



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Sixth Week Ordinary Time, 12th February 2023, Year A

Readings: Ecus 15:15-20, 1Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

OUR JOURNEY BEGINS

Matthew 10:12



As you enter the newness of 'Gods House', give it your greeting and bring with you your peace to all who dwell there.



Parish Information

St. Andrew's Church

7 November 1976 - 11 February 2023



St. Benedict's Church 31 January 1965 - 12 February 2023



Parish Information

Closing Ceremonies for St Andrew's and St Benedict's

The Churches of St Andrew and St Benedict will both close this weekend. Both communities have been planning how to mark these sad events.

St Andrew's

11 February, 5pm

Closing Mass

There will be hospitality afterwards so please bring some food to share.

We would be grateful if you could spread the word to past parishioners as their stories and reminiscences will be an important part of our evening together. Kia ora.

St Benedict's

11 February, 7pm

Reminiscences followed by prayers and cup of tea. Silent vigil until midnight.

Contact John Lawson jlawsonnz@gmail.com to book a slot to reminisce or keep vigil.

12 February, 9am

Closing Mass

Please bring a plate of finger-food to share at morning tea.

Weekend Mass Schedule from 25/26 February

The upcoming move to a single church means we need to adjust the weekend Mass schedule from 25/26 February onwards.

The Leadership Formation Team (LFT) objectives have been, as much as possible, to ensure that existing faith community relationships are maintained and that the worshipping needs of parishioners continue to be met. In this context, Cardinal John has approved that the Parish will have two masses, this will meet the pastoral needs and help to bring the three communities together. This is a trial time, and if needs increase, we will look to revise accordingly.

Based on pastoral advice from our parish community, the LFT have decided to schedule a **5pm Saturday Vigil Mass** and **10am Sunday Mass** from 25/26 February.

Best Wishes - Leadership Formation Team (LFT)

St Francis of Assisi Parish Church Opening Mass

Sunday, 19th February. 11am

Here we go!

Not this Sunday – but next Sunday!

We gather as ONE for Mass at our newly refurbished church of
St Francis of Assisi



Please note:

- come early and gather *outside* the church (there will be seats available for those who need them)
- we will all process into the church together
- (people with health or mobility limitations can enter the church early but we want as many as possible to join our procession)

This is a new start – old friends make new friends, regulars meet newcomers, gifts of self and services are offered and received

We are making new wine and putting it into new wineskins!

Please join us for lunch and hospitality after Mass - pork, lamb and coleslaw buns and refreshments



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St Benedict's: Calling Former Choir Members and Any Interested Parishioners

You are invited to join in leading the singing of a motet at our final Mass on **Sunday, 12th February at 9am.**

Please contact Judith, ph: 021 203 1144, if you would like to sing with us.

Corinthians Passionist Family Group

First get-together for 2023.

Hosted by Judith Shroff at Malvina Major on Sunday, 19 February at 5.00pm.

More details next week. Please reply to judithshroff@gmail.com or txt 0212031144 as soon as possible. Thankyou.

Lenten Reflection Group

During Lent, there will be a weekly Lenten Reflection Group, every Friday at 10.30am. This will be held at Pat Collier's house. This will begin on 24th February.

If you would like to join this group, please register with the office, email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz.


Lent

This Lent our parish outreach group will be offering Lenten reflection groups focussing on how each of us can be the light of the world in our communities.

For more information contact Jo-Anne Carley, Phone: 022 300 7413, Email: jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz

Malvina Major - Lenten Group

Those at Malvina Major who are interested in joining a Lenten reflection, please contact Judith Shroff - ph: 021 203 1144



Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Earthquake Appeal

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday 6 February which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people.

Keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your prayers as they face widespread devastation and loss of life. We're in contact with our partners on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs at this time.

If you would like to donate, you can do so online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at this link:

www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online

(Please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake)

Or donate via the Caritas bank account: 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code.)

Prayer

Dear God,

Through dark and difficult moments, we know that You are always with us. Today we come to You in prayer to ask You to bring comfort, healing and hope to the communities that have been devastated by this disaster.

Let the people of these nations rest in the comfort of knowing that You are with them and that you will provide for their needs as You always have. In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to both men and women to come to a MASS followed by a light supper **on Thursday 16th February 2023 at 7:30pm at 'Loaves and Fishes'** next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets.

Celebrant: Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain. **Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

Online Sessions (Evening):

Genesis – In the Beginning...

Part 1: The Creation Story (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

Part 2: Creation of Adam from Whēnua... (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/>

Focus on Target – Draw Fresh Momentum with Laetitia Puthenpadath.

Wednesdays, 15/22 February and 01/08 March, 12.30-1.30pm.

Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Donations for People in Auckland - Message from Bishop Steve Lowe

The Diocese of Auckland has set up a way to donate to the people of Auckland who have suffered in the floods. This has been set up though the Catholic Caring Foundation.

They are accepting donations to help our partner agencies deliver vital help to so many. You can make an online donation by clicking on this link:

<https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>



Valentine's Day Mass

Cardinal John Dew will celebrate Mass on, **Tuesday, 14th February 2023 at 6.30pm**, St Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria (152 Brougham St).

Mass will be followed by refreshments.

"Being a Christian is not just about following commandments: it is about letting Christ take possession of our lives and transform them."

Pope Francis, [Twitter](https://twitter.com/PopeFrancis), 10 April 2013

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Joyce Lynch

Prayers for the Sick: Jessie Hensen, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Robyn Clarke, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Margaret Blight, Fr Maurice Carmody, Penelope Corich, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, , Fr Kevin Purcell, Joe Godinet.

We pray for all those devastated by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. May they find strength at this extremely difficult time and continue to support one another.

We also continue to remember the people of Auckland as they still recover from the floods. Lets us remember them in our prayers.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 11th February - Sunday 19th February

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 11th February - 5pm
Closing Mass

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 12th February 9.00am
Closing Mass

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

Sun: 19th February

St Francis of Assisi Parish

Opening Mass—11.00am

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