



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Thirty Second Week Ordinary Time, 6th November 2022 Year C
Readings: 2Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14, 2Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38



Reflection

While the Maccabees story is gruesome reading it highlights the truth that the gift of eternal life awaits all godly people whose lives are lived out in faith and love.

The Sadducees, who did not believe in life after death, tried to make mockery of the teaching of Jesus about the certainty of eternal life for those who believe in Him. They did not believe that God breathed His spirit into us to give us life and on death our spirit returns to be with Him.

The Sadducees story of the seven brothers following Jewish law marrying the same woman after each brother died in turn was theoretically possible but highly improbable. How does this work out in heaven is the trick question?

Jesus' answer reflects a totally different perspective.

Jesus implies that life after death is not the same as physical existence. We become a different kind of being which, while retentive of who we are in our human personalities, is essentially a spiritual existence.

Jesus explains that we become like angels. In this new reality there is no need for marriage. This is because that through Jesus we are all deeply united together, one with the other, in the family of God.

Jesus then adds weight to His argument by quoting Moses calling the Lord "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." Jesus then makes the point by saying "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living for to Him all are alive."

In the letter to the Thessalonians Paul prays that our Heavenly Father through Jesus will grace us with an never ending encouragement to live out a life of faith, love and hope.

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The great hope for us all is eternal life with God. Today's readings give us wonderful encouragement in our belief that when we die we will be with God for eternity.

Jude in his short letter has a beautiful way of summing up our belief. He writes, " " To Him (Jesus) who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before the glorious presence of God without fault and with great joy." v24

What a beautiful picture this is of Jesus welcoming us when we die and presenting us to our Heavenly Father with rejoicing.

Ewen Laurenson



PARISH PUBLIC MEETING re NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS

with
Rev Dr Joe Grayland
on
Wednesday 9 November – 7.00pm - 8.00pm
at
Ss Peter & Paul Church, Johnsonville

- *What makes for a good church?*
- *What makes for a good worship space?*
- *How can our buildings contribute to an enhanced sense of community?*
- *How can we build a church that reflects our call to be missionaries?*

Rev Dr Joe Grayland is a Parish Priest of the Diocese of Palmerston North with an academic background in liturgy, sacraments and church design.

Come and listen to Fr Joe share his knowledge and experiences.

Bring your questions.

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Parish Information

This Sunday - 6th November at Ss Peter & Paul Church - there will be a cup of tea after 10.30am Mass.

This will be provided and served by members from our Parish Indonesian Community. All very welcome.

Children's Liturgy Commencement Notice

The Children's Liturgy at **Ss Peter and Paul Church** will recommence this **Sunday, 6th November**, at 10.30am Mass.

We look forward to seeing all the children again.

Parish Jubilee Book

This Parish Book is available to purchase, cost \$20.
For further information please contact the Parish Office,
Ph: 04 478 7137 or email: bookings@stfrancishariu.nz



Parish Property Meeting Notes

The Meeting Notes and the Presentation following our Parish Property Meeting - 25th September, can all be found on our [website](#).

For a copy of the Meeting Notes [click here](#) to view.

For a copy of the Presentation [click here](#) to view.

Please also look over the [Q&A's](#) on the website and send any questions you have to the Parish Office.

We are working to make this process as smooth as possible, we appreciate all comments and feedback.

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.

Confirmation Mass

Last weekend 34 of our Parish and School children were confirmed by Cardinal John Dew, at Ss Peter & Paul Church, 10:30am Mass.

What a great turnout. Children, families and Parishioners were all there to support and encourage our children in the final stage of their Sacramental journey.



A big thank you to our children, their families and our programme leaders who have participated so energetically and fully. And for those that have given so much of their time to support, encourage and guide our children.

Congratulations to you all.



All Saint's Day Mass - St Brigid's School, joined Parishioners and Challenge in celebrating All Saint's Day Mass at Ss Peter & Paul Church on Tuesday, 1st November.

Pete shared his appreciation of the Beatitudes which are our GPS to show us how to be Saints and the children shared with us inspirational individuals who are role models to them in life.

Thank you to all those that worked together to ensure this celebration was a Mass for all.



Parish Information

Columban Calendar 2023

We have received the 2023 Columban Calendars for next year. They are available to purchase from the Sacristy at a cost of **\$12 per calendar**.

In the event you cannot attend Mass and wish to purchase one, please contact the Parish Office; **ph: (04) 478 7137**,
email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz.

PARISH ARCHIVES

Clive Sowry [St. Benedict's] and Pat Collier [St. Peter and Pauls] are working to collect and collate the archives of all 3 communities in our St Francis of Assisi parish Ohariu.

If someone with knowledge of St. Andrews would like to join us we would be most appreciative. Please contact Pat ph: 021 0298 9504 or email tchpat.collier@gmail.com.

In addition if anyone who has photos or information we could add to our archives please contact Pat as above.

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

SEEK – EXPLORE AND DISCERN

An invitation for young adults to explore their vocation and discern their role in the Church and in the world.

Sunday 20th November, 1pm to 5pm at St Mary of the Angels.



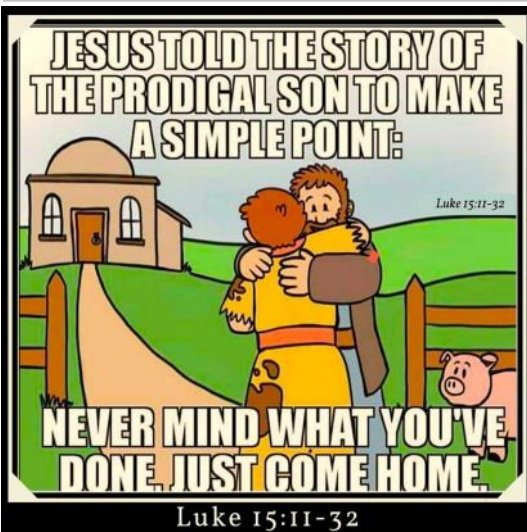
The afternoon will conclude with the World Youth Day Mass at 5pm. To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

JOSHUA WELLINGTON - invites both men and women to the last meeting for 2022 on **Thursday 17th November at 7:30pm** in 'Loaves and Fishes' hall next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul.

Interactive session led by: Monsignor Gerard Burns, Vicar-General on "How God is calling us at this time?"

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

SYNOD - For all those who took part in the groups and submissions for 'Synod for a Synodal Church', Stage Two is now available. Click the link to the ADW website to read the Synthesis of a Syntheses sent to Rome <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/>



WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS 2022

Come together with the Youth of Wellington to celebrate all that's happening in the Young Church!

Join us for Young Church Mass and an evening of fellowship and celebration for World Youth Day 2022.

Day/Date: Sunday 20th November 2022

Time: 5pm **Venue:** St Mary of the Angels Church

Other Events/Notices

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned, with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact Louise Kelleher or Teena George at the Tribunal on 04 496 1727 or by email at tribunal.wellington@catholic-tribunal.org.nz.

All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.



XLT NOVEMBER

Inviting TEENS and YOUNG ADULTS to come and experience the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Together we worship Him through music, receive true freedom through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and feel the love through the gift of each other.

Day/Date: Friday, 18th November 2022

Time: 7.00 – 9:30pm. **Venue:** St Joseph's Church - Mt Victoria

Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 7 November: **The Parables**

Monday, 14 November: **Life and Leadership in the Christian Community**

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 for both sessions. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/01/the-gospel-of-matthew/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, inter-faith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Graeme Gorton, Patrick Joseph Fogarty

Anniversaries: Hayley So'oa, Navera - Nava Family members

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

For the month of November, please pray for all the Holy Souls of our dearly departed family and friends. May they rest in peace.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 5th November - Sunday 13th November

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 5th Nov - 5pm Vigil
Mass

Sat: 12th Nov - 5pm Vigil
Mass

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 9.00am - Word & Communion (**Remembrance Liturgy**)
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,

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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Parish Bank Account for Donations:

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