



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Twenty Eighth Week Ordinary Time, 9th October 2022 Year C**

**Readings:** 2Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

## Support Life Sunday 2022

### Accompanying and Caring for People with Mental Illness

In John 10:10 Jesus says: “**I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.**” It is one of my favourite scripture quotes.

In the New Zealand Catholic liturgical calendar there is a special day – Support Life Sunday – for us all to focus on choosing life. This year the theme is ‘You are not alone: Accompanying and caring for people living with mental illness.’

Fortuitously, Support Life Sunday closely follows New Zealand’s Mental Health Awareness Week (26 Sept – 2 October) which this year took as its theme the importance of people reconnecting with the people and places that lift them up.

Our parishes and schools should be places of positive connection that lift people up and Support Life Sunday provides us with an opportunity to think about the extent to which that might be the case. Unfortunately, research shows that many parishes can do better – for example, it has been established that those living with mental illnesses are less likely to get the level of pastoral care provided for people with physical illnesses due to the stigma and fears surrounding mental illness.

One of the resources provided by the bishops this year is an **Examination of Conscience** to help us all reflect on how we can become a more inclusive and caring community for people living with mental illness (see below).

The bishops campaign also includes a social media campaign which features original quotes from persons who have experienced the impact of mental illness first-hand – check this out at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/sls2022/> or by following the Facebook page for NZCBC: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicNZ>

# SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2022

## TAUTOKONA TE RĀTAPU WHAKAORA

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE - ACCOMPANYING AND CARING FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

### An Examination of Conscience

Take a moment to quickly skim the reflection points below, taking note of which question(s) challenge you most deeply.

1. How might I be able to more actively listen to the response of another when I ask "How are you?"
2. How honest am I about the reality of my life, particularly my struggles, when people ask how I am?
3. In what ways do I think differently about mental illness from other illnesses?
4. How do I respond to people with a mental illness? Am I likely to use clichés and platitudes instead of truly empathising?
5. Do I ever avoid people I know who are struggling with their mental health?
6. Do I carelessly use language to describe situations or behaviour which diminishes or makes light of mental illness?
7. How can we make our parish faith community more inclusive and inviting for people who are mentally ill and their whanau?

Commit yourself to one or more practical actions you can take.



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### Closure of Churches - Opening of New Church



In recent weeks you will have learned that our three Churches, Ss Peter and Paul, St. Andrew's and St Benedict's are to close in January/February 2023.

In February a refurbished new Parish Church will open in Johnsonville - as the Church of St Francis of Assisi.

There is much to do between now and then. Let's make these events memory-filled, memorable and meaningful!

Small core groups from each church community are being formed to organise the respective church closures.

These groups will:

- coordinate the events/rituals/liturgies of closure
- liaise and consult with liturgy groups, music groups, parishioners and our Schools
- source histories/photos etc
- secure catering (if needed)
- consider invitees (former clergy, parishioners)

If you would like to help organise these major faith events in the life of our parish you would be very welcome! Contact people are set out below.

Please contact the person connected with your particular church - or otherwise the Parish Office:

**St Andrew's:** William Nobelen, Colleen Campbell, Lorraine Dias, Kai Mei

**St Benedict's:** Robyn Radomski

**Ss Peter and Paul:** Wendy Cleaver, Pat Collier

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In a process symbolic of our coming together as one parish, the three groups will communicate and coordinate around the closures – and then combine to organize the ceremonies surrounding the opening of our new Parish Church of St Francis of Assisi!

**Thank You** - Many thanks to "Couples for Christ" who organised morning tea for our "St Francis of Assisi" Mass at Ss Peter & Paul on Sunday.

A special thank you to "Mother Santa" who provided the pizzas.

### **St Francis of Assisi Feast Day Mass**

The Youth Min Team with the support of Pat Collier and Felicity Giltrap organised the Feast Day Mass at Johnsonville.

It was a great turn out, fantastic music and singing, amazing decorations all around the church and lots of toy animals that the children brought for a blessing.

All sorts of different parish groups and families participated and then the food after was amazing too.

Father Pete held it all together and we could feel the Spirit of Francis in the Church. A big thank you to all who joined in.



### Holiday Youth Ministry Activities

It's been a busy start to the holidays for our children and young people.

On Tuesday we held the full day programme for those wishing to be confirmed. 26 children attended the day and we were fortunate to have ten young leaders and volunteers from the Parish helping with this Sacramental journey.



Great work everyone. The Spirit is alive!



And on Wednesday a number of our St Brigid's students volunteered their gifts and time helping others and our parish community.

The participants sorted out food parcels, visited the Saint Vincent de Paul Shop, made cards, helped with cooking and cleaning, prayed and reflected on the gospel call to serve.

A highlight was visiting Sr Cyprian and hearing about her life of service. It was awesome. **Mihi Hough**

### Holiday Art Class

A half day art session is being offered jointly by the Parish, Challenge 2000 and artist Sam Walker.

This is for children, aged six to ten, of a migrant background whose families speak/operate in English and other languages.

The session will be on Tuesday afternoon 11th October at Ss Peter and Paul Hall. There will be painting and collage. All materials supplied.

**This is a free event.**

For more details and for registration, please contact:  
Jo-Anne Carley 022 300 7413 Email: [jo-anne@stfrancisohariu](mailto:jo-anne@stfrancisohariu)

## Parish Information

### Remembrance Liturgy – St Benedict's

Each year, St Benedict's holds a Remembrance Mass on the first Sunday of November to remember our deceased parishioners and family members.

This year, at our Remembrance Liturgy on Sunday 6 November we will also remember those who passed away in 2021, as we had to cancel due to Covid.

As we may be unaware of all recent bereavements in 2022 and 2021, you are invited to contact Robyn Radomski, ph: 027 201 8766, email: [robynrad71@gmail.com](mailto:robynrad71@gmail.com) with details of name, date of death and their relationship to you so we can include them in the liturgy.

While we do remember, in a special way, those parishioners who have passed away during the previous year, you are invited to remember any of your deceased loved ones. You may like to bring a funeral order of service, a photo or a memento of that person who has been loved by you and your family. These can be placed on the altar before Mass.

Candles will also be shared with the congregation before Mass begins.

**St Benedict's** attendees will find in the foyer a clipboard with purple paper on which they can write the names of those deceased whom they wish to be prayed for during November.

## Other Events/Notices



YOU'RE INVITED TO  
CHALLENGE 200'S  
FUNDRAISER

# QUIZ

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

# NIGHT

JOHNSONVILLE BOWLING CLUB,  
34 FRANKMOORE AVENUE

6 people per team, \$15 donation per person



Make up a team, or contact us and we will put you in one!

Nibbles provided & drinks available for purchase.

To register your team contact:  
[emmamiddle-ton@challenge200.org.nz](mailto:emmamiddle-ton@challenge200.org.nz)

All proceeds will go toward our foodbank.

## Parish Information

### Support Life Sunday 9th October

Sunday 9th October is specially set aside to commemorate the wonder and preciousness of life.

We will celebrate life in all its fullness at our services over the weekend of 8th/9th October.

Our caption is “ **All life is precious - lets nurture it.**”

In this we are called to nurture our planet and all life that our planet sustains. Especially we are called to nurture human life in all its ages, stages and abilities. This means all human life is sacred from the time of conception until natural death. There is no exception to this truth.

At the services a prayer for life will replace the usual parish prayer.

In the early afternoon of the 9th from 1.00pm to 3.00pm a special time of prayer for life will be held. This will take place in the Brigidine Convent Chapel - 3 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville.

This prayer time will be led by the Reverence for Life Group. The service will contain both spoken and quiet times of prayer.

Please come and join with us in praying that all peoples will work together to look after our beautiful planet and the life it sustains. Please feel free to come and leave at a time that suits you. Your presence and prayers will be most welcomed. **Ewen Laurenson**

## Other Events/Notices

**Healing Service** - There is to be a Healing Service conducted by Fr John Rea in St Teresa's Church Karori on Thursday 27 October beginning at 7.30 pm. Come and expect Jesus to bless you in the best way possible.

### **Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy* Online Sessions (Evening):**

**The Gospel of Matthew** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 17 & 24 October and 7 & 14 November. ZOOM.

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$80 (NZD)/4 sessions

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/10/02/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](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

# MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Anne McGlinchey, Felicity Walker

**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

**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.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 8th October - Sunday 16th October

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

Sat: 8th Oct - 5pm Word & Communion

Sat: 15th Oct - 5pm 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  
Sun: 9.00am - Word & Communion

### 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 - 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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