



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Seventh Week Ordinary Time, 2nd October 2022 Year C

Readings: *Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-10*

Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Having been in Rome for five days when visiting the basilica at Assisi I wrote in my journal: the "iron and rock of Assisi challenges the gold and marble of Rome". I made my way through the town to the church of St Clare where the cross of San Damiano hangs. It was lunch time and the sisters had locked the church while they had lunch – a striking reminder that first and foremost this is a religious community, not a tourist destination.

I was into that church as soon as the church door opened, and spent time in wonder before the cross of San Damiano, marvelling that this was the very same cross from which the young Francis heard the words, "Francis, repair my house, which, as you can see, is in ruins". Very soon it dawned on him that God was giving him directions to do more than repair a small chapel, but to repair a ruined Church; a Church described by one biographer as wracked by "heresy, immorality and simony". Francis was to have considerable influence at the Fourth Lateran Council: Francis wasn't all "brother sun and sister moon", he knew how to play the game of Church politics.

As I left Assisi, I bought each of the members of my family a "lucky monk": small figurines depicting monks and/or nuns eating and drinking and generally having a great time.



Because despite teaching that we need to embrace poverty, and we all need to kiss the leper and hug the wolf within each of us, Francis also taught and lived joyously.

Joe Green

Parish Information

FROM THE LFT

Many thanks to all those that attended the Parish Property Meeting last Sunday. The meeting was very well attended by Parishioners.

We thank you for your support and your feedback.

Please [click here](#) for a copy of the presentation from the day.

Meeting notes will be published on our website in due course.

Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs")

FAQs relating to the Property Project are now available [here](#).

Ohariu Parish Feast Day - This weekend is the celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. **MASS** will be celebrated on Saturday, 1st October & Sunday 2nd October at all three churches. Normal Mass times.

Following 10.30am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on this day, there will be a morning tea. All welcome.

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.



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Reflective thoughts as we move towards our celebration of St Francis of Assisi Feast Day on Tuesday 4th October 2022

Friday: 30th September 2022

As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that greater peace is in your hearts. - Francis of Assisi

Saturday: 1st October 2022

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." - Francis of Assisi

Sunday: 2nd October 2022

"What do you have to fear? Nothing. Whom do you have to fear? No one. Why? Because whoever has joined forces with God obtains three great privileges: omnipotence without power, intoxication without wine, and life without death." Francis of Assisi

Monday: 3rd October 2022

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." Francis of Assisi

Confirmation Programmes 2022

The Confirmation programme has now started. The next session and one day programme option are listed below.

Option 1 - St Ben's School, Sunday morning

Sunday 16th October 10:15am - 11:45 in St Benedict's Church

Option 2 - School Holiday Confirmation Programme, Ss Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville on Tuesday 4th October, 10:00am-4:00pm. Please bring lunch.

Confirmation Mass will now be held **Sunday, October 30th at Ss Peters and Paul Church at 10:30am.**

Please Note - Unfortunately, the Cardinal is now unavailable for the Saturday, 5pm Mass at St Benedict's Church, so this Mass will no longer take place. All confirmations will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on Sunday, 30th October. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Please contact the Parish office for a Registration Form. If you require additional information, please text/email or call Kitty McKinley.

Parish Information

Support Life Sunday 9th October

Sunday 9th October is specially set aside to commemorate the wonder and preciousness of life.

We will celebrate life in all its fullness at our services over the weekend of 8th/9th October.

Our caption is “ **All life is precious - let’s nurture it.**”

In this we are called to nurture our planet and all life that our planet sustains. Especially we are called to nurture human life in all its ages, stages and abilities. This means all human life is sacred from the time of conception until natural death. There is no exception to this truth.

At the services a prayer for life will replace the usual parish prayer.

In the early afternoon of the 9th from 1.00pm to 3.00pm a special time of prayer for life will be held. This will take place in the Brigidine Convent Chapel.

This prayer time will be led by the Reverence for Life Group. The service will contain both spoken and quiet times of prayer.

Please come and join with us in praying that all peoples will work together to look after our beautiful planet and the life it sustains. Please feel free to come and leave at a time that suits you. Your presence and prayers will be most welcomed.

St Benedict’s - First Friday after Liturgy, 7th October 2022. There will be morning tea with hospitality provided by Mary Railton and Bernard Whaanga. All welcome.

Property Project

Human Resources - Please consider whether you have skills and experience (eg: pastoral, governance, project management, property, construction, architectural, financial, legal) to contribute to the success of the property project over the next few years. Contact the Parish Office or a Parish leader.

Property Management Group - If you would like to volunteer to join this group, please advise the Parish Office or a Parish leader.

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Support Life Sunday 2022 - Tautokona te Rātapu Whakaora 2022

This year the Bishops theme chosen by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops for Support Life Sunday is - Mental Illness and the focus is on accompanying and caring for people living with mental illness.

Parish and school resources for **Support Life Sunday 2022: You are not alone – accompanying and caring for people living with mental illness are now** available to download from the NZCBC website.

The material includes posters for churches and schools, social media slides for parish and school websites for publication daily from next Monday, 3 October, and other helpful material.

Please go to this link to look at and download the resources as required: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/sls2022/>

St Vincent de Paul's Liturgy

On Tuesday the Challenge 2000 Youth Ministry team led a Parish and School Liturgy that explained and celebrated the work of St Vincent de Paul and the movement he inspired.

Our Year 7 and 8 St Brigid's students participated fully in the Liturgy and were provided with a card that invited them to serve and reach out to others too.

On **Wednesday, 5th October** some students will participate in a holiday Service day.

So children and young people out there if you want to help others then text **Mihi ph: 027411928**, or let the Parish Office or Challenge know and we'll enrol you for the Service day or half day!!



Love works so please help!

St Peter and Paul's 100 Year Celebration Mass

Please click below for an audio link to the St Peter and Paul's 100 years Celebration Mass held on Sunday 26th June 2022.

<http://www.r2.co.nz/stpp100/>

TIME CAPSULE. – Fragments from the History of Our Parish.

No.2. **St. Joseph's Church in Ohariu Valley, 1875.**

The following report appeared in the Wellington daily newspaper, the *New Zealand Times*, on 6 July 1875.

The Roman Catholic population of the Ohariu district have recently been making very strenuous efforts to raise sufficient money wherewith to erect a new church, and so far have their praiseworthy endeavours been successful that a tender for the performance of the work has within the past few days been accepted. By a sight of the plans, which have been drawn by Mr. Turnbull, of Temple Chambers, we learn that the building it is proposed to erect will be capitally adapted to the wants of the district, and from an architectural point of view quite an ornament to the valley. The structure will be about 40ft. by 20ft., and 12ft. high, and capable of seating about two hundred persons. In addition to the nave, which is to be 30ft. by 20ft., there will be the usual sanctuary 20ft. by 8ft., and a sacristy 10ft. by 8ft. At the right-hand corner a bell tower, with broach spire above artistically finished, having a cross at top, will rise to an altitude of 51ft. Light will be obtained through four or five lancet-pointed windows. The present contract has been let at £350, but it is intended as soon as possible to lay out another £130 on the building, so as to thoroughly complete it.

For twenty years it was the only Catholic Church within the bounds of the present parish. It was demolished, probably in the late 1930s, but the graveyard remains.

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The Parish Jubilee Book is available to purchase at all three Churches.

Order forms are available in the foyers. They can be put in the collection basket at Mass or sent to the office.

For further information please contact the Parish Office,

Ph: 04 478 7137 or email: bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Other Events/Notices

Healing Service

A Healing Service with Fr John Rea will be conducted at St Joseph`s Church, Upper Hutt on Thursday 06 October beginning at 7.30 pm. This is the first we have been able to have since Covid struck.

Please invite and bring with you all those in need of healing.

Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy* Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms.
Mondays, 17 & 24 October and 7 & 14 November. ZOOM.
Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$80 (NZD)/4 sessions

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

**Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion,
interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/>**

You are invited to Johnsonville Uniting Church`s Spring Fashion Parade at Ballentyne`s Store in Johnsonville 6:45 for 7pm on Friday 4th November 2022

The cost for the evening is \$20:00 which covers the cost of entry and three lucky prize chances.

Tickets available from Judith Dunlop – 4785 252 – 027 244 1303 or dunlop-bjf@extra.co.nz, Karen Parminter – 027 286 0916 or kj_parminter@extra.co.nz

For the week following the parade Ballentynes offer 20% discount on clothes purchased.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship and see JUC models in action.



Thank You Luncheon Invite From the Johnsonville Combined Churches Op Shop - Thursday 20th October 2022 at 12.30pm

In the Friendship Lounge at Johnsonville Community Centre.
Please bring: A donation to the Foodbank

RSVP by 17th October to: Yvette Elliston, email: ycelliston@gmail.com or
Ph: 021 605 754 or your coordinator.

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Betty Foley

Anniversaries: James Dooley

Prayers for the Sick: Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Robyn Clarke, Jessie Hensen, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Margaret Blight, Joe Godinet, Penelope Corich, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank McGuire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Maurice Carmody

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.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 1st October - Sunday 9th October

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 1st Oct - 5pm Vigil
Mass - **SFOA Feast Day**

Sat: 8th Oct - 5pm Word &
Communion

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 9.00am - Mass - **SFOA
Feast Day**

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
Sun: 9.00am - Mass

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

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

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held at St Peter and Paul's on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

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