



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Third Week of Easter 1st May 2022 Year C**

**Readings:** *Acts 5:27-32,40-41, Apocalypse 5:11-14, John 21:1-19*

## **“BBQ-ed fish anyone?”**

These Eastertide readings are great! The gospels have been giving accounts of Jesus appearing to people after his resurrection.

In today's gospel Jesus is on the shore preparing breakfast for Peter and the disciples who have been out fishing all night. Note that Jesus eats with them.

While there are aspects about him that are different (they don't immediately recognize him) there is a physicality about his resurrected person. He is not a ghost - or a wraith-like spirit. He is turning fish on the barbecue, dishing them up to his friends. He eats the meal with them.

He is very real and alive in himself! So don't let anyone tell you that our own resurrection is only symbolic, that - in effect - we just live on in the memories of our families and friends after we die. Or that after we die we somehow just merge back into everything and nothing.

These projections do not honour the promise God made to us - that you and I were made by God for God's self. This is our glorious destiny - to share in the very life of God. Don't let it be taken away from you by half-baked, wishy-washy theories – however clever they may appear.

One day you and I and all God's children will see God face-to-face, as God really is! – and maybe somehow that will include BBQ-ed fish on a shore somewhere in the company of God and those we love and who love us.

Today's gospel is evidence that this is not too much to hope for!

**John Lawson**



**ANZAC Mass**  
**Ss Peter & Paul's Church (Youth Mass) &**  
**St Benedict's Church - Sunday 24th April**



## **Sacramental Programme 2022**

The Sacramental Programme is now under way. We held a one day Reconciliation programme on Wednesday for a number of children.

The next Reconciliation sessions will start on Sunday, 1st May at St Benedict's & St Peter & Paul's. For further information please refer to the registration brochure.

If you would like to register, registration brochures are available in the church foyers. They are also available through our schools and on the parish website. [Click here](#).

The programmes offer preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion/Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Youth Ministry team will also arrange the Sacrament of Baptism if that is wanted. Any questions please call **Kitty ph; 021491459 or Angela/Helen at the Parish Office 04 4787137.**



Thanks to those who have offered to help with the programme so far. Everyone is welcome to be involved.

## **Tax Receipts / New Envelopes**

Year end 31st March 2022 have now been finalised.

For those who give by Automatic Payment, your tax receipt will be emailed to you over the next few days.

If we do not have an email address for you, your receipt has been printed and is ready for collection in the Church foyer with your new envelopes. If you cannot locate your envelope, please contact the Parish office for clarification as to which church it is in.

**Envelope givers please note:** The Parish has moved to a new tax receipting system, so you have been issued with a new planned giving number. This number is indicted on a slip, with your new envelopes.

If you have any queries, please contact the **Parish Office, ph: 04 4787137.**

The Parish would like to thank you for your continued support, especially throughout this difficult period.

Welcome to the Parish - **Laiana Grace Gomes-Mehta**

Laiana was baptised into the Parish, last Sunday at St Benedict's Church.

### **Newlands Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank**

Our Food Bank stock is low at the moment, so it is time for us to come to the people of Saint Andrew's for support please. If you are able to help with a koha of food, we would be most grateful.

Our locked donation box is in the church foyer if a koha of putea (money) is a more convenient way for you to assist. For those of you who cannot manage it at the moment, your prayerful support is, as always, much appreciated as well as needed. Our parishioners always amaze us with their generosity.

We thank you in advance for your continued support, of those in need.

Here is our suggested list but we are always appreciative of any dry goods you donate. **We currently do not need any bars of soap. Kia ora.**

Flour/Sugar, Honey/Vegemite, Biscuits/Muesli Bars, Jam/Peanut Butter, Drink Sachets e.g. Raro, Refresh, Tea Bags/Coffee/Milo, Weet-Bix/Porridge, Rice/Pasta/Noodles, Any tinned food at all, Sauces/Cooking Oil, Washing Powder/Dishwashing Liquid, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste/Liquid Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper

We hope this list gives you some "food for thought"

Once again thank you for your support of this important ministry. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, needs our help. Kia ora.

### **St Peter and Paul's Johnsonville 1922-2022 Let's celebrate - Sunday 26th June 2.00pm.**

Mass with the Cardinal presiding followed by afternoon tea.

Do you have any photos or articles we could use in a display?

Contact Pat Collier, email: [tchpat.collier@gmail.com](mailto:tchpat.collier@gmail.com)  
Ph: 04 478 6230 or 021 294 3960

## COVID Update

New Zealand is now in **Orange** in the Covid-19 Protection framework.

Mass number are **NO** longer restricted. Bookings are **NO** longer required.

We ask that you do still wear a mask while attending our Liturgies and Masses.

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to discuss possible arrangements.

**Ph: 04 478 7137.**

**If you are isolating and need support, you can call the COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337. The helpline is open 7 days a week.**

For more information please go to the Government Covid-19 website. [Click here.](#)



## **Prayer for our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu.**

**Loving God**, as members of our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu, we come before you in a spirit of love, prayer and thanksgiving.

We pray you bind us together in love. Whatever our age, cultural background and individual roles within our parish, may we be one together in Jesus. May we accept, affirm and support one another.

In your service we offer you our talents and gifts so as to build your Loving Presence amongst us. May our Parish be vibrant with your love and always a place of welcome

May your Holy Spirit anoint us, inspire us, and send us out into the community as witnesses to you and your love and teaching. May we have the courage and compassion to reach beyond our church to the peripheries to those who are most vulnerable and in need.

May your Holy Spirit draw others to you through us.

We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us, and guide us.



## Upcoming Events/Notices

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish invites you to join the Life in the Spirit Seminar

***"I invite all Christians everywhere, at this very moment,  
to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ."*** POPE FRANCIS

Let us respond to this invitation by giving our time and life to be renewed in Jesus Christ. He wants to give a new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. He wants to renew the church by first renewing you! The Church needs you! Jesus needs you!

**WHEN?** 4 May - 15 June 2022, 7 Consecutive Wednesdays

**WHAT TIME?** 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

**WHERE?** St. Thomas More Church, 30A Worcester St, Wilton

**HOW?** Just to let you know, registration is needed.

Send an email with your details to: [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### **Pax Christi - Laudato Si'/Care for the Earth study**

Free Zoom study on Pope Francis's Laudato Si encyclical on Care for the Earth. Tuesday evenings, 3 and 10 May. Led by Dr Mary Betz and Liz Beazley.

Hosted by Pax Christi. Contact [paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com](mailto:paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com) for further details. All welcome.

### ***"The only constant in Life is Change"* Seasons for Growth small group program for adults:**

For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences.

**We may not choose the changes in our lives – but we can choose how we meet them.**

Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults with companion Bridgett Parkin:

**Dates:** 5th June, six consecutive Sundays, 2.00-4.30pm  
(participants to attend all six)

**Venue:** Wilton (venue on application)

**Cost:** \$40.

**Registration** by email closes Monday, 23rd May: [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz)



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**NZ Catholic free digital - Click link below:**

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3fa6ad33-b255-4dc6-b270-7d281d530553>

**Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon - Events coming up:**

*Spiritual Theology Course:* "Death and After Death", 5 Tuesday evenings, beginning 3rd May

*Winter Film Series:* "Born in the Shadows: A Spirituality for Living in Today's World", 5 Monday evenings beginning 6th June OR 5 Thursday evenings beginning 9th June.

For further information and/or to register, please contact Brian Cummings SM at [bgcummings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bgcummings@xtra.co.nz)

### Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

**Online Sessions (Evening):**

**St Paul – The first Missionary** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 -27 June, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.  
All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

\$25/session or \$50/series.

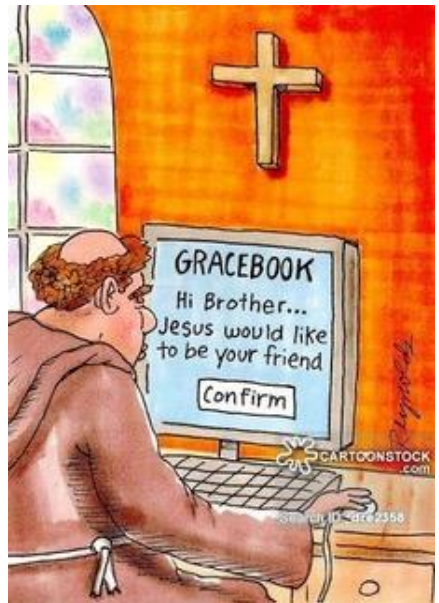
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-paul-meet-the-first-missionary-7/>

**Interview with Michael Mangan on Liturgical Music:**

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/04/13/michael-mangan-on-muffin-talk/>

For more information and registration

[www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

# MASS INTENTIONS

We ask for your prayers—Masses have been offered for:



**Recently Deceased:** Myra Oh

**Anniversaries:** Terence NJ Leamy

**Prayers for the Sick:** Maria Stewart, Valerie Belich, Mike Coghlan, Ann Zouch, Gerard van der Kaa, Rosemary Molloy, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank McGuire, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Peter O'Connell.

*Please also remember in your prayers those that are supporting them.*

Let us pray for all those in the Ukraine and their New Zealand families at this time. We pray for peace in our World. We also pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES

**Saturday 30th April - Saturday 7th May**

### **St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands**

Sat: 30th April, 5pm Vigil  
Mass  
Sat: 7th May, 5pm Vigil  
Mass

### **St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah**

Sun: 9.00am - Word &  
Communion  
Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy  
Mon: 7.00pm - Meditation  
Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy  
Wed: 9.00am - Liturgy  
Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy  
Fri: Exposition 8.30am and  
Liturgy at 9.00am

### **St Peter & Paul's Church 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville**

Sun: 10.30am - Mass  
Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy  
Tues.: 9.15am - Liturgy  
Wed: 11.00am - Mass with  
morning tea  
Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy  
Fri: 9.00am - Liturgy

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