



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Thirty Second Week Ordinary Time 12th November 2023, Year A
Readings:: Wisdom 6:12-16, Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Reflection

This is a parable that can be undone by focusing on what seems like "selfishness" in the prepared bridesmaids. I need to ask the help of the Holy Spirit who inspired Jesus to speak in this way to help me to listen and humbly to learn.



Reflection

Jesus tells us that there is a right time and a time when it will be too late. I ask God's help that I may realise what it is I might do now, how I might recognise the approaching bridegroom and welcome him.

Reflection

Jesus, you were in Jerusalem, close to the showdown with your people. Many of them would be like the foolish virgins, caught unawares by the Messiah. The wise virgins would be those who recognised and followed Jesus.

Reflection

For me, millennia later, this speaks of the moments of grace and opportunity: as when a great love comes into my life, or a chance of reconciliation, or an unexpected blow. It comes unexpectedly, as a shock, and can find me fumbling. Lord, give me the grace today to find you in every encounter. Make me ready to recognise you.

Reflection

There is a time for preparation and a time for action. There is never a time for carelessness. I ask God to prepare me for the needs of this time.



Parish Information

Finance Committee – Request for Planned Giving Review

The Finance Committee spoke at each Mass on the weekend of 4/5 November, regarding the decreasing income and increasing costs.

The summary of the message was to say thank you to all parishioners who contribute regularly for the day to day running of the church. The details of increasing costs and decreasing income was described. A request was made to those who can, to review their giving and increase it. In the message we acknowledge those who are on low or fixed income and may not be able to give anymore, we thank you for your current giving.

This table is to assist those who can increase their current planned giving, with various scenarios.

Various Weekly Giving Scenarios						
		Increase by	Weekly after	Annual	IRD	Net Cost
Weekly Giving		20%	20% increase	Giving	Refund	To Parishioner
\$5.00	\$	1.00	\$6.00	\$312.00	\$102.96	\$209.04
\$10.00	\$	2.00	\$12.00	\$624.00	\$205.92	\$418.08
\$15.00	\$	3.00	\$18.00	\$936.00	\$308.88	\$627.12
\$20.00	\$	4.00	\$24.00	\$1,248.00	\$411.84	\$836.16
\$25.00	\$	5.00	\$30.00	\$1,560.00	\$514.80	\$1,045.20
\$50.00	\$	10.00	\$60.00	\$3,120.00	\$1,029.60	\$2,090.40
		Increase by	Weekly after	Annual	IRD	Net Cost
Weekly Giving		50%	50% increase	Giving	Refund	To Parishioner
\$5.00	\$	2.50	\$7.50	\$390.00	\$128.70	\$261.30
\$10.00	\$	5.00	\$15.00	\$780.00	\$257.40	\$522.60
\$15.00	\$	7.50	\$22.50	\$1,170.00	\$386.10	\$783.90
\$20.00	\$	10.00	\$30.00	\$1,560.00	\$514.80	\$1,045.20
\$25.00	\$	12.50	\$37.50	\$1,950.00	\$643.50	\$1,306.50
\$50.00	\$	25.00	\$75.00	\$3,900.00	\$1,287.00	\$2,613.00

If you have not registered with the parish for a planned giving donation number, please contact the parish office by email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz

Parish Bank Account details as follows: **BNZ Bank, a/c: 02-0524-0203642-00**
Thank You

Parish Information

Welcome

Join us for a Welcome Morning Tea to New Parishioners!

We invite you to gather with us on **Sunday, 3rd December**, (First Sunday of Advent), immediately following the 10am Mass.

Extend this warm invitation to all our newcomers and share in the joy of community.

Commissioning

We congratulate those who are commissioned at Masses this weekend as Proclaimers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers. Your willing service enables us as a Eucharistic Community.

For those not here this weekend, commissioning will be repeated on the weekend of 25th / 26th Nov.

Reverence for Life

The Reverence for Life group exists in our parish to promote a " Culture of Life in which every person, born and unborn, is protected and loved."

One of our activities is every three months to present at Mass the Book of Life. The Book of Life is a record of personal, family, church and community events that celebrate special occasions reflecting a celebration of life.

The Book will next be presented on the weekend of the 8th/9th December.

We welcome contributions to the Book for this presentation. Your contribution of a celebration event not only enriches our Book of Life but it helps to build awareness of the preciousness and dignity of life in all its stages from conception to death.

Please email your article with any photos to Fiona Kearns at email: fionaearnz@gmail.com, or leave a hard copy in the specially marked "Book of Life" container in the church foyer.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Information

Ecumenical Service Malvina Major

This will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd Nov at 2 00pm**. All are warmly invited to join MM residents in the Chapel- Reflection Room for this Service led by our Lay Pastoral Leader Joe Green.

Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in any way during more than 23 years in the 200 plus First Friday Celebrations and Morning Teas at St Benedicts.

We pray for all the St Ben's "9 O'clockers" and for the repose of the souls of Fr John Murphy and deceased parishioners.

Deo gratias for many happy get-togethers. **Judith Shroff.**

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS GOSPEL PRESENTATION

PHOTO SHOOT SUNDAY 26th Nov after 10.00a.m Mass

Calling all parish children who would like to be part of our Gospel powerpoint presentation at our Christmas Eve Family Mass.

The Christmas story will be narrated accompanying a prepared powerpoint presentation.

The presentation will be compiled from photos of our own children in costume.

A photo session will be held after the 10.00a.m Mass on Sunday 26th Nov. We invite all children who would like to be part of this to come along. If you come to this session we presume you give permission for your child's photo to be used.

Costumes will be provided. Each child attending on 26th will be given a gift.

Any child not able to attend on 26th November can still participate in our Christmas Mass. We would like children in costume [provided just prior to Christmas Eve] to greet people as they arrive, dress our crib, and be our offertory procession.

If you would like to be part of this, please contact - Pat Collier
Email: tchpat.collier@gmail.com

Parish Information

Former St Benedict's Church

We officially closed St Benedict's Church in January and Archbishop Paul confirmed in his letter of 13 September that as there had been no objections to his decree the church is now relegated to profane but not sordid use.

In his letter Archbishop Paul also asked that the parish re-examine the decisions made about properties, and noted at this stage he would not be giving approval for the sale of St Benedict's Church.

Rather than leave the building vacant until the property strategy is reviewed in 2024 the Finance Committee has found another church community who will lease the former St Benedict's Church.

This is an exclusive tenancy so access to the church is now not available to any parishioners. If you have a key to St Benedicts please return it to the parish office. Many thanks. **Finance Committee.**

Advent Reflections

The **Season of Advent** covers the four weeks in December leading up to Christmas and marks the beginning of a new year in the Church's calendar. Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas when we are invited by Isaiah to 'Wake up!' and prepare for Jesus' coming into our world.

To help you to create a life-giving waiting space this Advent there will be a time for prayer and shared reflection.

When: Four Sundays – 26 November, 3, 10, 17 December.

Note: we are starting a week before the first Sunday in Advent because the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve and close to the Christmas vigil Eucharist.

Where: In St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00 pm

You are welcome to come to all or some of the sessions.

For further information contact:

Wendy – cleaver@actrix.co.nz Judy – judymac@actrix.co.nz

Parish Information



St Vincent de Paul St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Conference

Our St Vincent de Paul conference plans to give hampers of sweet treats, appropriate for Christmas, to our clients and those of Challenge 2000.

With your help we can add interest to these hampers if you are able to add edible treats, or tea, coffee, or drinking chocolate. We can't manage goods requiring refrigeration. As a guide: items which you would enjoy yourself are welcome.

We are packing hampers for distribution over the weekend of 9th / 10th December.

Please add any donations to the basket in the centre aisle by **Sunday, 3rd December**. Many thanks.

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu
Christmas Parish Dance

7pm, Saturday 25 November 2023
Johnsonville Community Centre

Live music ☆ Spot prizes ☆ Christmas cake raffle ☆ Best dressed awards

\$10 entry (under-13s free)
BYO drinks and nibbles

to reserve your tickets, contact before 13 November:
Mike Havell: 022 623 0130 / Jenny Stove: 021 115 8441
Stephanie D'Mello: 021 118 93441 / Nirmala D'Mello: 021 108 2074

Parish Information

CHRISTMAS MARKET - Saturday 2nd December

The Christmas Market is on Saturday, 2nd December from 12pm to 4pm.

We thought to have a choir at this event to give it the Christian touch.

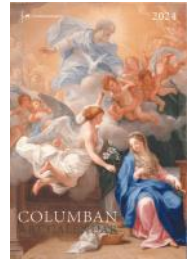
If you would like to be a part of this project then come to a **choir practice** here on **Sunday, 19th November 2023 at 3pm** in the Hall of St Francis of Assisi Parish.

Many thanks, **Ian Hamilton.**

Columban Calendar 2024

These are available to purchase at a cost of **\$12 per calendar**. They can be purchased through the sacristy **at the end of both** Saturday Vigil & Sunday morning Masses.

In the event you cannot attend Mass and wish to purchase one, please contact the Parish Office: **ph: (04) 478 7137**,
or email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz



Other Events/Notices

Joshua Wellington

Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to join other men at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this coming Thursday 16th November at 7:30pm followed by supper.

Speaker: Fr Giosuè Busti, deputy head of Apostolic Nunciature in NZ on "Wisdom: ordering all things for good"

Want to know more?

Ring David Monastra 027-447-7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Ngaio Community 
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday 3rd December 7:00 PM

ONSLow COMMUNITY CHURCH
4 Ngatoto Street, Ngaio
04 479 6329

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Caitriona Clay

Anniversaries: Paul Betham, Caterina Smith

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

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 11th November - Friday 17th November

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:	NO 9.00am Liturgy at Brigidine Convent this Tuesday.
Wed:	11.00am Mass - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
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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