



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time, 3rd July 2022 Year C**

**Readings:** *Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

## Reflection

"What Sunday is it today?" "Oh, it's one of those Sundays in Ordinary time but don't ask me which one – it's Ordinary time and they're all the same"

Which is sort of true but they're not – the very idea of Ordinary Time sounds so "Ho Hum" after all the great Feasts we've had – Holy Week, Easter, Ascension Day, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi – and just like that they've all gone and everything is so dull.

Except that it's NOT dull – it's a bit like having been on a great series of chef-prepared meals and then going home to casserole or chops or a vegan meal: it's a return to our basics of life

And so it is with the Sundays of the year – ordinary time is getting back to the basics of your faith life – you've watched Christ rise, you've watched him go back to His Father; you heard all about Pentecost – the fire was sent down – and, with a bit of luck the fire has entered your belly and you're full of the light of Christ; well, OK, let's not get too carried away with all this fire and light and stuff – all very great for those who are dedicated and stuff – but I'm not really dedicated – just because I come to church on Sunday you can't really see me standing on the street corner, can you? Me, standing on a street corner, Ha!

But you really do have that fire in you even if you think you don't – the fire got into your whole being so that you walk the whole earth with respect and care and so that you may always walk away from what is harmful. And the fire is in your thoughts making them good and just – and in your ears – so that you may hear the flow of water and of all Creation and be protected from gossip. But, say you, I pretty much do that all the time (not always, I mean be fair, me – I'm not one of those overly holy people – I'm just me). Yep, just like the seventytwo others mentioned in this morning's Gospel – they were sent out just as you and I were sent out and their names are written in heaven – as are yours.

Which means that the fire of Pentecost really HAS got into you and you're living in God's house every day of your life.

CONGRATULATIONS – you're one of God's elite and all that happened is that you're living your life as God intended you to do!

SO – it's really NOT just another Sunday in ordinary time – it's a special YOU Sunday

**Tony de Joux**

## Parish Events

### Saint's Peter & Paul's 1922-2022 Celebration

A Celebration of 100 years since the establishment of Saints Peter and Paul's Parish Johnsonville took place last Sunday afternoon. Cardinal John Dew, assisted by Fr Pete Roe presided at a joyful and inspiring Celebration of the Eucharist.

The themes of celebrating, remembering, giving thanks and looking to the future with hope were reflected in word and song as well as the homily from Cardinal John and the thanksgiving reflection from our own Father Pete.

The beautiful and uplifting music and song was provided the KPF choir led by Joey, Ning, J.L and Jigs Ibarra. We were welcomed with a short organ recital from David Dobson. Past Parish Priests and Greg O'Connor MP for Ohariu were among the gathering.

Cardinal John presented Pat Collier with a Bene Merente medal from Pope Francis for her distinguished service to the Church.

Past and present parishioners reconnected, reminisced and mingled over refreshments that followed, while viewing the displays of history and photos from the past 100 years.

The book of the 100 year history was sold during the afternoon.

The book is available for sale in the church after Sunday Mass or through the Parish Office by emailing [bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz), and having a copy posted to you.

Include your name and postal address. The cost is \$25 which includes postage. Payment can be made into the parish a/c 02-0524-0203642-00. Alternatively you can purchase a copy after the 10.30am Sunday Mass in Saints Peter and Paul's. The cost is \$20 cash (no eftpos available).

**Congratulations Pat Collier** - The Parish would like to extend a huge congratulations to Pat Collier for her Bene Merente medal from Pope Francis for her dedication and service to the Church.

Pat was presented with the medal at the Parish Celebrations last Sunday. She was joined by her family and parishioners. Thank you Pat for all you do and **CONGRATULATIONS**. Well deserved.



# Parish Events



## Parish Information

### Sacramental Programmes

These programmes are well under way in our parish. So far we have had 9 of our children baptised, 64 made their First Reconciliation and shortly 73 will make their First Communion in our different churches in Ohariu Parish. Congratulations to all our tamariki and families.

Our **First Communion Masses** are at:

**St Benedict's Church: Sunday, 10th July at 9am**

**Ss Peter and Paul Church: Sunday 24th July, 2pm**

As Covid is effecting many of our parishioners at the moment, arrangements can also be made for the children to make their First Communion at other masses if necessary. So don't stress or worry if your child is unwell. You will be cared for.

The last Parent's Meeting is **Thursday 7th July at 5pm-6pm** at St Benedict's Church.

For anyone who has missed out there are also catch up programmes over the school holidays.

**Holiday programmes** are:

**Reconciliation:** Catch Up Monday, 11th July, 1pm - 4pm

**Confirmation:** Catch Up Tuesday, 12th July, 10am - 4pm

**First Communion:** Full day programme, Thursday, 14th July, 10am - 4pm

All these programmes are at SS Peter and Paul's Church and Hall

Please continue to pray for our children as they take this important step in their faith journey.

If you would like any further information please contact the parish office, Kitty or Gemma or check out the parish website. [Click here](#).

**St Benedict's First Communion Mass Note** - We are mindful of the pressure on space and the necessary control of numbers for reasons of safety in our buildings.

For First Communion at St Benedict's on 10 July we ask parishioners not directly involved in the liturgy, or who don't have family making First Communion, to avail themselves of either the St Andrews Mass on Saturday, 9 July, or the Ss Peter and Paul's Word and Communion on Sunday morning. Your help in making the first communion for our young people, and their families an event they remember with joy is very much appreciated.

**Joe Green & Fr Pete Roe**

## Parish Information

### St Benedict's School Mass - Thursday, 7th July

Please note that on this day there will be no regular service at St Benedict's Church. Mass will be celebrated with the school at 9.30am. There will be congregational singing. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**DISCOVERY Youth Retreat** - hosted by Wellington Young Church is running this school holidays.

A camp for teens aged 13-17 to explore faith and have fun!

**When:** Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th July

**Where:** Forest Lakes Camp, Otaki.

**Cost :** \$110.00.

Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/nc8FsbAQaZ>

Visit our social media @adwyoungchurch for more information. We hope to see you there!

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish have funding for 2 Parishioners to attend this camp if anyone is interested, please contact: Joe Green, email: [joe@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:joe@stfrancisohariu.nz)

Pete Roe SM as counsellor and chaplain for Mana Newlands Transdev, blessed and dedicated 10 new zero - emissions electric buses for the purpose of serving our community in Wellington, known as the Airport Express.

With the Professional Drivers and Staff of Mana Newlands Transdev and Metlink, a celebration of Blessings, dedication and fun was held in their new depot, on Kauri Street at the site of the old Miramar South School which closed in 2012.



### Altar Servers

Any children, Year 5 and above who are regularly at Ss Peter & Pauls 10.30am Sunday Mass and would like to become altar servers, please get in touch with Wendy Cleaver for training.

Contact Wendy by email: [cleaver@actrix.co.nz](mailto:cleaver@actrix.co.nz)

This will take place over the next few weeks.

## Parish Information

### Upcoming Event

We will be holding a school holiday session for migrant families on **Wednesday afternoon, 13th July.**

There will be a hands-on art session of collage and painting, with Sam Walker. The target group is those of a migrant background, especially those who have English as a second language; school children aged 6-10.

**This is a free event.**

For more details and registration, please contact:

[Jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:Jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz)

## 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.



## Other Events/Notices

### Lamb of God Christian Community - Life in the Spirit Seminar

**When:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (9:30am – 4:40pm)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July (1:30pm – 4:30pm)

**Where:** St. John's Anglican Church

18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/SvcjFkBPg7E8TiCb6>

**Contact Email:** [lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com](mailto:lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com)

## Other Events/Notices



In 1838 at the first Catholic Mass, Bishop Pompallier dedicated New Zealand to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven when he celebrated his first Mass here at Totara Point in the Hokianga on 13 January 1838.

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa—Titahi Bay, will be hosting the icon from **15th - 18th July** and we invite

parishioners and friends to take the time to visit.

Each church will be open until 7pm on the following days:

### **Friday 15 July**

10am - Te Ara a Maria icon arrives at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay

### **Saturday 16 July**

St Pius X Church

### **Sunday 17 July**

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa

### **Monday 18 July**

9am - Mass followed by Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers

10.15am - Te Ara a Maria icon leaves Tawa.

## **Ordination Anniversaries**

*"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek". Hebrew 7:17*

Please remember the following priests:

John Walls SM, Alan Roberts, Julian Wagg, Ron Bennett - 50th Anniversary

Roderick Milne SM, Tom O'Brien, David Arms SSC - 60th Anniversary

Brian Wysocki SM - 65th Anniversary

Clergy Jubilees Mass will be on **July 14th, Thursday, 11am, at St. Patrick's Kilbirnie**. All welcome to attend.

**Please pray for our Priest-Jubilarians.**

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

- **Dates:** 4th September, six consecutive Sundays, 2.00-4.30pm
- **Venue:** Wilton (venue on application)
- **Cost:** \$40.
- **Registration** by email closes Wednesday, 23rd August.

Email: [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz)

# MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Mike Coghlan

**Anniversaries:** Policarpio N. Naval Jr

**Prayers for the Sick:** Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Margaret Blight, Joe Godinet, Penelope Corich, Ann Zouch, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank McGuire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Monsignor John Carde,

*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 2nd July - Saturday 9th July

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

Sat: 2nd July - Vigil Mass

Sat: 9th July - 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: 9.30am - SCHOOL MASS**

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 - 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 or by appointment.

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