



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time, 10th July 2022 Year C
Readings: *Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37*

His Word is Very Near

We can be so caught up in the fullness of our daily lives that we lose sight of the nearness of God who is always close to us and speaks into our lives at all times and in every situation. It is we who distance ourselves from God and not God who goes walkabout from us; yet when we are lost and worried we cry out to God asking God to come close and listen to us in our distress.

The lawyer in today's Gospel was anxious and wanted to be seen to do the right thing. He asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus challenged the man to stop and think for himself by asking the man what was written in the law. When the man replied, Jesus encouraged the lawyer to go and love wholeheartedly his neighbour as himself. The anxious man asked Jesus "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus gave us definition we know so well.

A neighbour is very near. My neighbour is the person who comes into my daily life. My neighbour is the person who lives next door to us; the person standing at the crossing and who looks like they could do with a supportive arm to cross the road. A child who is lost at the park and may need our help to find their parent.

We can easily overlook our neighbour and when we fail to see our neighbour we are falling short of living God's essential law of love.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."

Let us slow down today so that we grow still and so become aware of what God who is very near is asking of us.

Judy McCormack



Pastoral Advisory Group

In a parish it is critical that the pastoral leadership LISTEN to parishioners.

Listening to the parish community provides the basis for the growth and development of the parish. Consultation with the parish provides an opportunity for everyone to feel involved.

Fr Pete and Joe have identified the need for a group that might be termed a "Pastoral Advisory Group", using current terminology, "a new Synodal council".

Natasha Telles has agreed to convene the group, which includes Petrus Liu, Fiona D'Souza, Lucienne Hensel, Scott Davidson, Michael Havell, Jacqui Miranda and Marushka Caldeiro. And of course Fr Pete and Joe.

The group will have its first meeting in early August.

Joe Green

DISCOVERY Youth Retreat - hosted by Wellington Young Church is running this school holidays.

A camp for teens aged 13-17 to explore faith and have fun!

When: Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th July

Where: Forest Lakes Camp, Otaki.

Cost : \$110.00.

Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/nc8FsbAQaZ>

Visit our social media @adwyoungchurch for more information. We hope to see you there!

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish have funding for 2 Parishioners to attend this camp if anyone is interested, please contact: Joe Green,

email: joe@stfrancisohariu.nz

Altar Servers

Any children, Year 5 and above who are regularly at Ss Peter & Pauls 10.30am Sunday Mass and would like to become altar servers, please get in touch with Wendy Cleaver for training.

Contact Wendy by email: cleaver@actrix.co.nz

This will take place over the next few weeks.

Parish Events / Information

Safeguarding - The LFT have asked Joe Green, Parish Director of Mission to take the role of safeguarding officer for the parish, supported by the parish pastoral team.

Joe completed the Te Kupenga National Safeguarding course in early 2022. He had completed earlier safeguarding training required of all leaders in Ministry in the Catholic Church. Joe has facilitated this training in another Parish. Joe has participated in a workshop facilitated by Fr Hans Zollner SJ, the Vatican lead in terms of safeguarding.

Any safeguarding issues should be referred to **Joe** at joe@stfrancisohariu.nz

Sacramental Programmes

These programmes are well under way in our parish. So far we have had 9 of our children baptised, 64 made their First Reconciliation and shortly 73 will make their First Communion in our different churches in Ohariu Parish. Congratulations to all our tamariki and families.

Our **First Communion Masses** are at:

St Benedict's Church: This Sunday, 10th July at 9am

Ss Peter and Paul Church: Sunday 24th July, 2pm

As Covid is affecting many of our parishioners at the moment, arrangements can also be made for the children to make their First Communion at other masses if necessary. So don't stress or worry if your child is unwell, you will be cared for.

For anyone who has missed out there are also catch up programmes over the school holidays.

Holiday programmes are:

Reconciliation: Catch Up Monday, 11th July, 1pm - 4pm

Confirmation: Catch Up Tuesday, 12th July, 10am - 4pm

First Communion: Full day programme, Thursday, 14th July, 10am - 4pm

All these programmes are at SS Peter and Paul's Church and Hall

Please continue to pray for our children as they take this important step in their faith journey.

If you would like any further information please contact the parish office, **Kitty or Gemma** or check out the parish website. [Click here](#).

Parish Information

Upcoming Event

We will be holding a school holiday session for migrant families on **Wednesday afternoon, 13th July.**

There will be a hands-on art session of collage and painting, with Sam Walker. The target group is those of a migrant background, especially those who have English as a second language; school children aged 6-10.

This is a free event.

For more details and registration, please contact:

Jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz

If you haven't seen it already, here is the Pope's recent letter on liturgy. Please click the link.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

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



In 1838 at the first Catholic Mass, Bishop Pompallier dedicated New Zealand to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven when he celebrated his first Mass here at Totara Point in the Hokianga on 13 January 1838.

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa - Titahi Bay, will be hosting the icon from **15th - 18th July** and we invite

parishioners and friends to take the time to visit.

Each church will be open until 7pm on the following days:

Friday 15 July

10am - Te Ara a Maria icon arrives at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay

Saturday 16 July

St Pius X Church

Sunday 17 July

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa

Monday 18 July

9am - Mass followed by Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers

10.15am - Te Ara a Maria icon leaves Tawa.

Volunteers Required

The Johnsonville Op Shop is looking for some more volunteers for our Monday clean up and we are holding a training session on **Monday, 1st August at 2pm**. So if you would like to meet some new people and learn how the Op Shop is run please come along. The more the merrier!

Please contact Yvette at ycelliston@gmail.com or ring or text on ph: 021 605 754.

We are at the back of the Johnsonville Community Centre next to the Spot.

KPF Mission Ministries - Upcoming KPF Wellington Life in the Spirit Programme.
Date: 6 August to 26 November 2022, Saturdays from 1.00pm

Venue: St Bernadette Church Hall, 194 Naenae Road, Naenae Lower Hutt

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Other Events/Notices

Ordination Anniversaries

"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek". Hebrew 7:17

Please remember the following priests:

John Walls SM, Alan Roberts, Julian Wagg, Ron Bennett - 50th Anniversary
Roderick Milne SM, Tom O'Brien, David Arms SSC - 60th Anniversary
Brian Wysocki SM - 65th Anniversary

Clergy Jubilees Mass will be on **July 14th, Thursday, 11am, at St. Patrick's Kilbirnie.** All welcome to attend.

Please pray for our Priest-Jubilarians.

Lamb of God Christian Community - Life in the Spirit Seminar

When: Saturday 23rd July (9:30am – 4:40pm)

Sunday 24th July (1:30pm – 4:30pm)

Where: St. John's Anglican Church

18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/SvcjFkBPg7E8TiCb6>

Contact Email: lifeinthepirit.log@gmail.com

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Stories, Films & the Bible with Fr Kevin Waldie sm.

Friday, 08 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/stories-films-the-bible/>

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

Seasons for Growth Small Group Program for Adults - For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences. Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults with companion Bridgett Parkin:

- **Dates:** 4th September, six consecutive Sundays, 2.00-4.30pm
- **Venue:** Wilton (venue on application)
- **Cost:** \$40.
- **Registration** by email closes Wednesday, 23rd August.

For information please email - seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz

The poster features a blue background with yellow film strip borders at the top and bottom. In the center, there is a movie poster for 'Whina' (Te Whaea o Te Motu). The poster shows two women, one in a white shirt and the other in a pink headscarf, against a backdrop of a green landscape. The title 'WHINA' is written vertically in large white letters. Above the title, it says 'THE MOTHER OF THE NATION'. Below the title, it says 'WITH THE CHARACTERS OF THE DEAD LARSEN AND DEAN STANLEY'. At the bottom of the poster, it says 'A FILM BY JOSHUA WELLINGTON'.

CHALLENGE 2000
WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR
MOVIE FUNDRAISER

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS HELPING FAMILIES THIS WINTER WHO ARE FACING CHALLENGES

What: To watch Dame Whina Cooper and her extraordinary life

Where: Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn

When: Wednesday 20th July 7:30pm.
Please arrive at 7:15 at the latest.

Price: \$20 per ticket bank transferred into 01-0519-0057660-46 with your name as the reference.

Bring cash for our raffle! \$2 per ticket, \$5 for 3.

Please RSVP with the number of tickets to info@challenge2000.org.nz by Thursday 14th July

The logo for Challenge 2000, featuring a stylized figure holding a torch, with the text 'CHALLENGE 2000' below it.

Joshua Wellington - invites men to join us on **Thursday 21st July 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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Mike Coghlan

Anniversaries: Charlotte De Souza, Peter Gilligan, Sheila Cantwell,

Prayers for the Sick: Joanne Gordon, 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,

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 9th July - Saturday 16th July

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 9th July - Vigil Mass

Sat: 16th July - Word & Communion

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 9.00am - **First Holy Communion Mass**

Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy

Mon: 7.00pm - Meditation

Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy

Wed: 9.00am - Liturgy

Thurs: 9.30am - 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 - 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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