



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Eighth Week Ordinary Time 15th October 2023, Year A
Readings:: Isaiah 25:6-10, Philippians 4:12-14,19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

"Whoever You Find Then Invite Them To The Wedding."

The renown German theologian Karl Rahner SJ used to ask people the following questions when they asked him about faith:

- Have you ever kept silent, despite the urge to defend yourself, when you were unfairly treated?
- Have you ever forgiven another although you gained nothing by it and your forgiveness was accepted as quite natural?
- Have you ever made a sacrifice without receiving any thanks or acknowledgement, without even feeling any inward satisfaction?
- Have you ever decided to do a thing simply for the sake of conscience, knowing that you must bear sole responsibility for your decision without being able to explain it to anyone?
- Have you ever tried to act purely for love of God when no warmth sustained you, when your act seemed a leap in the dark, simply nonsensical?
- Have you ever been good to someone without expecting a trace of gratitude and without the comfortable feeling of having been "unselfish"?

If you have had such experiences, Rahner asserts, then you have had experienced God, perhaps without realizing it.

A priest Rahner knew tells the story of how he was preaching one Sunday on the parable of the wedding banquet. He was emphasizing the motif of urgency within the parable: "We must respond now!" he thundered, "tomorrow it will be too late!"

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A man got up and walked out of church. The priest suspected that his homily must have upset the man in some way.

However, the next day this man phoned the priest. "The reason I walked out of church yesterday was not that I didn't like your homily. I left because I understood exactly what you were saying.

My brother and I had a fight 12 years ago and we hadn't spoken to each other since that time. When you pointed out how Jesus warns about delaying coming to the banquet, I knew that if I didn't act today, tomorrow I wouldn't have the heart for it. I left church and phoned my brother from the first pay phone I found. We got together last night for a talk and we forgave each other!"



Peter Mulqueen

"There is a seat for everyone at the wedding banquet"

Children's Liturgy

This will recommence on **Sunday, 22nd October, 10.00am** Mass.
Many thanks.

Weekly School Liturgy with The Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, **17th October**, we will be having our liturgy with St Brigid's School, at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church. It will start at **9:15am**.

Next Thursday, **19th October**, we will be having our liturgy with St Benedict's School, in the library at **9.00am**.

If you would like any further info please contact Ana Baice,
ph: 021 227 3754.

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



Parish Information

Part Time Work Available

One of our school parents is looking for assistance with Household tasks - cleaning, tidying, meal prep. Approximately 6 hours per week (1-2 sessions during the week).

Please contact Katrina on 021 161 3415 for more details.

Parking

When attending Mass on Saturday or Sunday, may we ask you to be considerate when parking. We have had some complaints from neighbours with regards to parking on yellow lines and blocking driveways.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Recital

Our very own Rose Aldridge is putting on her final singing recital for the year (**approximately 20 minutes**) at the Victoria University New Zealand School of Music.

Consisting of five pieces: Buss und Reu from Bach's St Matthew's Passion (The Messiah), Widmung by Robert Schumann, Sure on this Shining Night by Samuel Barber, Violon by Francis Poulenc and Deh Per Questo from Mozart's La Clemenza Di Tito.

All in the Parish are welcome to attend on **Tuesday 24th October 2023 at 5.00pm on the dot at: Adam Concert Room 81 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn Campus.**

Please call or text Anna Mika-Hunt Walsh on 021201 7197 if you have any questions.

CD's Available

Long time parishioner, Jessie Henson, who has been in Malvina Major for some time, has kindly donated some of her CD collection for parishioners.

They will be in the foyer until 18th October for you to peruse and take, free of charge. Thanks to Jessie for this generous gift.

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Alpha - Course Update



This weekend the Alpha programme moves to Silverstream Retreat for the Holy Spirit weekend.

We will continue to reflect on the encounter with God: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. As the name of the weekend suggests, we will be especially focusing on the Spirit and on prayer.

We ask you all to pray for us.

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu
Christmas Parish Dance

7pm, Saturday 25 November 2023
Johnsonville Community Centre

Live music ☆ Spot prizes ☆ Christmas cake raffle ☆ Best dressed awards

\$10 entry (under-13s free)
BYO drinks and nibbles

to reserve your tickets, contact before 13 November:
Mike Havill: 022 6223 0130 / Jenny Stove: 021 115 8441
Stephanie D'Mello: 021 118 93441 / Nirmala D'Mello: 021 108 2074

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NZ Diocesan Priest Conference

Rotorua October 16th - 21st October 2023

At the week-long National Assembly of Diocesan Catholic Priests in Rotorua, Brisbane's [Archbishop Mark Coleridge](#) dropped a rock in the pond. Coleridge told the Catholic priests that changes were happening, that there would be more of them and that it was important to be prepared.

Coleridge suggested that ministry as a Catholic priest was not a case of 'goundhog day' nor an example of 'yesterday once more.'

Coleridge recommended that Catholic priests "fasten their seatbelts."

In his keynote speech to the nearly 200 Catholic priests at the Assembly, the archbishop said the Catholic Church is experiencing an "Abrahamic" moment.

Just like the biblical Abraham who set out on a journey for God without knowing where he was going, New Zealand's Catholic priests are also on a journey where the destination is unclear, Coleridge said.

"People...like our schools. They ask why are our schools full and our churches empty?"

For the rest of this article please [click here](#).

Pete Roe

Other Events/Notices

Liturgy Workshop - ADVENT

Where: St Bernadette's Hall, 190 Naenae Rd, Naenae

When: Saturday 28th October. 10am to 12pm
Tea & Coffee from 9.30am

Register: Contact Chris Walkerdine by Wednesday 25th October
Email: c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz, ph: 04 496 1706

Presented by Fr Patrick Bridgman - Liturgy Advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington

Other Events/Notices

St Mary's College Alum High Tea

St Mary's College are holding their annual Alum event where we also acknowledge and welcome our Year 13 students as the newest members of the St Mary's Alum community.



This year our event is a High Tea on, **Tuesday 17th October from 2:00pm - 3:30pm** in the Gabriel Hall, at the College.

All are welcome to attend.

The guest speaker is Joan Skinner, a past pupil and author of *Labour of Love*, an autobiography based on her 50 years in the midwifery profession.

Tickets cost \$30 each and can be purchased by clicking on the online link <https://events.humanitix.com/alum-high-tea>

We really hope you can join us on the 17th October. If you have any questions at all please contact Peter Sanders on email peter.sanders@stmw.school.nz

Notices - Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>

YouTube Recordings

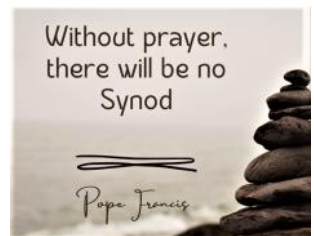
Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Let us Pray

For the Church, on the eve of a new phase in the synodal journey, that the presence of the Gospel, alive and at work in her, may make her like the vineyard in the parable, a vital place where all men and women who seek meaning in their life find a place, a word, and a breath of hope, we pray.



Other Events/Notices

Johnsonville Op Shop

We are holding our annual thank you luncheon for all our volunteers on **Thursday Oct 19th 2023 at 12.30pm** in the Friendship Lounge at the Johnsonville Community Centre.

It would be lovely if all our volunteers could come and if you like please bring a guest as we have a speaker to talk to us about the Burns Unit at Hutt Hospital and what they do.

A donation for the Foodbank would be appreciated.

RSVP to your coordinator or Yvette ycelliston@gmail.com

St Anthony's School, Seatoun Centenary

We would love to have you join us at our centenary weekend events on **13th-14th October 2023**.

Click the link below to book your tickets and tables!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/OUW>

Guitar Lessons

By Challenge 2000 - Learn Classical & Contemporary Guitar.
For all ages & levels, starting at \$15 / 30 mins. First lesson free.

For more info, contact Mitchel - 022 021 8976 or email:
mitchelcheu@challenge2000.org.nz



Last Days! Joshua Wellington

Invites men to come to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this coming Thursday 19th October at 7:30pm followed by supper.

Speaker: Kim von Lanthen on "What do we need to do differently?"
Want to know more?

Ring David Monastra 027-447-7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Faauma Mano

Anniversaries: Christine Cleaver

Prayers for the Sick: Tony de Joux, Jacqui Gilligan, David Clarke, Gerard McDonagh, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, John Fanning, Fr Maurice Carmody, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Peter O'Connell.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 14th October - Friday 20th October

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 - Followed by 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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