, #92.) We are called to be God's hands and feet, and this requires encountering others and sharing God's transcending and transforming love - bringing the Church to life!

Fr Giltus Mathias CP

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Priest Hospital & Retirement home Visitations during level 2.

Unfortunately Priests can only visit at the request of Hospital & Retirement home staff.

The Star of the Sea Parish Review Group (RG)

meeting was held on Tuesday 10th August 2021. The RG is made up of all Members of the SOTS Finance and Property Committee and the SOTS Parish Pastoral Council. The RG is co-chaired by Tom Harrison and Greg Stretch and meets bi-monthly on the second Tuesday.

The responsibility of the Review Group is to complete a review of their churches and presbyteries as directed by Cardinal John Dew, which was an outcome of the 2017 Archdiocesan Synod. This process started in February 2019.

A summary of the meeting held on the 10th August follows:

The RG is to commence consultation with local Iwi's regarding the sale of any land owned by the Catholic Church in Marlborough.

As in our recommendation to Cardinal John, no work is required on our buildings in Kaikoura, while we continue to work through options for the vacant sections in Ward and Seddon.

As previously advised, an Earthquake Prone Building Notice (EPB) was placed on St Marys Church in Blenheim, due to its low NBS rating. The Parish has until July 2036 to carry out building work to ensure the building is no longer earthquake-prone and complete the necessary seismic work.

Regular Masses have ceased at Sacred Heart Church in Havelock and St Francis de Sales Church in Renwick. A final mass was held at Havelock presided by Monsignor Gerry Burns followed by a luncheon which was well attended by existing and former parishioners. A final mass will be held at St Francis de Sales later.

Work has commenced in removing a wall at St Joseph School in Picton, this will provide a better layout for our community when having mass in Picton.

Our Parish Priest, Father Giltus, while based in Sydney, is heavily involved in the RG, and provides sounds advise and contributions during our discussions.

The RG while acknowledging the scale of the review and the time it's taken so far; are happy with the progress we are making. We would like to thank the Parishioners of Star of the Sea Parish for their ongoing support during this process.

If anyone has any questions or wish to seek clarification on any matter relating to the RG, please contact Tom or Greg.

The Review Group next meet on Tuesday 12th October.

Tom Harrison and Greg Stretch
Co- Chairs SOTS Review Group

Season of Creation (which runs from the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September to St Francis Day on 4 October), quotes for parish media have been selected by member of the EJP Commission's Integral Ecology Committee, who have also prepared reflection sheets for each of the five Sundays which fall within the Season of Creation.

Week 3 We have always been taking from Mother Earth and little do we give. We invite everyone to ponder what deeds could put Mother Earth's needs before ours and be servants to God's creation.

The Third reflection sheet for Sunday 19 September is available here: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Season-of-Creation-2021-week-3.pdf>

Quote from ADW Ecology, Justice and Peace Advisor

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. Pope Francis: *Laudato Si'* paragraph 217

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Online Immigration Workshop We are pleased to invite you to our Online Immigration Workshop hosted by the Southland Multicultural Council on Zoom. Our guest speaker at the workshop will be Immigration Expert Kay Luv. She will be providing the latest Immigration updates and advice on your immigration matters.

Please see the attached flyer and to register for this workshop please email or phone Meggy at:

E: events@southlandmulticultural.co.nz
P: 0273561091 or 03 2149296



Working Bee Saturday 25th September 10am-2pm

for both the school and Parish grounds. There will be a BBQ for lunch, and refreshments at the end of the working Bee. This is a great opportunity to bring school and parish together.

Global Synod – For a Synodal Church

Pope Francis is asking every baptised person to be involved in a global Synod, "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission". Every diocese in the world will celebrate the opening of the Synod on Sunday 17 October. In Wellington, the opening Mass will be at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, Karori. Parishes all over the Archdiocese will join in prayer for the Synod that weekend. In the following weeks, each one of us is invited to prayerfully reflect on the Synod materials and submit a response – both individually or with others. Watch this space or visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz for more information about how you can participate.

Be the change Aotearoa Pink shoes in the Vatican, due to Covid lockdown has been postponed until March 6 2022

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Sep 21.. Finance & Property Com (7)
Sep 25..Working Bee 10-2pm

October

Oct 3..Sounds Stewardship (5)
Oct 5..Wairau Stewardship (7)
Oct 7..BLN Mass Bethsaida (10.45)
Oct 11.. Sacred Heart Stewardship
Oct 12..Review Group (5.30) then Parish Pastoral Council
Oct 19..Finance & Property Com (7)
Oct 20..BHM women's friendship grp At local café (10)
Oct 31.. Combined Renwick Churches Service at St Francis de Sales

November

Nov 4-10.. Visit by Marian Artwork (?)
Nov 7..Sounds Stewardship (5)
Nov 2..Wairau Stewardship (7)
Nov 4..BLN Mass Bethsaida (10.45)
Nov 4-10.. Marian Art in BHM
Nov 9..Parish Pastoral Council
Nov 16..Finance & Property Com (7)
Nov 17..BHM women's friendship grp At local café (10)

December

Dec 5..Sounds Stewardship (5)
Dec 7..Wairau Stewardship (7)
Dec 2..BLN Mass Bethsaida (10.45)
Dec 14..Review Group (5.30) then Parish Pastoral Council

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.

There is a desperate need at the moment.

We **Urgently** Need:

Canned Foods tomatoes, vegetables, spaghetti, baked bean, fish, Fruit.

Also

Flour, Pasta Sauce, Spreads (Jam etc), Long-life milk, Breakfast cereals, weet-Bix.

Please drop off items to the St Vincent De Paul Shop in High Street, Blenheim open 10am-4pm Monday- Friday