



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Seventh Week Ordinary Time 8th October 2023, Year A
Readings:: Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

Reflection

Geoffrey a secondary school friend gave me this short story printed on a small card many years ago. I carried it in my wallet until it slowly crumpled and fell apart, but the meaning in these words stays with me still.

Trust in the Lord.

Kahutia Bernard Whaanga

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed sets of footprints in the sand, sometimes there were two sets and sometimes there was one.

When the last scene of my life flashed before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand. There was only one set of footprints. I realised that this was at the lowest and saddest time of my life. This bothered me so I said to the Lord.

"Lord, You promised me that if I followed You, You would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most troubled times of my life there is only one set of footprints. Why, when I needed You most, were You not there for me?"

The Lord replied, "My precious child, the times when you have seen only one set of footprints, was when I carried you."

Mary Stevenson (1936)



Parish Information

Reverence for Life Group

The Reverence for Life Group will be hosting a speaker at both Masses this weekend **7th & 8th October**.

Rahel Williams will speak about The House of Grace which helps young pregnant women to learn to become mothers in a safe environment.

You will have an opportunity to make a donation to support this worthy cause at the end of Mass.

On behalf of Reverence For Life. **Carol Ryan**

Reverence for Life

**Support Life Sunday 8th October - Prayer in the Brigidine Convent Chapel.
1pm to 3pm.**

We are holding a special time of prayer to be part of Support Life Sunday. We believe it is through prayer that Christ will lead us in our vision that all life is treated with compassion, dignity and respect.

Please come and join us in this time of prayer. You are welcome at the chapel for any length of time. between 1pm and 3pm

Alpha - Course Update



Another great session at Alpha on Tuesday as we learnt about how God guides us. We've been having great conversations, both at the table and in our small groups.

Thank you Natasha and Michael for the delicious dinner you prepared for us!

We are now preparing for our Alpha weekend away, from **14th to 15th October**. Please pray for our participants, that they may continue to be open to the Holy Spirit.

If you want to know more about Alpha, please talk to us or email alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz



Lucienne Hensel

Parish Information



St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

"Brothers" Petrus and Miguel made a visit to the parish this weekend for our Masses to celebrate St Francis of Assisi Feast Day in the Parish.



".....We can read the word of God, we can study the word of God, we can preach the word of God, however the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us and that's the challenge. How do we do this?....." **Pete sm**

For a full copy of Fr Pete's homily from this Mass, please [click here](#).

Recital

Our very own Rose Aldridge is putting on her final singing recital for the year (**approximately 20 minutes**) at the Victoria University New Zealand School of Music.

Consisting of five pieces: Buss und Reu from Bach's St Matthew's Passion (The Messiah), Widmung by Robert Schumann, Sure on this Shining Night by Samuel Barber, Violon by Francis Poulenc and Deh Per Questo from Mozart's La Clemenza Di Tito.

All in the Parish are welcome to attend on **Tuesday 24th October 2023 at 5.00pm on the dot at:**

Adam Concert Room 81 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn Campus.

Please call or text Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh on 021201 7197 if you have any questions.

CD's Available

Long time parishioner, Jessie Henson, who has been in Malvina Major for some time, has kindly donated some of her CD collection for parishioners.

They will be in the foyer until 18th October for you to peruse and take, free of charge. Thanks to Jessie for this generous gift.

Parish Information

SAVE THE DATE

For the Parish Dance.

Saturday, 25th November.



Parish and Challenge Partnership Holiday Programmes

26 children and 6 Youth Leaders participated in these two holiday programmes held in the Parish Hall.

The first was a Service Day for Yr 7 & 8 where the children served our community by doing animals and pictures of our patron saint that were then displayed in our church for the Feast Day St Francis of Assisi masses last weekend.

The second on Thursday 5th October was for children 6 years to 12 years old and Sindy - one of our Outreach leaders organised and led this day.

The day was full of fun, getting to know each other and learning. Name tag art and inside games in the hall were followed by relay races and football at Alex Moore Park.

In the afternoon we went to the swimming pool and the participants had a great time.. By the end of the day, some children were very tired and they were happy to relax in the sun at the Challenge house that we rent from the parish, explore the vegetable garden, eat snacks, and celebrate Jayden's birthday.

These days are a lot of fun and we hold them every holiday so if you'd like to help with them or know more please contact me:

Ana Baice, email:
anabaice@challenge2000.org.nz



Parish Information

SomeThink

Attached is the published version of *SomeThink!* A journal of the Wellington Theological Consortium (WTC). This is a digital only journal.

WTC is a group representing the Anglican and Catholic Churches, The Salvation Army, and Wellington Pacific Bible College, and their involvement in theological education in the Wellington region.

SomeThink! is itself an experiment. We welcome any feedback which should be sent to the Chairman, Lyall Perris, at lperris@xtra.co.nz

For a copy of the journal please [click here.](#)

Reminder

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

Ph: (04) 478 7137.

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

Seniors Week Sunday

Discover the library after hours at Waitohi Hub, Johnsonville Library this **Sunday, 8th October 4.30 - 6.30pm.**

Experience what the library has to offer in a special after hours session for seniors.

To register, ph: 04 477 6151 or email: Johnsonville.Library@wcc.govt.nz

Notices - Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Corinthians - who were they? with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>

Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video.

Bible Studies, Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Fundraiser in Aid of YouthLine Wellington

Please join us for our Fundraiser Dinner Dance organised by AV Funding Youth in aid of YouthLine Wellington.

When: Saturday, 4th November 2023

Where: Atura Hotel, 24 Hawkestone Street, Thorndon, Wellington

Time: 5.00 pm – 11.30 pm

Cost: Tickets - \$75pp.

Youthline gives free confidential advice and guidance to the youth who are seeking help, and support for a range of topics, for example mental health, depression, self-harm, abuse, suicide, bullying etc.

For more details please view flyer on the church notice board in the foyer.

Enquires - Vino, ph: 021 31 84 66 or Anselm: ph: 022 456 3627

Email – avfundingyouth@gmail.com

Other Events/Notices

Liturgy Workshop - ADVENT

Where: St Bernadette's Hall, 190 Naenae Rd, Naenae

When: Saturday 28th October. 10am to 12pm
Tea & Coffee from 9.30am

Register: Contact Chris Walkerdine by Wednesday 25th October
Email: c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz, ph: 04 496 1706



Presented by Fr Patrick Bridgman - Liturgy Advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington

St Anthony's School, Seatoun Centenary

We would love to have you join us at our centenary weekend events on **13th-14th October 2023**.

Click the link below to book your tickets and tables! **BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW** <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/OUW>

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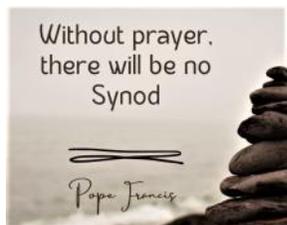
We are holding our annual thank you luncheon for all our volunteers on **Thursday Oct 19th 2023 at 12.30pm** in the Friendship Lounge at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

It would be lovely if all our volunteers could come and if you like please bring a guest as we have a speaker to talk to us about the Burns Unit at Hutt Hospital and what they do.

A donation for the Foodbank would be appreciated.

RSVP to your coordinator or Yvette ycelliston@gmail.com

Let us Pray



For the Church, on the eve of a new phase in the synodal journey, that the presence of the Gospel, alive and at work in her, may make her like the vineyard in the parable, a vital place where all men and women who seek meaning in their life find a place, a word, and a breath of hope, we pray.

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Graeme Dee, Claire Gordon

Prayers for the Sick: Tony de Joux, Jacqui Gilligan, David Clarke, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, John Fanning, Fr Maurice Carmody, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Peter O'Connell.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 7th October - Friday 13th October

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat: 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 10.00am Mass
Mon: 9.00am Liturgy
Tue: 9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed: 11.00am Liturgy - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs: **NO 9.00am Liturgy - 11.00am Requiem Mass**
Fri: 8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

Our Parish Vision

**We are missionary disciples of Christ,
in a community of communities,
being transformed in our lives,
and transforming others and our world.**

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