



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Thirty Third Week Ordinary Time, 13th November 2022 Year C
Readings: *Malachi 3:19-20, 2Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19*

"See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them!" Luke 21:8

What an interesting line. What does this mean? Who are the "many" that Jesus speaks of? Are they in our midst today?

It may not be helpful to try to point to this or that person or to this or that group of people in reference to the "many" who will come in Jesus' name falsely. But it is helpful to speak to some general principles.

Jesus uses the word "deceived." There will be many false prophets who will have the ability to deceive. They will portray themselves as messengers of the truth and dispensers of the will of God. Their words will be convincing and many will follow.

This tells us that not everyone "speaking in the name of God" is in fact speaking in the "name of God." And even if many others are following, and they are very convincing, this is not proof that the person is a true prophet of the Lord.

How do we discern when someone is speaking from the heart of Jesus? Ultimately, this can only be done through prayer. This means that our hearts are attuned to God's voice. When God speaks through this or that person and our hearts are tuned into Him, we will simply know His voice as it is spoken through this or that person. I know people in our parish that give me this sense.

As a 'cradle' Catholic whose parents have long since passed, and in the second half of life, I can look back and remember rather vividly moments where my parents' instilled faith in me. I hasten to add I don't remember as it being faith as such, but those moments were seeds that have germinated and grown. I believe those moments were planned by God. He is remarkably close to us all.

Peter Mulqueen

Parish Information



RIP - Paul Betham

We were shocked and deeply saddened on Sunday to learn of the sudden passing of our friend and fellow LFT member - Paul Betham.

Paul was – Paul IS! - a gentle and wise man.

His considered and compassionate views will be greatly missed by the Parish leadership. His kind and thoughtful words and actions sustained us. His passing is a huge loss to the community he served so well and for so long.

We offer our prayers and condolences to Tia and family.

Paul, rest in peace - and please pray for us all.

Funeral Arrangements

Friday, 11th November - 6pm Vigil at Ss Peter & Paul Church

Saturday, 12th November - 10.00am Requiem Mass at Ss Peter & Paul Church

Grant to him eternal rest. Let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen



Parish Information

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve

St Benedicts's Church:	5.45pm Carols for 6.00pm Family Mass
Ss Peter & Paul Church:	6.30pm Carols for 7.00pm Family Mass
St Andrew's Church:	7.30pm Carols for 8.00pm Family Mass

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

St Benedict's Church:	9.00am Mass
Ss Peter & Paul Church:	10.30am Mass

Christmas Family Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church

There will be carols at 6.30pm for the 7.00pm Mass.

Ss Peter and Paul Liturgy Group would like to invite anyone who would like to help with this Mass to contact Wendy Cleaver, ph: [04]2322008, mobile 0272696209 or email: cleaver@actrix.gen.nz

All very welcome.



Columban Calendar 2023

We have received the 2023 Columban Calendars for next year. They are available to purchase at a cost of **\$12 per calendar**.

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

Parish Jubilee Book

This Parish Book is available to purchase, cost \$20. For further information please contact the Parish Office, Ph: 04 478 7137 or email: bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz



Parish Information

Parish Property Project

To assist the Parish implement the outcomes of our property review the Leadership Team has asked Thomas Davis to be the manage the project for the parish.

If you have any suggestions or questions relating to the project ask Thomas, members of the leadership team or parish management.

Thomas can be contacted at property@stfrancisohariu.nz

Moving from Three Churches to One

We have previously announced that we will close all our churches in the new year and open St Francis of Assisi Church in Johnsonville as our only church in the interim while we plan for development of the Johnsonville site and a new church.

We will be taking things from each of our current churches to incorporate in St Francis of Assisi Church but we can't use for example all three altars or baptismal fonts so will need to decide which one to use, what to store for a new church and what to distribute for others to use at some later date.

We have been very fortunate to have things which have been gifted to our Parishes or that have some special history or special memories for us that you would like to see in our interim church. There might also be things we would rather leave behind.

So we can consider parishioners interests, please let us know. Tell members of the leadership team, liturgy committees or parish office.

Emails can be sent to property@stfrancisohariu.nz

Ecumenical Advent Event

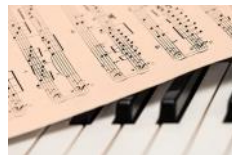
We will be joining with our fellow Anglican and Presbyterian congregations in Khandallah for an Advent Ecumenical Liturgy at St Benedict's Church on **Sunday 27th November at 7pm.**

This is an opportunity to join together in prayer to celebrate the opening of advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year.

All are well to come and join. Refreshments to follow.

Sleepers Awake! - Organ Recital

St Benedict's Church, **27th November, 2.00pm** - a short recital by Douglas Mews.



One of the last opportunities to hear the organ in St Benedict's and a wonderful way to begin Advent with a variety of religious and secular music, followed by afternoon tea in the foyer.

Everyone is welcome - please bring your family and friends.

Pastoral Advisory Group

The Pastoral Advisory Group met on 4 November. After a reflection on Evangelisation and Mission (which we recommend for all ministry groups) we considered the draft Parish Pastoral Plan, which we had been considering. We have made some recommendations on content and formatting. Joe will be working on these with a final draft due for our next meeting in mid January.

We also discussed Alpha in the parish and agreed that this would be best done once the three Churches have transitioned into the St Francis of Assisi church.

We discussed this transition process and advised that it is important that ministry groups from the three churches work closely to ensure this goes as smoothly as possible, with groups reforming into serving the "one parish".

We concluded the meeting with the Infant Jesus prayer.

Joe Green

Challenge Community Gardens



On Saturday, Challenge held a working bee to prepare the land for a Community Garden.

We had some expert input from Altrusa personnel who offered hands on help and good advice about how to prepare the beds. We look forward to the fruits of our labour.

Thank you to all that helped.



Parish Information

Johnsonville Christmas Parade - Saturday 3rd December

The Combined Churches of Johnsonville will have a float in the parade.

We invite any children who would like to take part to gather at the Uniting Church, Dr Taylor Terrace [next to St. Brigid's] 9.45a.m on 3rd December.

Come dressed as a member of the nativity scene or borrow a costume supplied at the Uniting Church on the day.

There will be a nativity scene on the float and all other participants will walk beside the float which goes along Dr Taylor Terrace, down Broderick Road, up the Main road and back to Dr Taylor Terrace.

Adults are welcome to be part of the parade.

Message from Cardinal John Dew

As the Cardinal visits Parishes and presides at Masses, he has noticed that parishioners seem to be unclear as to the proper posture, particularly after the Lamb of God. Some people kneel, some sit, some remain standing. In this parish we have observed some look around somewhat confused as to what they should do.

The Cardinal has written to Parishes providing the guidance that is in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal for Aotearoa New Zealand.

For a copy of the letter please [click here](#).

The Cardinal's office has clarified further: during the Eucharistic Prayer and after the Lamb of God we should kneel or sit, depending on our capability, preference and/or the design of the church seating.

Joe Green

Other Events/Notices

XLT NOVEMBER - Inviting TEENS and YOUNG ADULTS to come and experience the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Day/Date: Friday, 18th November 2022

Time: 7.00 – 9:30pm. **Venue:** St Joseph's Church - Mt Victoria



Other Events/Notices

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES | 13TH - 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

KOTAHITANGA ANNUAL APPEAL

Unity | Togetherness | Collective Action



Our mission at Catholic Social Services is to support all the people and communities to help and empower them through their lives.

CSS have a range of projects within the community, Refugee resettlement, men's wellness & parenting, benefit advocacy and many more.

The Kotahitanga Annual Appeal is about celebrating our collaboration within the Archdiocese of Wellington.

Your gift helps fulfil our mission to reach out and serve those on the margins.

You can make a donation on our Donate Page:

wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate

Our via bank a/c 02-0560-0213864-00 with ref: surname, initials & code CSS22

Thank you for your support.

SEEK – EXPLORE AND DISCERN

An invitation for young adults to explore their vocation and discern their role in the Church and in the world.

Sunday 20th November, 1pm to 5pm at St Mary of the Angels. The afternoon will conclude with the World Youth Day Mass at 5pm. To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz



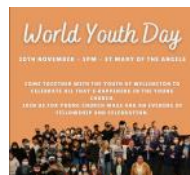
WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS 2022

Come together with the Youth of Wellington to celebrate all that's happening in the Young Church!

Join us for Young Church Mass and an evening of fellowship and celebration for World Youth Day 2022.

Day/Date: Sunday 20th November 2022

Time: 5pm **Venue:** St Mary of the Angels Church



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:

Recently Deceased: Paul Betham, Judilyn Matba

Anniversaries: Des Chambers, Caterina Smith, Craig D'Souza

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 Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Maurice Carmody

For the month of November, please pray for all the Holy Souls of our dearly departed family and friends. May they rest in peace.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 12th November - Sunday 20th November

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 12th Nov - 5pm Vigil
Mass

Sat: 19th Nov - 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,

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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