



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Third Week Ordinary Time, 4th September 2022 Year C
Readings: *Wisdom 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10, 12-17, Luke 14: 25-33*



Today is Father's Day. It's one thing we all have in common; without someone who fathered us, we would never have come into existence. It's a day to recall and reflect on the lives of our fathers as well as how we live out our own fatherhood.

We all have differing relationships with our fathers and our children. Watching the most recent episode of David Lomas series, *Investigates*, reminded me that some people never get to grow up with their fathers and may not even know who their father is. Some people have complex relationships with their fathers. Those of us who have ourselves fathered children will be aware that we have not always been perfect fathers. Other men find themselves exercising important fathering roles with children they have not fathered – it's not just about genetics!

Today's gospel, coincidentally, talks about fathers (as well as mothers) in the context of what it means to be a faithful disciple: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, they cannot be my disciple."

We know that Jesus does not literally mean that we are to hate our parents because the 10 commandments exhort us to honour and love them. Rather, we are today presented with a case of hyperbole – an exaggerated statement that is not meant to be understood literally; the writer of Luke's Gospel, who records these words as coming from Jesus, is teaching us about the cost of discipleship – being willing to give up all that we desire in order to follow Christ.

Fatherhood is, without doubt, one of the many ways in which we men are called to follow Christ. Reflecting on my own experience as a father, the mistakes and learnings along the way, along with the celebrations, cannot be separated from the call to live out my baptismal call and become a better disciple. Certainly, the 'costs' associated with being a discipleship apply when it comes to being a good father.

Paradoxically, when we put Jesus before all else, including family and ourselves, we can only become better fathers (and mothers) and we will only end up having better relationships with our own fathers and mothers, particularly in their old age.

Let's, today, recall the lives of our own fathers – firstly to pray with gratitude for the life they gave us but also, as needed, to pray honestly for forgiveness and/or the courage to forgive them. And, if they are still alive, follow up that prayer with some appropriate concrete gesture. In this way, as the writer of the book of Wisdom puts it “Thus are the paths of those on earth made straight.” **John Kleinsman**

From the LFT

*****STOP PRESS – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME*****

Parish meeting 25th September 2022 at Uniting Church to discuss Property Project.

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE UNITING CHURCH THAT THERE IS A DOUBLE BOOKING DURING THE TIME SLOT 3 – 6PM ON 25TH SEPTEMBER.

THE MEETING WILL NOW TAKE PLACE DURING 5 – 8PM

(Uniting Church tell us that it is okay for people to start arriving from 4.30pm)

If anyone has difficulty in getting to the Uniting Church for the meeting, please let the Office know in advance and we will do what we can to arrange a lift for you.

Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQs”)

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

Called to Serve at Ss Peter and Pauls WE NEED YOU.

Many thanks to the people who have offered to serve, we have started contacting these people.

There are forms in the walkway at Ss Peter & Paul for anyone who didn't get the opportunity last week.

If you would like to serve in any of our ministries please fill in a form and hand it in to the office or the sacristy.

Blessings - St Peter and Pauls Liturgy and Pastoral teams.

Confirmation Programmes 2022

31 of our children/young people were Confirmed by Cardinal Dew a few weeks ago. These participants were mainly from previous Sacramental Programmes and had not been confirmed in 2020 or 2021 or before that.

Our next Confirmation Programme and Masses for any children/young people over the age of 8 years are beginning shortly.

There are two programme options on a Sunday based at St Benedict's School/Church or Ss Peter and Pauls Hall **OR** a one day programme the first week of the school holidays.

Option 1 - St Ben's School, Sunday mornings

Sunday 11th September 10:15am - 11:45am

Sunday 18th September 10:15am - 11:45am

Sunday 25th September 10:15am - 11:45am

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

Option 2 - Ss Peter and Paul Church, Sunday afternoons

Sunday 11th September 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 18th September 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 25th September 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 16th October 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Option 3 - School Holiday Confirmation Programme, Ss Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville on Tuesday 4th October, 10:00am-4:00pm. Please bring lunch.

Confirmation Masses will be held at St Benedict's Church at 5pm on Saturday 29th of October and on Sunday October 30th at Ss Peters and Paul Church at 10:30am.

Please contact the Parish office for a Registration Form and email back to the Parish office stating which Option your child/young person prefers. If you require additional information, please text/email or call Kitty McKinley.

Also if you can volunteer to help with the programme, would like a role at the Masses, wish to share your artistic talent or music/vocal talent then please get involved. Training, preparation is offered and support/skill is always welcomed.

Please pray for our children and community as they take this next important step on their faith journey.

Father's Day

This Sunday, 4th September, there will be a cup of tea after 10.30am Mass at St Peter & Paul's Church.



All are welcome, especially all the Fathers in our community.

8 BeDADitudes

Want to be an awesome dad? Who doesn't! Here are 8 ways
The beatitudes can help you be the father God is calling you to be.

1. Blessed Are Dads Who Are Poor in Spirit.

Seek to be a father after THE Father's own heart through prayer.

2. Blessed Are the Dads Who Mourn

Be not afraid of feelings. Empathize with your family's tears, fears, and struggles.

3. Blessed Are Dads Who Are Meek

Meekness isn't weakness. Cultivate the humble strength of a listening heart.

4. Blessed Are the Dads Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Awesome Dads are on a Mission from God. Live for Him. Lead your family to Him.

5. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Merciful

Be a loving mentor in your home. Don't break hearts. Mould them.

6. Blessed Are Dads Who Are Pure in Heart

Cherish the treasure of your wife and children. Protect their dignity. Affirm their worth.

7. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Peacemakers

Keep your house in order. Prioritize your family.

8. Blessed Are the Dads Who Are persecuted for the Sake of Righteousness.

The world will try to undermine your effort to be an awesome dad.
Be one anyway.

Season of Creation 2022 [1st September - 4th October]

The burning bush is the symbol for the Season of Creation 2022.

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forest crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice.

On the contrary the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of Creation.

At SS Peter and Pauls during the Season of Creation we will collect your soft plastics for you. All must be empty and dry. Bread bags, frozen food bags, toilet paper packaging, Courier bags, anything that can be scrunched into a ball. Please put them into the black bin in the walkway marked SOFT PLASTICS and we will deliver them to New World at Churton Park or Newlands.

Season of Creation - Sunday 11th September at 6.45p.m for 7.00 pm

Ss Peter and Pauls Church. Dr. Taylor Tce Johnsonville.

An Ecumenical webinar liturgical event, connecting with Australia, NZ and Pacific Islands with prayer, meditation, reflection and music.

Come to listen together and to respond together to the Cry of Creation.

Supper will be served afterwards.



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Parish Information

CHRISTMAS HAS COME EARLY TO SAINT ANDREW'S!

Our Newlands Saint Vincent de Paul Conference will be distributing food and essential item parcels to our whānau earlier than usual this year. A late mid-winter Christmas and an early Christmas koha if you like.

If you would like to assist you can donate any kai, essential goods or putea (Cash donation) to our Conference before the last weekend in September.

We have been lucky to receive some kai from the recent Food Bank drive, in Kilbirnie and so the only items we **do not** require are Cornflakes, Ricies and bars of soap.

Please keep our Conference in your prayers as these are the most important of the gifts you give us. Kia ora.

If you are in need and would like to receive one of these packages please email marie.paurini@outlook.com in confidence.

Other Events/Notices

MEET THE TAKAPŪ / NORTHERN WARD CANDIDATES

The Johnsonville Community Association invites everyone to come and hear candidates speak and answer questions.

When: Saturday 10 September 7.30pm

Where: Johnsonville Community Centre Hall

Hosted by the Johnsonville Community Association

MEET THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES FOR WELLINGTON CITY

The Johnsonville Community Association invites everyone to come and hear the mayoral candidates speak and answer questions.

When: Saturday 17 September 7.30pm

Where: Johnsonville Community Centre Hall

Hosted by the Johnsonville Community Association

Other Events/Notices

Fathers Day Joke

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed round the collection baskets.

When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear....

"Don't pay for me daddy, I'm under five."

Young Church Tuakana 2023

Love Youth Ministry and want to work with College Students in their schools?

Come and join us as a Tuakana in 2023.



Part-time position apply now at: youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

Upcoming events in the Archdiocese:

Click here: [Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese | Archdiocese of Wellington \(catholic.org.nz\)](#)

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening)

Living Waters – in Judaism with Dr Leonard Bloksberg.

Monday, 19 September, 7-8.30pm.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/living-waters-in-judaism/>

Living Waters – in Christianity with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 26 September, 7-8.30pm.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/living-waters-in-christianity/>

Fee: \$25/session or \$45/series of 2 sessions

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on **Thursday 15th September 2022**

starting 7:30pm sharp followed by a cuppa.

Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets

Talk on "As for me and my house..." then **prayer ministry:** Michael Powell

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or

email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Br Dan Connell sm, Sr Clothilde scb

Anniversaries: Vittorio Canderle, Nancy Garrett, Nellie Stowers

Prayers for the Sick: 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. We also pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 3rd September - Sunday 11th September

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 3rd Sept - 5pm
Vigil Mass

Sat: 10th Sept - 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
Sun: 9.00am - Mass

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

Sun: 10.30am - Mass
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 - Word & Communion

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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