



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Thirteenth Week Ordinary Time Sunday 2nd July 2023, Year A**  
**Readings:: 2Kings 4:8-11,14-16, Romans 6:3-4,8-11, Matthew 10:37-42**



## Reflection

Chapter 10 of Matthew's Gospel contains the accounts of Jesus' choice of the twelve apostles and of his sending them out to preach the Good News.

Like the first disciples, all Christians have a mission: to bear witness to the love of God that they have encountered, to be his "ambassadors", above all in their way of being, of living.

What Jesus asks of us is very demanding: he is asking us not to stop the flow of God's love. He asks us to reach out with open hearts to everyone and offer concrete service, overcoming our prejudices and judgments.

Love will give us new eyes to sense what others need. It doesn't matter whether we can give much or little. What matters is how we give, how much love we put into even a small gesture that shows awareness of another person. Sometimes it is enough to offer them a "cup of cold water" (Mt 37:42)... a simple gesture that is great in God's eyes if it is done in his name, that is, out of love.

God wants our active, creative and responsible cooperation for the common good, starting from the small things of every day. And he will always be at our side, to take care of us and accompany us in this mission.

*Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God.*

*Do all that you do with love. - Therese of Lisieux*

**Anna Franchesini**

### St Benedict's School Mass

Saint Benedict was a teenager when he became a monk. St. Scholastica, the founder of the Benedictine sisters, was St. Benedict's twin sister.

Saint Benedict is the patron saint of Europe and schoolchildren.

He lived a life of prayer and he also taught and helped those in need. Saint Benedict gave up his rich inheritance to become a follower of Jesus.

He preached Jesus' message to the poor and to a lot of countries in Europe. St Benedict's examples have inspired a lot of people, even to this very day.

Like St Benedict we too, work hard at developing a community amongst the families that make up our school. We celebrate the awesome unity in diversity of our school community with distinct cultures, races, ethnicities, thoughts and beliefs.

At the end of Mass today we were gifted with the Stations of the Cross from St Benedict's Church and several candelabra to enhance our Library Liturgy. We feel very blessed to become the caretakers of these taonga.

We would like to thank Natalie Brockie for being a part of our Mass. She spoke about the power of prayer and how special it was to be part of our first Mass in the Parish Church and how she always holds St Benedict's School in her heart. She also highlighted how amazing the children sang.

We are very happy this church is now our place and we are so pleased to be sharing it with the parishioners and St Brigid's School. We are all part of the community of the Parish.

### Tania Savage



## Parish Information

### **St Benedict's School Mass - Fr Pete**

We welcomed St Benedict's School to their first school Mass at the Parish of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu. The school came to celebrate St Benedict's day.

The Stations of the Cross from St Benedict's Church were presented to the school as a symbol of the journey that Jesus made for all of us.

These stations will be placed on the classroom doors at St Benedict's School to represent our own lives as we journey together, through good times and through difficult times.

A clear message from the school emerges that Jesus was helped by Simon who helped carry his cross - the message was that in our lives, never ever be frightened to ask for help. It is not a weakness, it is courageous.

**Pete SM**

### **English Conversation Gathering**

For those who have English as their second language, and who would like to grow in their confidence listening and speaking in English, our next "Conversation Evening" gathering is this coming **Tuesday 4 July**.

We are a small group of women and we meet 6 - 8pm, starting with light food. Regulars and newcomers all warmly welcome.

For details please contact Jo-Anne Carley, Refugee and Migrant family support coordinator, Phone 022 300 7413. Email: [jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz)

### **Sacramental Programme**

If you have not already registered for the Eucharist and Confirmation Programme, and would like to participate, please [click here](#).

**The Eucharist Programme will begin in July.**

Bookings can be made through the Parish Office. If you have any queries, you can contact: Kitty on 021 491 459 or the Parish Office, (04) 478 7137.



### Daring Leadership

I share with you an article from a very well respected, reflective writer Brene Brown. A researcher, storyteller who's spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame and empathy. **Pete SM**

### Love God, Love Neighbour as Yourself.

'Leading from hurt rather than leading from heart means we're working our baggage out on other people. And, because we're not addressing the real driver of our pain, this behaviour isn't an occasional angry slip. *Inflicting hurt* rather than *feeling hurt* becomes a habit.

In general, it's fair to say that we're all working our stuff out on people all day long. But when you add the leadership power differential, it gets dangerous.

"Leading from hurt" behaviours can be fuelled by feeling no value from many others, so we double down on being seen as "important" at work by taking credit for ideas that aren't ours, staying in comparison mode, and always knowing instead of learning.

Identifying the source of the pain that's driving how we lead and how we show up for other people is important, because returning to that place and doing that work is the only real fix. Projecting the pain onto others places it where it doesn't belong and leads to serious trust violations. Our long, hard search for whatever it is that we need never ends and leaves a wake of disconnection.

### **Leading From Heart**

Leaders must either invest a reasonable amount of time attending to fears and feelings or squander an unreasonable amount of time trying to manage ineffective and unproductive behaviour. Well, leader, heal thyself.

We also have to invest time attending to our own fears, feelings, and history or we'll find ourselves managing our own unproductive behaviours. As daring leaders, we have to stay curious about our own blind spots and how to pull those issues into view, and we need to commit to helping the people we serve find their blind spots in a way that's safe and supportive. Without self-awareness and the ability to manage our emotions, we often unknowingly lead from hurt, not heart. Not only is this a huge energy suck for us and the people around us, it creates distrust, disengagement, and an eggshell culture.

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### Daring Leadership Contd...

We all come from hard stuff and have to wade through more of it during our entire lives. When we own these difficult stories and experiences, rumble with them, and address them, we can write a new ending—an ending that includes how we're going to use what we've survived to be more compassionate and empathic leaders.

*When we deny our stories of struggle—when we pretend everything is OK when we're really in deep struggle—the hard stories own us. They own us, and they drive our behaviour, emotions, thinking, and leading. Daring leadership is leading from heart, not hurt'. Brene Brown.*

### First Friday Morning Tea

First Friday morning tea - 7th July, following Exposition and 9.00am Service.  
Hospitality: Margaret Dunne and Christine Patete. All welcome

### Synod 2023

The working document the world wide Synod convened by Pope Francis was released last week. We will be feeding key parts back to the parish over coming weeks.

The key thing to note is that the working document" was drafted on the basis of all the material gathered during the listening phase".

How does this "listening phase" manage to be written up in just 53 pages?

Simply put: every Parish, every group, every diocese, every Bishops conference, every continental conversation had strikingly similar outcomes.

That this is so, is clear evidence of the senses fideum, the Holy Spirit speaking through the People of God.

For a copy of the document, please [click here](#).

**Joe Green**

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

## Parish Information

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### Message from Johnsonville Op Shop

The Op shop has made a **\$1400.00 payment** to your church for our June payout. It is a pleasure to give these funds to the four church groups to help people in the church community. We are looking for some more volunteers to help out.

We are after people to help with our clean up after Sale Day, this is on a Thursday morning starting at 9.15 am.

Plus we would love to have some more volunteers for either a regular slot or one offs to help on the days the shop is open. We work in 2 to 3 hour slots.

For more information please contact your church coordinator for the op shop - **Carol - 021 174 3585.**

### Peter's Pence

This weekend is Peters Pence Collection. If you are an envelope giver, there are special envelopes for this.

If you do not give by envelope, and would like to make a donation, you can pay through our bank account: 02-0524-0203642-00, please reference: Peters Pence, or you can place a blank envelope in the collection basket, again please reference: Peters Pence.

### Matariki Event

The Focolare Movement have organised an Ecumenical event.

Anthony Gomez from the Wellington Astronomical Society will be giving a presentation about the stars, Matariki and the challenge of climate change.

There will also be an opportunity to view the night sky using telescopes.

- Venue:** St John's Anglican Hall,  
18 Bassett Road, Jville
- Time:** Friday, 14th July,  
5.30pm –9.00pm
- Bring:** A plate to share and warm clothes, blanket, gloves etc
- Donation:** To contribute towards the hall
- Contact:** Robert McClean  
ph: 022 067 655 or email:  
mccleanrobert@gmail.com



### World Youth Day

Please remember our young people who are travelling to the World Youth Day in Portugal and keep them in your prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers especially go with David Hensel, a pilgrim from St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

On Sunday, 16th July, we will bless him with a pilgrim blessing from the 12th Century:

*"Be his companion on the way, his guide at the cross roads.  
May he arrive safely at World Youth Day and, enriched with grace and virtue, may return to his home, filled with salutary and lasting joy"*



## MASS INTENTIONS



**We ask for your prayers - Masses have been offered for:**

**Prayers for the Sick:** Eugene Crosby, Rito Kisteria, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Janet Scapolo, Gerard McDonagh, David Clarke, Jessie Hensen, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Penelope Corich, Tau So'oa, John Fanning, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Kevin Purcell, Jennifer Munro.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 1st July - Friday 7th July

### St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

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| Sat:   | 5.00pm Vigil Mass  |
| Sun:   | 10.00am Mass   |
| Mon:   | 9.00am Liturgy   |
| Tue:   | 9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)                      |
| Wed:   | 11.00am - Mass - Followed by Morning Tea                       |
| Thurs: | 9.00am Liturgy   |
| Fri:   | 8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy - Followed by Morning Tea |

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

### Our Parish Vision

**We are missionary disciples of Christ,  
in a community of communities,  
being transformed in our lives,  
and transforming others and our world.**

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