



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Fifth Week of Easter 15th May 2022 Year C

Readings: *Acts 14:21-27, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13:31-35*

“On Earth as it is in Heaven”

Practically every time Catholics gather, indeed when Christians gather, we pray our family prayer: the Our Father.

One of the petitions in the Our Father is “Thy Kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is heaven”.

The “kingdom” is sometimes referred as the “realm” of God. It is also sometimes referred to as “heaven”, that place where God, Jesus, the angels and the saints dwell.

We often imagine it as out there, another place, separated from us. A place to which we will eventually go.

However, in the prayer Jesus gives us, we pray for it to be “on earth as it is in heaven” – in other words, we pray for the Kingdom of God in the here and now – the Kingdom is both a future and present reality. Jesus came to show us what that kingdom might look like. In today’s gospel we are reminded it is a place of love, a place where people share in community. Elsewhere it is described as a place where the hungry are fed, the thirsty given something to drink, the naked clothed, the homeless homed, and the sick and the prisoner visited.

Today’s second reading is the closing of scripture – heaven comes to earth. The opening of scripture describes the creation. Two glimpses of the Kingdom of God, bookending the Bible. Not by accident I suggest.

God’s mission is the building of the Kingdom, each and every one of us in the Church is called to participate in this mission.

Do you?

Joe Green



Parish Events

100 YEARS

**St Peter and Paul's Johnsonville 1922-2022
Let's celebrate - Sunday 26th June 2.00pm.**

Mass with the Cardinal presiding followed by afternoon tea.

A celebration book of 100 years since the establishment of Saints Peter & Paul's has been published. Details of how and where to purchase will follow.

For any information please contact the Parish Office.
Ph: 04 478 7137 or email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz

Joe Green's Commissioning

On **Saturday, 11th June 2022 at 5pm Vigil** - St Andrew's Church, Cardinal John Dew will celebrate Mass to Commission Joe Green as the Lay Pastoral Leader in the role of Director of Mission.

You are **all** very welcome to come and celebrate with the Parish.

Following the Mass there will be hospitality at St Andrew's in the lounge.

A shared meal with light refreshments and tea/coffee.

If you would like to bring a plate for the shared meal it would be most welcome.

Tea / Coffee & Light refreshments will be provided.

Sacramental Programme 2022

The **Reconciliation** part of the Sacramental Programme is now well under way, so thanks to those who have attended the meetings and the parents meetings.

35 children attended the one day block Reconciliation Programme, with another 17 at the Sunday meetings. It's not too late to join up. Just contact the office or the Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000. So far feedback has been excellent and we are always open to new ideas or suggestions.

Sacramental Programme continued:

The **final** Reconciliation preparation sessions are this **Sunday 15th May**.

There are 2 options:

Option 1 - St Benedict's Church, Khandallah

10.15am - 11.15 am: Children's Session

11.15am - 11.45am: Parent's and Children's session

Option 2 - Ss Peter & Paul Church, Johnsonville

3.30pm - 4.30pm: Children's Session

4.30pm - 5.00pm: Parent's and Children's session

All children and parents are required to attend these sessions as this will be the final session and preparation before the First Reconciliation Services next week.

The **First Reconciliation Services** are on:

Tuesday, 17th May at 7.00pm - St Benedict's Church in Khandallah

Thursday, 19th May at 7.00pm - SS Peter and Paul's in Johnsonville.

All are welcome to these Services - friends, grandparents, cousins, neighbours.

If anyone would like to contribute to these Services by way of music, instruments, readings, art work or suggestions then please let the team know.

The Youth Ministry team will also arrange the Sacrament of Baptism if that is wanted.

Want to know more? Please call **Kitty ph: 021491459** or **Angela/Helen at the Parish Office 04 4787137** or **Challenge 2000: 04 4776827**.

Preparation for **First Holy Communion** begins on **Sunday June 12th**.

Please check the Registration Brochure for times and dates and locations.

The **First Communion Mass** is at:

St Benedict's on **Sunday July 10th** at **9.00am Mass** and

SS Peter and Paul's on that same day at **2pm**.

Confirmation Programme 2022

For children who were part of the Sacramental Programme in 2020 or 2021, and wish to be Confirmed this year is on **Sunday August 7th** at **10:30am** Mass in Johnsonville.

The programme will begin in July and there will also be a block course in the holidays for these children.

Previous years participants on the Sacramental Programme will be sent an email so watch this space please!

Very complicated but hope it's getting clearer finally!

For a copy of the brochure [Click here](#).



Parish Information

Cleaning Volunteers for Ss Peter & Paul Church

We are looking for volunteers to come and help clean at the Church. We have had a number of families unable to continue helping, so if you are able to spare a little time once every few months, we would very much appreciate it.

If you can help in anyway, please contact the Parish Office **ph: 04 478 7137** or **email: office@sfrancisohariu.nz**.

Tax Receipts / New Envelopes

Year end 31st March 2022 have now been finalised. You should have all received your tax receipts. For those that give by envelope, your new envelopes are in the church foyer.

If you have any queries, please contact the **Parish Office, ph: 04 478 7137**.

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 and Paul Community.

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

Recipe of the Week

We are looking for some recipe ideas / inspiration for our 100 Year celebration.

If you have a favourite recipe, send it to the office and we will publish one a week leading up to the celebrations on 26th June 2002.

If you are really inspired, you may even like to make it for the afternoon tea on the day of the celebrations!

Father Pete has given us his favourite recipe - [click here](#) to find out what it is!

Pete always welcomes a tasting!

Pete, Joe, Helen, Angela
The Pastoral Team



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.



National Prayer for Vulnerable Children in Aotearoa

Josephine Olsen is the National Co-ordinator for Human Promotion (CHARIS), a commission inaugurated by Pope Francis. As part of her role she has initiated a National Prayer Campaign for the vulnerable children in Aotearoa. The initiative is called, "Project Innocence".

The prayer for vulnerable children will begin on Sunday, 15th May 2022 and end with a special National Prayer event on the 15th June via zoom, (people can pray at home or in the prayer groups on this day).

For further information please contact Josephine Olsen ph: 027 367 4453.

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus,

We pray that a movement be raised up in this country, that will turn the tide of violence and abuse of children in Aotearoa.

Your heart burns for love for the little children, especially those most vulnerable.

We pray that this movement will bring healing and forgiveness to many.

We ask this prayer through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and our Patron, Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert.

Amen

COVID Update - New Zealand is now in **Orange** in the Covid-19 Protection framework.

Mass number are **NO** longer restricted. Bookings are **NO** longer required.

We ask that you do still wear a mask while attending our Liturgies and Masses.

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to discuss possible arrangements.

Ph: 04 478 7137.

If you are isolating and need support, you can call the COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337. The helpline is open 7 days a week.

For more information please go to the Government Covid-19 website. [Click here.](#)



NZ Catholic free digital - Click link below:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a7fa5f65-1699-44e7-9334-9dd35f940bc1>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Mary – Our Inspiration with Kieran Fenn fms.

Friday, 20 May, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/mary-our-inspiration/>

St Paul – The first Missionary with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 -27 June, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

\$25/session or \$50/series.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-paul-meet-the-first-missionary-7/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Tuesday 24 May, 7.30-8.30pm Online seminar:

Hauropi Mariana – Marian Integral Ecology

Fr Peter Healy will introduce a developing Marist ecological spirituality linking Mariology, sustainable gardening practices and care of our common home.

Registration: Please email Lisa Beech l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz for registration.

A Zoom link and some background reading will be forwarded before the online seminar.

This seminar is hosted by the Integral Ecology Committee of the Archdiocese of Wellington Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. **All welcome**



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: Maria Stewart, Anita Hoppener

Anniversaries: Tavu'i Mano, Oliva Maiava

Prayers for the Sick: Joe Godinet, Penelope Corich, Lady Valerie Belich, Mike Coghlan, Ann Zouch, Gerard van der Kaa, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank McGuire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Monsignor John Carde,

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

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

Saturday 14th May - Saturday 21st May

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 14th May, 5pm Word & Communion
Sat: 21st May, 5pm Vigil Mass

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

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

Sun: 10.30am - Mass
Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy
Wed: 11.00am - Mass with morning tea
Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy
Fri: 9.00am - Liturgy

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