



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Twenty Fourth Week Ordinary Time, 11th September 2022 Year C**  
**Readings:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

## *Queen Elizabeth II*

*1926 - 2022*

*Rest in Peace*



Pope Francis said he joins everyone who mourns her loss "in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises." **Pope Francis**

## Reflection

Talk about the Rings of Power!! The wastrel goes off with his share of the inheritance (father must have kept large sums of money in the house) and lives it high on the hog (eventually of course he lives it rather low on the hog, so low he doesn't even GET the pigswill). At this time, he has a fit of misery and conscience and hoofs off back home to Daddy -probably expecting to get the cold shoulder – and what does he get? Father all over him like rash – father running down to meet him (most uncivilized in the Middle East – dish-dash flapping all over the place and knees and legs showing) – I mean how could he? How could he? And then he brings out all the goodies – kills the fatted calf AND PUTS A RING ON SON'S FINGER!!! And that's really the crowning touch because having a ring is like having access to the bank account (the password, the PIN). All is forgiven!! Harmony prevails – except it doesn't.

Big brother who's been spending those years slogging away on the farm, is less than impressed: he feels neglected – taken for granted – I mean when was the last time Dad put on a feast like that for ME? Come to think of it when was the last time he had a feast at all?? And now all this for my brother who's been, who's been, who's been drinking and whoring all over the place (and I'm NOT SORRY I said that either) And I'm going to be hacked off for the next long time unless someone can convince me otherwise. And I don't suppose my father will have a kind word for me – he'll tell me I'm always there and all I had to do was ask – I'm sorry – I'm just about up to here with it all and I'm going to have a sulk – I deserve it and nobody's going to take it away from me. Oh- hang on – here's Dad now – going to be all preachy.

Well, you know he WAS preachy but in a nice sort of a way. He told me that he really does appreciate me even if he doesn't show it much but when my brother ran way Dad saw it as a loss to the family- he'd raised both of us and one doesn't like it and ran away – it was heartbreaking but now that he's come back again it's such a huge relief that he just has to celebrate. I suppose he's right in a way – Jesus says that there's more rejoicing in heaven over one lost person who comes back to the faith than there is over those whose faith is always just there.

Just thinking – how many of us have had a child who's gone in rather a different direction that we might have liked – and we've said 'You've made your bed and



now you must lie on it" or words to that effect? It's not always easy to forgive what is, in our eyes, a very large transgression. Could we be like the loving parent – or do we shut them away forever. Too often we read in our papers about somebody looking for that lost relative

Imagine what it would be like if WE were shut out of God's sight forever just because we had sinned – we'd be forever thinking about a black abyss awaiting us after death – horrible thought!! But God is all forgiving and will forgive us all. (Someone once said "God forgives – Nature rarely does")

It's so encouraging and to know that God DOES always forgive. Let us also forgive one another – regardless of the enormity of fact. **Tony de Joux**

### **FROM THE LFT**

We have listened - and we have heard!

A number of parishioners have expressed disappointment at the time for our Parish Property Meeting on 25th September. Sunday tea time is not a good time!

SO - definitely, finally - our meeting will now take place:

- **At Khandallah Town Hall**
- **From 2.00pm - 4.00pm, Sunday 25th September**

We will be arranging transport from St Andrew's Church and Ss Peter & Paul Church.

Details in next weeks newsletter.

### **Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs")**

FAQs relating to the Property Project are now available [here](#).

### **Property Project – Human Resources**

Please consider whether you have skills and experience (eg: pastoral, governance, project management, property, construction, architectural, financial, legal) to contribute to the success of the property project over the next few years (and contact the Parish Office or a Parish leader).

Email: [office@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisohariu.nz)

## Parish Information

**The Parish Jubilee Book** is available to purchase at all three Churches.

Order forms are available in the foyers. They can be put in the collection basket at Mass or sent to the office.



For further information please contact the Parish Office,  
Ph: 04 478 7137 or email: [bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz)

**Confirmation Programmes 2022** - Confirmation programmes begin this Sunday. There are two programme options on a Sunday based at St Benedict's School/Church or Ss Peter and Pauls Hall **OR** a one day programme the first week of the school holidays.

**Option 1 - St Ben's School, Sunday mornings**

Sunday 11th September 10:15am - 11:45am

Sunday 18th September 10:15am - 11:45am

Sunday 25th September 10:15am - 11:45am

Sunday 16th October 10:15am - 11:45 in St Benedict's Church



**Option 2 - Ss Peter and Paul Church, Sunday afternoons**

Sunday 11th September 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 18th September 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 25th September 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 16th October 3:30pm - 5:00pm

**Option 3 - School Holiday Confirmation Programme, Ss Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville on Tuesday 4th October, 10:00am-4:00pm. Please bring lunch.**

**Confirmation Masses** will be held at St Benedict's Church at 5pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of October and on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> at Ss Peters and Paul Church at 10:30am.

Please contact the Parish office for a Registration Form or [click here](#) to download. Email back to the Parish office stating which Option your child/ young person prefers. If you require additional information, please text/email or call Kitty McKinley.

Also if you can volunteer to help with the programme, would like a role at the Masses, wish to share your artistic talent or music/vocal talent then please get involved. Training, preparation is offered and support/skill is always welcomed.

Please pray for our children and community as they take this next important step on their faith journey.

### Season of Creation Week 2

#### Consumerism

Do we buy more than we need?



Listen to the  
Voice of creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

**At SS Peter and Pauls during the Season of Creation we will collect your soft plastics for you. All must be empty and dry. Bread bags, frozen food bags, toilet paper packaging, Courier bags, anything that can be scrunched into a ball. Please put them into the black bin in the walkway marked SOFT PLASTICS and we will deliver them to New World at Churton Park or Newlands.**

#### **Season of Creation - Sunday 11th September at 6.45p.m for 7.00 pm**

SS Peter and Pauls Church. Dr. Taylor Tce Johnsonville.

An Ecumenical webinar liturgical event, connecting with Australia, NZ and Pacific Islands with prayer, meditation, reflection and music.

Come to listen together and to respond together to the Cry of Creation.

Supper will be served afterwards.

### **CHRISTMAS HAS COME EARLY TO SAINT ANDREW'S!**

Our Newlands Saint Vincent de Paul Conference will be distributing food and essential item parcels to our whānau earlier than usual this year. A late mid-winter Christmas and an early Christmas koha if you like.

If you would like to assist you can donate any kai, essential goods or putea (Cash donation) to our Conference before the last weekend in September.

We have been lucky to receive some kai from the recent Food Bank drive, in Kilbirnie and so the only items we **do not** require are Cornflakes, Ricies and bars of soap.

Please keep our Conference in your prayers as these are the most important of the gifts you give us. Kia ora.

If you are in need and would like to receive one of these packages please email [marie.paurini@outlook.com](mailto:marie.paurini@outlook.com) in confidence.

## Parish Information

***WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI. KOTAHI ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I  
TE KARAITI / SAY NO TO RACISM. WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.***

### Social Justice Week

This Sunday our Parish is celebrating Social Justice week. During this week we are asked to stand for the dignity of all peoples recognising that we are all called to be **one in Christ**.

The author of Genesis writes "God created humanity in His own image" The Psalmist writes "I praise you because I am awesomely and wonderfully made." These scriptures apply to every human being.

In God's eyes we are all equal. Therefore we all deserve to be accepted and valued for who we are, a child of God, and **one in Christ**.

In God's Kingdom there is no discrimination based on age, ethnicity, colour, gender, ability, wealth or achievement. As the people of God we are called to live a life of love that is open to people of every background. This love is best expressed when we pray and work towards the well being of all who live in our society. This is the essence of social justice.

This week, and into the future, let us join together in prayer and service to make the call to be **one in Christ** a beautiful reality in our parish and wider community.

### Other Events/Notices

**Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 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

**Talk** on "As for me and my house..." then **prayer ministry:** Michael Powell  
**Want to know more?** Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or  
email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

**Chrism Mass** - Will be celebrated at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral on  
**Wednesday, 14th September at 7pm.**

### XLT (eXaLT) September

Do you want to meet some other awesome Catholics teenagers and young adults in Wellington? Want to be inspired, have fun and encounter Jesus?

Come and join us at XLT in September! XLT is an evening of worship, adoration, and the opportunity for reconciliation, as well as fun, food and fellowship.

So get your friends and youth groups together and join us!

**XLT – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria.**

All you have to do is drop them off at 7pm and pick them up at 9.30pm. So why not get a group of young people together and invite them? You never know the impact your invitation can have.

### MEET THE GWRC PŌNEKE/WELLINGTON CANDIDATES

The Johnsonville Community Association invites everyone to come and hear the GWRC candidates speak and answer questions.

**When:** Wednesday 14 September **7.30pm**

**Where:** Johnsonville Community Centre - Room 4

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### MEET THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES FOR WELLINGTON CITY

The Johnsonville Community Association invites everyone to come and hear the mayoral candidates speak and answer questions.

**When:** Saturday 17 September **7.30pm**

**Where:** Johnsonville Community Centre Hall

Hosted by the Johnsonville Community Association



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:** Peter Cross, Joan Prior, Peter Bleakley

**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. We also pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 10th September - Sunday 18th September

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

Sat: 10th Sept - 5pm  
Vigil Mass

Sat: 17th Sept - 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  
Sun: 9.00am - Mass

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

Sun: 10.30am - Word &  
Communion  
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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