



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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## **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 14th August 2022 Year C**

**Readings:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, Luke 1:39-56

### **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

A little bit of history...

Pope Pius XII declared the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1950. This followed centuries of the Church's honouring Mary's central and vital role in God's plan for salvation.

The dogma takes no position as to whether Mary actually died first before she was raised to heaven. The dogma simply states that "when the course of her earthly life was finished, [Mary] was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven". There is evidence for this belief and tradition going back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century.

The dogma is based on Mary's motherhood of God. God rewards her for her "Yes" to God's plan for the salvation of humankind – and all creation. As such, Mary's assumption prefigures our own destiny – the gift of eternal life with and in God.

In her life Mary shows us how to assent to and receive what God is doing in Jesus, the Christ - and how to hand on to others what God is doing.

And isn't that what every picture of the Madonna and child ever painted portrays?

Mary,

offering Jesus to the viewer

– or inviting the viewer to  
come to him?



**John Lawson**

## Parish Information

### **Feast of the Assumption**

The New Zealand Bishops Conference have advised this year The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Sunday, 14th August**.

However, please note there will be a Liturgy and a Mass celebrated on **15th August** also. As follows:

**9.00am** - Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Ss Peter & Paul Church

**6.00pm** - Fr Pete will celebrate Mass at 6pm, Ss Peter & Paul Church.

All welcome.

**St Benedict's Church** - Please note, there will be no singing at the next Sunday Service in St Benedict's Church.

Word & Communion on 14th August will be accompanied by Instrumental Music only.

**August Welcom** - This month's Welcom is now out and available in the Church Foyers. There is a great write up of our Parish in this edition.

Annette Scullion, editor of Welcom, extends her thanks to those leaders of Ministries who helped with photos and text.

The outcome looks great!

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Each month, our weekly Prayers of the Faithful are prepared by one of our 3 Mass community's in turn.

This month our Prayers of the Faithful are being prepared by the Ss Peter & Paul's community.

If you would like to contribute to this important ministry please contact a member of your local Liturgy team.

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

### Confirmation Celebration

30 of our Children received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish last Sunday. The Confirmation candidates came from 7 schools and all three of our Parish Church communities.

It was a wonderful Spirit filled occasion of joy, love, participation, hope and holiness.

A big thank you to the Music group: Cesar, Hannah and Rose, all the support singers and Mihi and Jo-Anne. Thanks also to Sam for the Spirit Art work you did with the children, Jacob for the amazing Gospel art below and all the Youth Ministry leaders and volunteers on the programme and at the Mass.

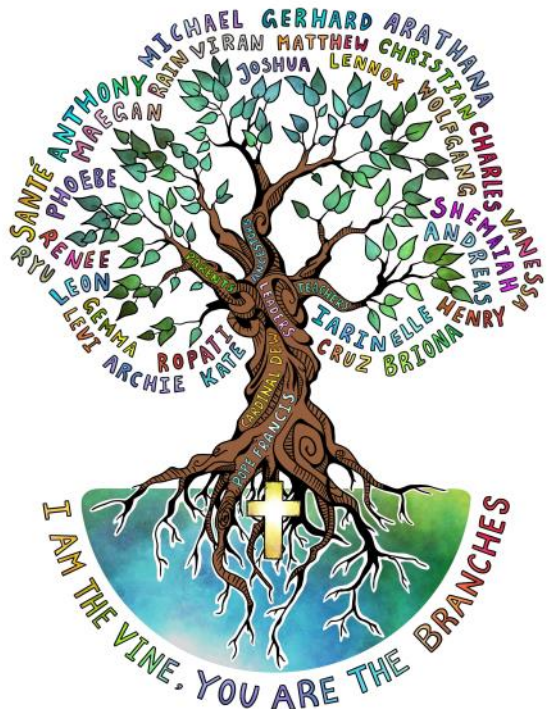
We all left the church feeling blessed by the Spirit and with a sense of missionary passion to change the world. A most uplifting Mass.

Jacob's art work was based on the Confirmation Gospel chosen by Cardinal John and on a tree that Bishop Pompallier used to explain the Catholic faith in New Zealand in the 1840's.

Jesus is the vine on which we grow and we are the branches who bear the fruit of our faith.

All our children were delighted to receive a special card with our Confirmation group tree on it and a Holy Picture of St Francis of Assisi, the Patron of our parish.

**Kitty McKinley**



**The Rite of Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion outside the Mass**

The Church has long provided for the *Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion outside the Mass* as part of wider Eucharistic worship – it is one of the Rites of the Catholic Church and gives the faithful access to Holy Communion. Not enabling the Rite to be used when necessary might, arguably, equate to refusing the faithful access to Communion.

As our start point we remember that the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass is the very centre of the Christian life, for the Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ himself. The celebration of the Eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass is truly the origin and purpose of the worship that is shown to the Eucharist outside the Mass.

Christ is present in the celebration of the Mass in four ways: in the assembly of the faithful; in the Word; in the person of the Priest; and finally and above all in the Eucharistic elements. In the *Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion outside the Mass* Christ is present in three of these four ways – therefore this is not a Mass, and does not substitute for the Mass. It is however Eucharistic worship in its own right.

The rite for *Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion outside the Mass* provides that the minister may be ordained or lay. Lay people appointed to lead worship of the Eucharist, including *Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion outside the Mass* carry out this responsibility by virtue of their baptism and confirmation.

Lay led ministry does not replace the ordained ministry, but works in collaboration with it to enable the faith community to gather as the Body of Christ, and to be nourished by both the Word and Holy Communion. In unforeseen circumstances, and indeed in many parts of the world, this occurs at the Sunday celebration in the absence of a priest.

It is important to always remember that the Eucharistic celebration in its fullness cannot take place without a priest, and that the Eucharistic communion received during the Rite of *Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion outside the Mass*, whether led by an ordained or lay minister is closely connected to the Mass.

The wording in the rite reminds us of this.

**Joe Green**

## Parish Information

**Onslow Catholic Women's League** - We're having another lunchtime meeting on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm** in St Benedict's Church foyer, with savouries and sandwiches (and more!) provided by Committee members.



Our guest at this meeting is Sister Marie Roche, who will speak about her work with Challenge 2000.

**All members and friends very welcome.**

*(Also: any items that you might be able to spare for the Wellington Homeless Women's Trust would be much appreciated, e.g. toiletries, personal knick-knacks, colouring books, etc.)*



**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)

## Prayer for our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

**Loving God**, as members of our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu, we come before you in a spirit of love, prayer and thanksgiving.

We pray you bind us together in love. Whatever our age, cultural background and individual roles within our parish, may we be one together in Jesus. May we accept, affirm and support one another.

In your service we offer you our talents and gifts so as to build your Loving Presence amongst us. May our Parish be vibrant with your love and always a place of welcome

May your Holy Spirit anoint us, inspire us, and send us out into the community as witnesses to you and your love and teaching. May we have the courage and compassion to reach beyond our church to the peripheries to those who are most vulnerable and in need.

*May your Holy Spirit draw others to you through us.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen*

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us, and guide us.



## Other Events/Notices

**The Catholic Foundation** - Scholarships for students entering their first year of tertiary education opened on 01 August.

The application and criteria are available on our website. [www.catholicfoundation.org.nz](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.nz)



**Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 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.

Intro talk and activity: "What can we learn from Joshua OT in Joshua 2022?"

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555  
email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### Young Church Mass is back in August!

The Young Church are excited to be joining Cardinal John and Life Teen Petone for Young Church Mass on Sunday 21st August!

5.30pm, at Sacred Heart Church, Petone.

Come and bring your friends along!



### COME AND SEE – Vocations Morning

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 9-11:30am at St Teresa's Church, Karori.

*Has anyone ever said that you would make a good priest?  
Have you thought about the idea, but tried to put it out of your mind?  
Do you think you might have a vocation?*

COME AND SEE is an opportunity to meet other like-minded young men, talk with priests and seminarians, and ask questions about the vocation to the priesthood.

Join us for Mass at 9am, followed by breakfast and a time of fellowship and discussion. For catering purposes, please let us know you're coming.

Contact [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or text 021 164 5800.  
Visit [www.wellingtonpriests.org](http://www.wellingtonpriests.org)

## Other Events/Notices

### Vacancy - Challenge 2000 seeks Youth Ministry Manager

Challenge 2000 is a Gospel-based, youth development agency that has served young people and their families for 34 years.

We are seeking a competent, visionary, passionate and versatile person, to lead a team of volunteers and youth workers to provide a range of services and programmes for children, young people and families.

To apply, please send your CV and covering letter to Kitty McKinley, Project Manager, at [info@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:info@challenge2000.org.nz).

For more information about this role, please contact Kitty on ph: 021 491 459 or at [info@challenge2000.org.nz](mailto:info@challenge2000.org.nz)

**Applications close 26 August 2022.**



### Seasons for Growth Small Group Program for Adults

For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences. Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults with companion Bridgett Parkin:

- **Dates:** 4th September, six consecutive Sundays, 2.00-4.30pm
- **Venue:** Wilton (venue on application)
- **Cost:** \$40.
- **Registration** by email closes Wednesday, 23rd August.

For information please email - [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.  
Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/07/12/mary-of-nazareth/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, inter-faith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)



## MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Anniversaries:** Peter Gilligan, Brigid Taylor

**Prayers for the Sick:** Jessie Hensen, Joanne Gordon, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Brian Cummings, 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 13th August - Sunday 21st August

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

Sat: 13th August - 5pm  
Vigil Mass

Sat: 20th August - 5pm  
Vigil Mass

#### St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 9.00am - Word & Communion  
Mon: 9.30am - **School Mass**  
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 - Mass  
Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy  
Mon: 6.00pm - Assumption Mass  
Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy  
Wed: 11.00am - Mass with morning tea  
Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy  
Fri: 9.00am - Mass  
Sun: 10.30am - Word & Communion

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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