



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Fourth Week of Easter 8th May 2022 Year C**

**Readings:** *Acts 13:14, 43-52, Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17, John 10:27-30*

## **"Jesus had a mummy" - Mother's Day 2022**

A highlight of my 2018 visit to the Holy Land was standing before "Mary's house" in Nazareth.

I reflected that Jesus, as a toddler had played on those steps.

The teenage Jesus, coming back from time spent with his mates, may have bounded down them. No fridges in his day, but just like all teenagers, he would have been looking for food. The pantry seems to be the first port of call.



Did he get told off as he tried to grab a bit of food intended for the evening meal?

Did the young adult Jesus sit on those steps, pouring his heart out on the latest worries he had to his mother?

You see, that's the point of the incarnation. God comes into the world as a human, lives a human life, and Jesus returns to the God head, taking all that human experience with him.

In today's gospel Jesus tells us that he and the Father are one. We can be confident that God knows in a personal way what it's like to be picked up, nappy changed, washed and fed by a mother. To be loved by a mother.

So, this Sunday we take pause and remember mothers. We take time to thank God for our mothers. And, no matter what your experience of motherhood, we might offer a prayer for our mother. **Joe Green**

## **Vocation Sunday**

Our focus on Vocations Sunday should not be on clergy recruitment, but helping each Christian to see that she / he has a vocation as they respond to needs in their community.

First, we think that a vocation is equivalent to becoming a full –time religious person: someone who takes on all that is associated with the word 'a priest.' How often have I heard a man say 'I have no vocation' when what he meant was that he did not want to be a cleric.

Second, it forgets that every formal ministry - such as that of being a presbyter - is but a part of an individual Christian's vocation.

Every Christian has a vocation - it is wrapped up in the particularity of your life. For the full article on Vocation Sunday, please [click here](#).

## **This Sunday is Vocation Sunday - 8th May 2022.**

Please pray for all those discerning a Religious vocation.

If you would like to make a donation to the Seminary collection, please leave an envelope in the basket or make a contribution through the Parish bank account - **02-0524-0203642-00**.

**Tax Receipts / New Envelopes** - Year end 31st March 2022 have now been finalised. For those who give by Automatic Payment, your tax receipt has been emailed to you.

If we do not have an email address for you, your receipt has been printed and is ready for collection in the Church foyer with your new envelopes. If you cannot locate your envelope, please contact the Parish office for clarification as to which church it is in.

**Envelope givers please note:** The Parish has moved to a new tax receipting system, so you have been issued with a new planned giving number. This number is indicted on a slip, with your new envelopes.

If you have any queries, please contact the **Parish Office, ph: 04 478 7137**.

The Parish would like to thank you for your continued support, especially throughout this difficult period.

## **Sacramental Programme 2022**

The **Reconciliation** part of the Sacramental Programme is now well under way, so thanks to those who have attended the meetings and the parents meeting last Tuesday night as well. The **next parents meeting** is at **St Benedict's Church on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:30pm.**

35 children attended the one day block Reconciliation Programme, with another 17 at the Sunday meetings. It's not too late to join up. Just contact the office or the Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000. So far feedback has been excellent and we are always open to new ideas or suggestions.

The next Reconciliation preparation session is this **Sunday 8th May - 10.15am** at **St Benedict's school** and **St Peter & Paul's Hall** at **3:30pm**. The preparation is the same at both venues. Registration brochures are available in the church foyers and through our schools and on the parish website. [Click here.](#)

The **First Reconciliation Services** are on **Tuesday, 17th May at 7.00pm - St Benedict's Church** in Khandallah and **Thursday, 19th May at 7.00pm - SS Peter and Paul's** in Johnsonville.

All are welcome to these Services - friends, grandparents, cousins, neighbours. If anyone would like to contribute to these Services by way of music, instruments, readings, art work or suggestions then please let the team know.

The Youth Ministry team will also arrange the Sacrament of Baptism if that is wanted. Want to know more? Please call **Kitty ph: 021491459** or **Angela/Helen at the Parish Office 04 4787137** or **Challenge 2000: 04 4776827.**

Preparation for **First Holy Communion** begins on **Sunday June 12th**. Please check the Registration Brochure for times and dates and locations.

The First Communion Mass is at **St Benedict's** on **Sunday July 10th at 9.00am Mass** and at **SS Peter and Paul's** on that same day at **2pm**.

**AND finally:** The Confirmation Programme for children who were part of the Sacramental Programme in 2020 or 2021, and wish to be Confirmed this year is on **Sunday August 7th at 10:30am** Mass in Johnsonville.

The programme will begin in July and there will also be a block course in the holidays for these children. Previous years participants on the Sacramental Programme will be sent an email so watch this space please!

Very complicated but hope it's getting clearer finally!

**St Peter and Paul's Johnsonville 1922-2022**  
**Let's celebrate - Sunday 26th June 2.00pm.**

Mass with the Cardinal presiding followed by afternoon tea.

Do you have any photos or articles we could use in a display?

Contact Pat Collier, email: [tchpat.collier@gmail.com](mailto:tchpat.collier@gmail.com)  
Ph: 04 478 6230 or 021 294 3960

**Newlands Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank**

Our Food Bank stock is low at the moment, so it is time for us to come to the people of Saint Andrew's for support please. If you are able to help with a koha of food, we would be most grateful.

Our locked donation box is in the church foyer if a koha of putea (money) is a more convenient way for you to assist. For those of you who cannot manage it at the moment, your prayerful support is, as always, much appreciated as well as needed. Our parishioners always amaze us with their generosity.

We thank you in advance for your continued support, of those in need.

Here is our suggested list but we are always appreciative of any dry goods you donate. **We currently do not need any bars of soap. Kia ora.**

Flour/Sugar, Honey/Vegemite, Biscuits/Muesli Bars, Jam/Peanut Butter, Drink Sachets e.g. Raro, Refresh, Tea Bags/Coffee/Milo, Weet-Bix/Porridge, Rice/Pasta/Noodles, Any tinned food at all, Sauces/Cooking Oil, Washing Powder/Dishwashing Liquid, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste/Liquid Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper

We hope this list gives you some "food for thought"

Once again thank you for your support of this important ministry. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, needs our help. Kia ora.

**Cleaning Volunteers for Ss Peter & Paul Church**

We are looking for volunteers to come and help clean at the Church. We have had a number of families unable to continue helping, so if you are able to spare a little time once every few months, we would very much appreciate it. If you can help in anyway, please contact the Parish Office **ph: 04 478 7137 or email: [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz).**

## **Mother's Day Beatitudes for Mothers**

Blessed are mothers...	who mixed discipline with love, they shall know mercy.
Blessed are mothers...	who gave us values with which to live the Christian life, they shall share God's kingdom.
Blessed are mothers...	who left us an appreciation of the value and dignity of work, they shall find rest.
Blessed are mothers...	who pointed out our responsibilities and duties, they will be blessed.
Blessed are mothers...	who taught us how to live on earth for heaven, they will know God.
Blessed are mothers...	who showed us the meaning of service by example, they shall be served.
Blessed are mothers...	who gave us a clear picture of what a mother should be, they will live forever.
Blessed are mothers...	whose love for our fathers taught us the importance of loving God and loving each other, they shall see God.
May the blessed Virgin Mother of Our Lord, bless all women and keep them under her protection.	



## He Īnoi mō te Hātotanga o te Kahurangi nei a Meri Hōhepa

E te Ariki e Hēhu Karaiti, nāu mātou i whakaako mēnā ka puaki atu mātou i te pūaroa mō te iti, arā, ngā tēina, ngā tuākana, ngā tuāhine me ngā tungāne, kātahi ka whakaatu mātou i te pūaroa ki ā koe.

Whakarongo mai ki ā mātou ĭnoinga ki a Meri Hōhepa te Wahine Kahurangi nāna i te aroha te iwi Māori. Nāna i awhi ngā tāngata pōhara, ngā tūrora, me ngā tāngata rawakore. Meatia tēna, kua karanga rawa atu te Hāhi i tētahi tāngata o āu pononga tapu, o āu tāngata māhaki hoki. Ā te wā tonu, mā te katoa e mōhio mai tōna Hātotanga.

**Āmene.**

## Prayer for the beatification of Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint.

**Amen**



## 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

**NZ Catholic free digital - Click link below:**

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a7fa5f65-1699-44e7-9334-9dd35f940bc1>

### **Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**

**Online Sessions (Evening): Mary – Our Inspiration** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Friday, 20 May, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/mary-our-inspiration/>

**St Paul – The first Missionary** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 -27 June, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone. \$25/session or \$50/series.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-paul-meet-the-first-missionary-7/>

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**Joshua Wellington** - invites men to join us on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 starting at 7:30pm sharp followed by a cuppa.

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

**Activity:** Small group study

**Want to know more?** Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

**COVID Update** - New Zealand is now in **Orange** in the Covid-19 Protection framework.

Mass number are **NO** longer restricted. Bookings are **NO** longer required.

We ask that you do still wear a mask while attending our Liturgies and Masses.

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to discuss possible arrangements.

**Ph: 04 478 7137.**

**If you are isolating and need support, you can call the COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337. The helpline is open 7 days a week.**

For more information please go to the Government Covid-19 website. [Click here.](#)



## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Gary Lennon, Leon Barnett, Myra Oh, Barry Fogo, Sheneen Goulding

**Anniversaries:** Jeffrey Chin, Angeline D'Souza, Ossie D'Lima

**Prayers for the Sick:** Penelope Corich, Maria Stewart, Valerie Belich, Mike Coghlan, Ann Zouch, Gerard van der Kaa, Rosemary Molloy, 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.*

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES

**Saturday 7th May - Saturday 14th May**

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

Sat: 7th May, 5pm Vigil  
Mass

Sat: 14th May, 5pm Word &  
Communion

### **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 - Word &  
Communion

Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy

Tues.: 9.15am - Liturgy

Wed: 11.00am - Mass with  
morning tea

Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy

Fri: 9.00am - Liturgy

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