



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fifth Week of Lent 3rd April 2022 Year C

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

New Life.

"I consider everything a loss compared with the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:8

"See, I am doing a new thing; Now it springs up; do you not perceive it."

Isaiah 43:19

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:7

These three scripture quotes are taken from today's readings. They are statements of profound truth and they reinforce each other.

In Philippians Paul is saying strongly and clearly that nothing in his life compares with knowing Jesus and having Jesus reside in his heart. Paul writes this from his experience of Jesus changing his life from a ruthless persecutor of the disciples of Jesus to becoming a dedicated disciple himself.

It was an experience of the Lord doing a new thing in his life. The grace of God overwhelmed him, and changed him from a person full of condemnation and punishment of others to a man of God proclaiming a message of love, salvation, forgiveness and reconciliation.

The Jewish law that Paul, before his conversion, was determined to uphold would condemn an adulterous woman to death. This was the situation that confronted Jesus. Jesus refused to be drawn into the trap. He challenged those ready to throw stones with their own sins so that none could bring themselves to throw a stone. In his turn Jesus did not condemn the woman but instead set her free of her sin along with the warning to sin no more.

As disciples of Jesus we too are called to suspend judgement and condemnation and instead to take time to listen, pray, understand and discern before responding to the situation of the person(s) with whom we are confronted.

To respond wisely and well we need the grace of Jesus to flow through us so that it is Jesus in us that changes a difficult situation into something good and positive. It is then Jesus in us who saves, heals and renews, not only ourselves, but those whom He brings to us. This is the new life that springs up when we put Jesus first in our own lives.

Ewen Laurenson

Covid Vaccine Passes Mandatory at all Masses and Liturgies

New Zealand is still currently in **Red** under the Covid-19 Protection framework.

Until 11.59pm, 4th April - Everyone aged over 12 and 3 months must show a Covid MyVaccine pass when you come to a Mass or Liturgy and masks are mandatory. Social distancing is advised.

Until 11.59pm, 4th April under **Red** you will need to show your Covid Vaccine pass when you arrive. Currently our Masses **are still** limited in numbers so you **will** need to book for weekend Masses and Word and Communion Liturgies.

To book your place please go to the Archdiocese website and register or click on the [link](#)
Please note bookings for weekend Masses open at **9.00am Wednesday** and close at **12pm Friday**.

If you are unable to attend Mass and you wish to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to discuss possible arrangements to receive. **Ph: (04) 478 7137**.

For more information on life under the Red Traffic Light Framework [click here](#).

Please note as we are in an ever changing situation, as and when we receive updates we will make sure all information is conveyed to parishioners.

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

Stations of the Cross

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at the following Churches:

St Benedict's Church:

Wednesday at 7.00pm on 6th April

St Andrew's Church:

Friday at 6.00pm on 1st and 8th April.



Holy Week Timetable

	St Andrew's	St Benedict's	Ss Peter & Paul
Reconciliation	Tuesday, 5 th April 7.00pm		
Palm Sunday	Saturday, 9 th April 5.00pm - Mass	Sunday, 10 th April 9.00am - Mass	Sunday, 10 th April 10.30am - Mass
Holy Thursday		Thursday, 14 th April 7.00pm - Mass	Thursday, 14 th April 7.00pm - Mass
Good Friday	Friday, 15 th April 3.00pm - Liturgy	Friday, 15 th April 3.00pm - Liturgy	Friday, 15 th April 3.00pm - Liturgy
Easter Vigil		Saturday, 16 th April 8.00pm Mass	
Easter Sunday		Sunday, 17 th April 9.00am - Mass	Sunday, 17 th April 10.30am - Mass

INFORMATION on how to book for all Holy Week Masses to follow.

Holy Week Message

During Holy Week (from Palm Sunday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper), we have no masses or liturgies in the Parish.

We ask parishioners to use this week as a time of reflection and prayer in preparation for the Easter Triduum.

You are invited to spend time in your own "personal garden" to reflect in prayer on your life and the life Jesus has given us in these days.

Lenten Reconciliation

Tuesday, 5th April 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church

Communal reconciliation is a way of acknowledging how our actions and lack of actions impact on others such as our church communities, family and those we meet in our daily lives.

It is a way of showing our need to turn back to God with renewed faith, hope and enthusiasm. This is why it is often referred to as a sacrament of mercy and forgiveness. It is a chance to look deeply at our vulnerabilities, because our vulnerabilities are our strength - it is a time to reflect the strengths so that our focus is not always on our vulnerabilities. The whole purpose is to link us more closely and yet once again more fully with the love and life of God.

Come and be at peace with God and one another.

Property Review Update

The Leadership Team has now submitted a proposal to the Archbishop of Wellington, Cardinal Dew in regard to the properties and buildings within our parish.

Please [click here](#) for the Proposal and Letter.

The Archbishop specifically asked each parish in the Archdiocese to assess how many churches and presbyteries are needed to accommodate Mass counts, allowing for future growth and the availability of priests.

We thank all parishioners and stakeholders that have assisted and provided views throughout this review.

We have carefully considered and discerned all the information and feedback we received.

While acknowledging the hurt that may arise during this journey, we consider the proposal best meets the Archbishop's requirements and the long term sustainability of our parish and our mission.

Shane Dinnan, Chair, Leadership Formation Team

Storage space needed:

Do you have room to store household equipment, electrical items, etc for setting up homes for families arriving in Wellington under the Refugee programme? Ideally a space that is dry and can be accessed relatively easily.

Last week the parish, working with Catholic Social Services, set up the 26th home since 2015 – a wonderful achievement.

The latest family from Afghanistan, arrived at relatively short notice. There will be many more arrivals and the parish supplies furnishings and equipment to make each house a home.

Household items are purchased/collected and stored until needed. We'd like to have all the items in one place to stocktake, sort and then move as we help each family settle.

You can contact me, Jo-Anne on jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz or call/text 022 300 7413.

Huge thanks to everyone who has been involved in this wonderful work.

Sacramental Programme Update: Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation 2022:

Thank you all for registering your interest in the programme. If you have contacted us, we have your details and we will be in contact with you next week with further information.

If you wish to register your Child for Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, then please advise the Parish Office of your child's details and which Sacrament they will be enrolling for and we will send you a Registration Form next week. **Office details, ph: 4787137 or email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz**

If your child is of school age and would like to be Baptised this can also be arranged as part of the programme.

We are hoping that by Term II life will be more predictable as Covid peaks which will allow us to offer a wonderful programme to our children and families. Thanks for your patience in this matter.

For children/young people who made their First Communion and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the past two years or earlier, there will be Confirmation in the Parish on **August 6th or 7th.**

You will also be able to enrol for this on a separate form from the Parish Office.

Our other Confirmation dates will be advised next week.



Stations of the Cross - St Brigid's Lenten Art Project

St Brigid's School are undertaking a Lenten art project. Each class in school will participate in producing a piece of art for each individual Station. The school has invited our Parish to participate in this project with them.

They have requested help with the following 2 Stations:

- Jesus falls the second time;
- Jesus falls the third time.



For more information and if you are able to help at all, please contact the Parish Office **Ph: 04 478 7137** or email: **office@stfrancisohariu.nz**

Women's Voices – A Synodal Response

- How are we as women called to participate in the mission of the Church?
- As Catholic women, what are our hopes and dreams for a truly inclusive Church?



At a recent conference, Synod Undersecretary Sr Nathalie Becquart said that Catholic women need to encourage and support one another for the realization of the inclusive Church they dream about - one that values everyone's gifts, promotes collaboration and listens to the Holy Spirit.

Register today for an opportunity to participate in the synodal journey and share, listen and discern with other Catholic women in our Archdiocese.

Wednesday 20th April @ 7pm on Zoom or Thursday 21st April @ 7pm at St Joseph's Mt Victoria.

Contact Lucienne Hensel @ l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or ph: [04 496 1715](tel:044961715)

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

Come and join us - HOK Movie Fundraiser

Please bring your friends and family and join us for the latest Downton Abbey Movie at:



Penthouse Cinema Brooklyn.

Sunday 15th May - 2.30pm

Tickets \$25—All proceed to St Benedict's School.

Raffles will be held - \$5 tickets can be pre-purchased or bought with cash on the day. Be in to win 1 of 3 gorgeous hampers.

For further information **email: hok@st-benedicts.school.nz**

NZ Catholic free digital issue

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/020aaf8c-8cb2-45cb-be32-6e89083cecec>

Lent Preparation

During this Lenten time, the National Liturgy Office is featuring a page of preparation for liturgies for each Sunday in Lent. Please click here for details: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/>

World Youth Day 2023

We are seeking expressions of interest from people aged 18-35 to join us at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal!

@ADWyoungchurch
youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

WYD LISBON 2023

The poster features a photograph of Pope Francis, a logo for WYD Lisbon 2023, and a stylized airplane icon.

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

Women in the Scriptures & Mythology

Part 1: Women of the Old Testament with Kieran Fenn fms. Wednesday, 20 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

Part 2: Women in the Sistine Chapel with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

Friday, 29 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/women-in-the-scriptures-mythology/>

For more information and

registration: 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: Peter Walsh, Father Tadgh Tierney (Archdiocese of Perth)

Anniversaries: Michael O'Meara

Prayers for the Sick: Myra Oh, Rosemary Molloy, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Frank McGuire, 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 2nd April - Saturday 9th April

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

Sun: 10.30am - Word & Communion
Mon: 9.00am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy
Wed: 11am - Mass
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Fri: 9am Mass

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Saturday **2nd April:** 5pm Vigil Mass
Friday: 6.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday **9th April:** 5pm Vigil Mass

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sunday: 9.00am - Mass
Monday: 9.00am - Liturgy
Monday: 7.00pm - Meditation
Tuesday: 9.15am - Liturgy
Wednesday: 9.00am & Wednesday: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday: 9.00am - Liturgy
Friday: Exposition 8.30am and Liturgy at 9.00am

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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