



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 14th May 2023, Year A
Readings:: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

“Help us to celebrate our joy.” Entrance Prayer.

The apostles in those early post resurrection years travelled throughout the known world and proclaimed to the people the teachings of Jesus, the Christ. The people who heard and accepted the Good News were filled with the Holy Spirit, God's gift to those who believe. Joy was in their hearts and evident in their rejoicing in their towns. (1st reading. Acts of the Apostles 8).

The psalmist exhorts “all the earth to cry out to God with Joy” – an appropriate request in our present age when Pope Francis calls us to take care of our earthly home. It is the only earthly home we have!

Living the Good News does not always bring lightness and happiness. Joy and sadness, living and dying, are part the rhythm of life. The essence of the Good News however enables us to hold on to hope amid the darkness of our struggles and pain because Jesus died and rose again “to lead us to God.” (2nd Reading. Peter 3.)

Jesus, in John's gospel tells us that when we live in love we live in God and God lives in us. We are not left orphaned; we have within us the Spirit of truth who is our guide and our Advocate – our help to be with us forever. This is joyful news indeed!

Today we celebrate Mothers' Day. Women who are mothers whether by giving birth, by adopting, by fostering or by caring are people who give life and love to those whom they nurture and care for. Deo Gratias for all women. Alleluia!

Judy McCormack



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Sacramental Programme

Reconciliation Service will take place this **Sunday, 14th May, 4.00pm** at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish, 37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville.

If you have not already registered for the Eucharist & Confirmation Programme, and would like to participate, please [click here](#).

Bookings can be made through the Parish Office. If you have any queries, you can contact Kitty on 021 491 459 or the Parish Office, (04) 478 7137.

Calling all Altar Servers

Now that we are getting more settled in our new as one community, we want to move forward with filling some Liturgical Ministry gaps. Most will be addressed after the upcoming "Called to Serve" Sunday.

At this stage we want to get Altar Servers back for weekend Masses. There will be two training session options of about 30 minutes.

The first one will be on **Saturday 20th May at 4.15pm**.

The second one will be after **10am Mass on Sunday, 21st May**.

Children need to be in Year Four or above and to have completed the Sacramental programme.

Could all children who are interested, even if you have served in the past, please get one of their parents to contact Wendy Cleaver, this week by email: cleaver@actrix.co.nz

Malvina Major - Anointing Mass

Fr Brian will celebrate an Anointing Mass at Malvina Major on **Tuesday, 23 May 2 30pm** in the Chapel. Please spread the word.

We need at least one volunteer to be Sacristan for Mass and someone to make a cuppa for Father & David after Mass.

Please contact Judith 0212031144 immediately if you can help.

Thank you.

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Greetings all from the Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, 16th May, we will be having our liturgy with St Brigid's School, at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church.

It will start at 9:15am and finish at 9:45am. If you would like any further info please contact Ana Baice: 021 562 690.

All welcome, we would love to see you there praying with our children.

Pentecost Help

Working bee **Sunday 21st May after 10.00am Mass** in the meeting room next to the sacristy. We will be making flames to be given to people on Pentecost Sunday. Please bring sharp scissors and black felt pen if convenient.

If you are able to help contact Pat Collier - tchpat.collier@gmail.com

Gifting Sunday

The Second Vatican Council makes it clear that every member of the church is called to ministry in the Lord's name. This call comes out of our baptism.

On the weekend of **10 and 11 June** we'll be asking you to look into your baptismal calling. Are you called to ministry in this Parish? We'll ask you to indicate from a list of ministries in the parish, quite an extensive list. There'll be space for you to indicate if you feel called to a ministry that isn't listed.

At the same time we will update your contact details, and align the parish with the Privacy Act 2020.

Between now and then we ask you to pray for guidance in this.

Joe Green

Tax Receipts / New Envelopes

Tax receipts for year end 31st March 2023 have now been finalised and sent out. Please let the Parish Office know if you have not received it.

For those who give by envelope, your new envelopes are now available to collect in the church foyer.

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Mother's Day Beatitudes for Mothers

Blessed are mothers...who mixed discipline with love, they shall know mercy.

Blessed are mothers...who gave us values with which to live the Christian life, they shall share God's kingdom.

Blessed are mothers...left us an appreciation of the value and dignity of work, they shall find rest.

Blessed are mothers...who pointed out our responsibilities and duties, they will be blessed.

Blessed are mothers...who taught us how to live on earth for heaven, they will know God.

Blessed are mothers...who showed us the meaning of service by example, they shall be served.

Blessed are mothers...who gave us a clear picture of what a mother should be, they will live forever.

Blessed are mothers...whose love for our fathers taught us the importance of loving God and loving each other, they shall see God.

May the blessed Virgin Mother of Our Lord, bless all women and keep them under her protection.



Ecumenical Service for The Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

7.30p.m Tuesday 23rd. May, Parish Church of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

Theme: Do good; seek justice [Isaiah 1:17]. Peace and justice in all creation

A river/water motif will be used during the service. Please bring along a stone to represent your personal and ancestral history.

Some stones will be available on the night. For any enquires please contact Pat Collier - tchpat.collier@gmail.com

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Children's Liturgy - Would you consider bringing your children to children's liturgy at a 5.00pm Mass? If so, please email Pat Collier - tchpat.collier@gmail.com and say; "Yes to children's liturgy at 5.00pm Mass". Many thanks.

Cardinal John Dew

The Vatican, last week, announced Cardinal John Dew's resignation as Archbishop of Wellington. Coadjutor Archbishop Paul Martin SM succeeds Cardinal John Dew. For a copy of Cardinal Dew's newsletter please [click here](#).

Paul Martin SM, will be installed as Archbishop of Wellington on **Saturday, 17th June** at St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, Kaori.

Christian Meditation Group

Our ministry is prayer. Christian Meditation is the name given to the prayer of silence and listening. It is also known as contemplative prayer. This form of silent prayer is rooted in the Hebrew scriptures, the gospels and in Paul's letters. In our tradition we teach and use one form of this prayer, but during the period of silent prayer one can use any form of silent prayer one knows.

Contemplative prayer is rooted in the Catholic tradition, but the group is ecumenical, open to anyone who wishes to join in this prayer of silence.

About 10 of us gather every Monday evening at 7pm at the Johnsonville Uniting Church (there was no suitable meeting room at St Francis of Assisi). We begin with a relevant reading from a writer of contemplative prayer, sit together for 20 minutes in silence and then have a brief round-up. We are usually finished by 7.45pm or earlier.

We are part of a worldwide community called the World Community for Christian Meditation, which has a comprehensive website: www.wccm.org

The NZ community has nearly 100 meditation groups nationwide and provides opportunities for people interested in meditation to gather, learn, meditate and support one another. The NZ Community for Christian Meditation website is <https://christianmeditationnz.org.nz/>

Contact people: Linda and Nick Polaschek ph 4797955, 0204797955, nandlpolaschek@gmail.com

Sermon for the Coronation

This is a beautiful sermon and a wonderful read. For the homily online click the link below. **Pete Roem**

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-writing/speeches/archbishop-canterburys-sermon-coronation-king-charles-iii>

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Sermon for The Coronation of King Charles III

Colossians 1:9-17, Luke 4:16-21

Come Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with the flame of your love. Amen.

We are here to crown a King, and we crown a King to serve.

What is *given* today is for the gain of all. For Jesus Christ announced a Kingdom in which the poor and oppressed are freed from the chains of injustice. The blind see. The bruised and broken-hearted are healed.

That Kingdom sets the *aims* of all righteous government, all authority. And the Kingdom also sets the *means* of all government and authority. For Jesus doesn't grasp power or hold onto status.

The King of Kings, Jesus Christ, was anointed not to be served, but to serve. He creates the unchangeable law of good authority that with the privilege of power comes the duty to serve.

Service is love in action. We see active love in our care for the most vulnerable, the way we nurture and encourage the young, in the conservation of the natural world. We have seen those priorities in the life of duty lived by our King.

Today we have the honour of being in this Abbey with so many who show such love; you work with charities and organisations, you build community, you serve the nation in Armed Forces, in emergency services, and so many other ways.

Next door are 400 or more extraordinary young people in St Margaret's Church, whose lives speak of service.

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Around the world in the Realms and Commonwealth are so many more. You live your lives for the sake of others.

The unity you show, the example you give, is what binds us together and offers societies that are strong, joyful, happy and glorious. They bear heavy weights for us.

And the weight of the task given today, Your Majesties, is only bearable by the Spirit of God, who gives us the strength to give our lives to others. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the King is given freely what no ruler can ever attain through will, or politics, or war, or tyranny: the Holy Spirit draws us to love in action.

This is promised by Jesus who put aside all privilege, because, as the first reading tells us, God will give all things for our sake, even His own life.

His throne was a Cross. His crown was made of thorns. His regalia were the wounds that pierced his body.

Each of us is called by God to serve. Whatever that looks like in our own lives, each of us can choose God's way today.

We can say to the King of Kings, God Himself, as does the King here today, 'give grace that in thy service I may find perfect freedom'.

In that prayer there is promise beyond measure, joy beyond dreams, hope that endures. By that prayer, for every King, every ruler, and, yes, for every person for all of us, we are opened to the transforming love of God.

Other Events/Notices

Living Liturgically – Bringing the Liturgical Year to Life In The Rhythm Of The Parish.

This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved or interested in Liturgy.

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Parish Church, Johnsonville.

Time: **Saturday 20th May, 10.00am-12 midday.**

Tea and coffee available from 9.30am. To register please email: Christine at c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Margaret Brenton

Anniversaries: Robert Taylor

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

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 13th May - Friday 19th May

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: 9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed: 11.00am Mass - with 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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