



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time, 7th August 2022 Year C
Readings: *Wisdom 18:6-9, Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19, Luke 12:32-48*

Reflection

There is much going on.

On the International scene: war in Ukraine, threats over Taiwan, torrential rain in Pakistan, heat waves in the UK and USA.

Nationally: rising inflation, Covid constancy, historical abuse in our state and faith institutions, unrelenting pressure on our health, education and welfare systems.

Personally: a priest friend who committed his life to service slowly nearing the end and letting go.

Sometimes it is hard to makes sense of what surrounds us and how to live through it.

So today's gospel provided an opportunity to pray and to hear what life is telling me.....again.

Then I realised that the parish Confirmation programme I have been involved in, helped make sense of todays Gospel.

Over the past months we explained to our children that through **Baptism** they joined the Catholic family of 1.17 billion.

They were given a job to do in our world and values to guide them. Then their parents said "**I do**" for them when asked do you believe/accept your child's God given mission?

At Confirmation the children say "**I do**," "**I will**", for themselves.

They accept their personal mission to serve, love, forgive, respect, grow and hope and to be fuelled by the power of the Spirit.



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You and I did the same.

As Baptised and Confirmed Catholics, we the followers of Christ in 2022 are called to be aware, vigilant and dressed ready for service and love in our daily realities.

With our Baptismal/Confirmation lamps (candles) burning brightly, as a treasure deep within us, we will be able to roll up our sleeves and do what Jesus asks of us.

With him no job or challenge is too big, personally, nationally, globally.

So off we go to serve!

Kitty McKinley

Confirmation Mass - will be celebrated this **Sunday, 7th August, 10.30am** at Ss Peter & Paul Church.

Cardinal John Dew will celebrate the Mass with those children who were part of the Sacramental Programme in 2020 and 2021.

We pray for all our candidates on this day. May we continue to guide them throughout their spiritual journey.

Feast of the Assumption - 15th August

Please note on this day the following Liturgies & Mass times.

9.00am - Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Ss Peter & Paul Church

6.00pm - Fr Pete will celebrate Mass at 6pm, Ss Peter & Paul Church.
All welcome.

St Benedict's Church - Please note, there will be no singing at the next two Sunday Services in St Benedict's Church.

Mass on 7th August and Word & Communion on 14th August will be accompanied by Instrumental Music only.

Parish Information

Reverence for Life Group - Promoting a Culture of Life

This is such an important mission in the Church today. But our group is ageing and needs reinforcement.

Please consider joining this Parish-wide group. We would welcome your involvement.

The time commitment is: a meeting every 2 months or so; helping to collect material for the Book of Life; being prepared to help to present the book at Mass; being present when a day has been set aside for prayer and reflection at the church - usually twice a year.

Come to a meeting and 'try the waters". Is this where God would like you to be?

Please contact: Ewen and Gillian Laurenson ph. 04 4787108 or 0276844718 or Pat Collier 021 02989504.

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.



Parish Information

August Welcom - This month's Welcom is now out and available in the Church Foyers. There is a great write up of our Parish in this edition.

Annette Scullion, editor of Welcom, extends her thanks to those leaders of Ministries who helped with photos and text.

The outcome looks great!

RCIA

If you have an adult friend or family member who is interested in becoming a Catholic and participating fully in the sacraments, please have them contact : Michael and Jo-Anne Carley.

Email: jamcarley@xtra.co.nz and/or phone 022 300 7413.
The teaching occurs over a period of accompaniment.

Other Events/Notices

A Mass of the Dedication of St Mary of the Angels in Wellington as the National Shrine to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven will be held at St Mary of the Angels on **Sunday 14 August 2022 at 2pm.**

Everyone is welcome to attend, from anywhere in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Details will be posted on the website of Te Ara a Maria (Mary's Way): <https://www.tearamaria.nz/>

The Mass will be live-streamed, with details to come.



St Mary of the Angels - Celebrating 100 years

Please join the Parish of St Mary of the Angels in celebrating the centenary of the consecration and opening of the Church.

There will be a weekend of liturgy, music and events from **Friday, 12 August 2022 until Sunday 14 August 2022.**

Please see the website www.smoa.org.nz/100years for the programme, or contact the Parish Office on 04 473 8074 or office.manager@smoa.org.nz for more information.

Other Events/Notices

Liturgical Reception for Archbishop Paul Martin SM

Archbishop Paul Martin SM will be welcomed to the Archdiocese on **Friday, 12th August** with Evening Prayer of the Church at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral at 6pm.

All are welcome to this time of prayer. To be followed by light refreshments.

The Catholic Foundation - Scholarships for students entering their first year of tertiary education opened on 01 August.

The application and criteria are available on our website. www.catholicfoundation.org.nz



Vacancy - Challenge 2000 seeks Youth Ministry Manager

Challenge 2000 is a Gospel-based, youth development agency that has served young people and their families for 34 years.

We are seeking a competent, visionary, passionate and versatile person, to lead a team of volunteers and youth workers to provide a range of services and programmes for children, young people and families.

To apply, please send your CV and covering letter to Kitty McKinley, Project Manager, at info@challenge2000.org.nz.

For more information about this role, please contact Kitty on ph: 021 491 459 or at info@challenge2000.org.nz



Applications close 26 August 2022.

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on **Thursday 18th August 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 Intro talk and activity: "What can we learn from Joshua OT in Joshua 2022?"

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

Other Events/Notices

Young Church Mass is back in August!

The Young Church are excited to be joining Cardinal John and Life Teen Petone for Young Church Mass on Sunday 21st August!

5.30pm, at Sacred Heart Church, Petone.

Come and bring your friends along!



COME AND SEE – Vocations Morning

Saturday 10th September 9-11:30am at St Teresa's Church, Karori.

*Has anyone ever said that you would make a good priest?
Have you thought about the idea, but tried to put it out of your mind?
Do you think you might have a vocation?*

COME AND SEE is an opportunity to meet other like-minded young men, talk with priests and seminarians, and ask questions about the vocation to the priesthood.

Join us for Mass at 9am, followed by breakfast and a time of fellowship and discussion. For catering purposes, please let us know you're coming.

Contact l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or text 021 164 5800.

Visit www.wellingtonpriests.org

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/07/12/mary-of-nazareth/>

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

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Other Events/Notices



Listen to the Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022
The Burning Bush
Israel

join us for
ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR OUR COMMON HOME
...and moments of meditation, reflection, music and experiences.
Sunday 11 September 2022

1 Hour Zoom Meeting
Zoom ID: 847 7368 0947
3 p.m. WA
4.30 p.m. SA
5 p.m. ACT/VIC/NSW/QLD
6 p.m. New Caledonia
7 p.m. New Zealand/ Fiji/Wallis and Futuna

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the Dikos of God."

Visit links below for more details:
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Announcement - Robert Blucher, has been appointed the new Chief Executive of Te Kupenga-Catholic Leadership Institute.

Robert is currently Northern Regional Manager of Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu, the former Correspondence School. He replaces Te Kupenga's inaugural Chief Executive, Dr Areti Metuamate, who returned to Australia last year.

Nathaniel Centre director Dr John Kleinsman has been acting Chief Executive in the meantime.

Robert steps into his new role on 5th September with a whakatauki (proverb) in mind: "Titiro whakamuri, whakarite ināinei hei hāngai whakamua – Embrace the past, prepare now to shape the future."

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:

Anniversaries: David Shroff, Marie de Joux, Arnel Galvan

Prayers for the Sick: Joanne Gordon, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Brian Cummings, 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 6th August - Saturday 13th August

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 6th August - Word & Communion

Sat: 13th August - Vigil Mass

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 9.00am - Mass
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

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

Sun: 10.30am - **Mass Confirmation with Cardinal John Dew**
Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy
Wed: 11.00am - Liturgy 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.

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