



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th November 2021 Year B
Readings: *Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32*

A Bit Scary?

What was our reaction to the words of Jesus: "In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in heaven will be shaken"? Perhaps we felt a bit scared by this message about the second coming.



At present, looking at the signs of the times, some believe we are in the 'end times'. They see doom and destruction looming. It's true that the earth as we knew/know it, is changing; but there is another way of understanding the Gospel words. In today's Psalm we pray: "Keep me safe, O God, you are my hope."

We remember that Jesus redeemed us by His sacrifice on the Cross and opened for us the path to eternal life. He said "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away". The things of this world are transitory, but we know that we can trust in the Word of God which lasts forever. We trust, as the Psalm says, that God will show us the path of life.

Rather than being scared by predictions of the second coming, we can be filled with hope and confidence that God's kingdom lasts forever. We needn't be scared.

In the words of the Psalm, we can look forward to the fullness of joy in God's presence and, at God's right hand, happiness forever.

Judith Shroff

Confirmation 2021

Delta Covid has certainly disrupted our Children's, Youth Ministry and Sacramental Programmes!

However last Saturday November 6th, we held one Confirmation Mass at SS Peter and Paul's for 18 of our children and their families. Numbers were of course restricted to 100. Even though we had challenging circumstances, everyone really worked hard to make this Mass a special time for our children.

Some families decided to put off Confirmation until their children were older, some decided to wait until next year and some decided to go ahead last weekend. As a child

and family friendly parish, we really tried to accommodate everyone's wishes and preferences. Saturday was great!

We were very blessed to have Cardinal John Dew as our lead celebrant alongside Fr Pete Roe, everyone seemed very happy, and Spirit filled during and after the Mass.

A big thank you to so many of our Youth ministry and Challenge 2000 Missions team for decorating the church, designing the Confirmation Certificates, preparing the children, their parents and the Mass, playing the music (Kathy Lopez) and cleaning before and after. It really was a privilege to be part of such an awesome team. So thanks everyone!! Love works and so does the Holy Spirit! CONGRATULATIONS to our newly Confirmed young Catholics .



Open letter from the LFT to our Parish

Please click on the link below to access a letter from the Leadership Formation Team to the Parish. Members of the LFT will be speaking about the letter during Masses next weekend 20/21 November: [link](#)

Property Review Update



Cardinal John had asked all parishes to undertake a property review several years ago. He agreed that our review could be deferred until this year and expected this to be completed by October 2021.

Unfortunately as a result of COVID we had to postpone our meetings and now propose to submit a proposal to Cardinal John in March 2022.

New dates will be scheduled soon for the meetings that were postponed. While we have been in lockdown we undertook a simple survey to get parishioners thinking about the parish and our properties now and what we might need in future.

The results of the survey are available on our website or from this [link](#).

Please note two comments in the survey have been redacted due to the personal and inappropriate nature of the comments.

The Leadership Team

Covid-19 Alert Level Delta TWO

Reminder if anyone needs support of any kind: food, travel assistance, information or advice during this Covid-19 time, then please let us know.

Sunday Liturgy of the Word and Communion

During this Covid time when our numbers for mass are limited, at 6.00p.m on Sunday evenings there will be a liturgy. These liturgies will alternate between Sts. Peter and Paul's and St. Benedict's.

Starting **Sunday 28th November** at Sts. Peter and Paul's.

More details to follow.

Enquiries Wendy Cleaver

email cleaver@actrix.gen.nz

He Īnoi mō te Hātotanga o te Kahurangi nei a Meri Hōhepa

E te Ariki e Hēhu Karaiti, nāu mātou i whakaako mēnā ka puaki atu mātou i te pūaroha mō te iti, arā, ngā tēina, ngā tuākana, ngā tuāhine me ngā tungāne, kātahi ka whakaatu mātou i te pūaroha ki ā koe.

Whakarongo mai ki ā mātou ĭnoinga ki a Meri Hōhepa te Wahine Kahurangi nāna i te aroha te iwi Māori. Nāna i awhi ngā tāngata pōhara, ngā tūroro, me ngā tāngata rawakore. Meatia tēna, kua karanga rawa atu te Hāhi i tētahi tāngata o āu pononga tapu, o āu tāngata māhaki hoki. Ā te wā tonu, mā te katoa e mōhio mai tōna Hātotanga.

Āmene.

Prayer for the beatification of Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint.



WelCom November 2021 edition has been printed and distributed.

Contents include:

- Synod Assembly: For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission – Cardinal John Dew; updates from Synod teams for Wellington and Palmerston North dioceses.
- Ordination to priesthood – Fr Hayden Powick sm.
- End of Life Choice Act – New Zealand Catholic Bishops' pastoral statement on spiritual and pastoral care of persons contemplating assisted dying in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Government's emissions reduction plan – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand urges Catholic to respond to consultation.
- Enduring Irish influence – interview with Irish Ambassador to New Zealand, Peter Ryan.
- Feast of Christ the King 21 November – reflection by Fr James Lyons.
- The Season of Advent – WelCom calendar.
- Plus, more features, local and international news and views.

We invite articles from readers about people, news and events in parish and school communities.

Please email your articles (maximum 300 words) and photos

to: welcom@wn.catholic.org.nz

Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College (CTC) are currently accepting enrolments for the academic year 2022 for the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology degree which starts on the 21st of February 2022.

St Benedict's School Fundraiser

St Benedict's School has kicked off their last big fundraiser for the year - **Christmas Honey!** We have delicious 500gm pots of NZ Multiflora honey with our very own St Benedict's Christmas label. These make great Christmas presents, or load up the pantry for your own family. These are selling for **\$15 per jar** and all profits are going to St Benedict's School and the completion of our new playground.



If anyone would like to order please email: Kaye at kayeherick@gmail.com by **December 1st** to confirm payment and delivery details. Thanks to all the Parish for their support.

St Benedict's Christmas Hamper Mass

We will be holding the Hamper Mass on **Sunday 12 December at 9am**. We have already been notified of some families in need, and their details will be available in the church foyer from Sunday 14th November. (More families may be added later.) Don't forget to leave your name and contact details so that we know who is looking after which family! The Hamper Mass itself may have to be organised slightly differently this year because of Covid issues, but the need for the hampers remains the same. We will advise arrangements for the Mass closer to Dec 12th. Any queries or for more information, please ring **Jo Mackenzie on ph: 021 990 918**

Columban Calendar 2022

We have received the 2022 Columban Calendars for next year. They are available for purchase in the foyer 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) 4787137, email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Music Coordinator/ Leader
Sacred Heart Metropolitan Cathedral Parish,**

seeks applications for the new part time, position of Music Coordinator/ Leader. This is a part-time, 15 hours per week, fixed term 10-month contract. The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating the music requirements across all parish liturgies, including the establishment of a voluntary choir to regularly lead the congregation at the Sunday morning service. The position requires flexibility and includes weekend work. Applicants should have musical training to tertiary level or equivalent professional standard, and ideally be familiar with Catholic liturgy.

Written application, enclosing a Curriculum Vitae, position description, and enquiries to Debbie Matheson,
the Parish Leader at matheson@wn.catholic.org.nz.
Applications close 30 November

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Get ready to participate in a group, by reading and prayerfully reflecting on one of the ten Synod themes. Go to www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod

SEEK – EXPLORE AND DISCERN

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

The morning will be focused on discerning personal vocation. In the afternoon, there will be the opportunity to participate in the global Synod discernment process.

Pope Francis wants to hear from the youth, so please join us and make your voice heard!

Sunday 21st November, 10am to 5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay

The afternoon will conclude with a Young Church Mass at 5pm.

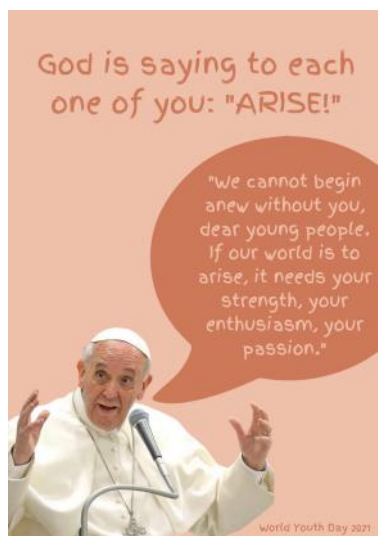
BYO lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

FINAL YOUNG CHURCH MASS 2021

Sunday 21 November @ 5pm

Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay



World Day of the Poor workshop and Reflection hour

Let us stand in solidarity with those who are struggling or on the margins.

Come along and join us this

Sunday 14th November

5pm - 6pm at SS Peter and Paul Church.

We will have different speakers who will share their experiences and a time to reflect together as a community. We will ensure there is Covid-19 Level 2 procedures in place and social distancing.

Monday Marian Mothers' Group

November is the last meeting for the year! It's a special meeting with a Christmas theme. All mums and children are warmly invited to this welcoming group. We have a cuppa, the kids play, and we chat about how we bring our faith into our homes. Monday, 15th November, 10am - 12pm, 261 Middleton Road, Glenside (Churton Park). Any questions, call **Stephanie on 021 138 0430**

Masks

A friendly and gentle reminder to please remember to bring your masks from home when coming to Mass. In the event you do forget **to bring one, we do have a small supply** available. Thank you for your co-operation.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR WORKSHOP AND REFLECTION HOUR

"RAISING AWARENESS AND HEARING THE DIFFERENT
DIMENSIONS OF POVERTY IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
AND OUR WORLD"

SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER | 5PM

SS Peter and Paul's Church:
37 Dr Taylor Terrace | Johnsonville
For more information please contact:
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PRESENTERS

Sindy Rodriguez
Jacob Bang
Kitty McKinley
Daniel Kleinsman &
Muzhgan Samarqandi
Te Po Hohua

www.challenge2000.org.nz

Compassion Soup Kitchen is open

Serving takeaway meals
12pm and 1pm, Monday -
Saturday if you need a hot meal, come
and collect a nutritious takeaway
meal.

For more information visit
our website:

<https://soupkitchen.org.nz>

or ph: (04) 385-9299



NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Fr Barry O'Connor SM

Anniversaries: Caterina Smith

Prayers for the Sick— John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Dianne Greene (Mother of Steven Greene), Tau So'oa (father of Mel Aspinall), Patricia Davidson (mother of Scott Davidson), Monsignor John Carde, Fr Colin Durning, Fr Frank McGuire, Fr Peter O'Connell.

Please also remember in your prayers those that are supporting them.

We pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19. We also pray for Auckland and all those working to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 14th November - 20th November

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

Sun: Mass 10.30am
Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy
Wed: 11am Mass (No Cup of Tea)
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Fri: 9am Mass

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sunday Mass 9.00am
Monday 9.00 Liturgy
Monday 7.00 Meditation
Tuesday 9.15 Liturgy
Wednesday 9.00 Liturgy
Thursday 9.00 Liturgy
Friday Exposition 8.30 Liturgy at 9.00
Saturday 9.00 Liturgy

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 (Covid Permitting).

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