



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter 16th April 2023, Year A
Readings:: Acts 2:42-47, Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Indeed he is risen. He is risen indeed!

In this Easter season we are invited into the profound reality of living as people who have been given new life through the Risen Christ.

In the Entrance Prayer we pray that God will "increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and (will) help us to grow as God's people toward the fullness of eternal life with God."

In our first reading we read that the early community remained faithful to the teachings of Jesus through the apostles; that they lived in community, sharing what they had with those in need; and that they gathered for prayer and for the breaking of bread. (Acts of the Apostles)

We are called to be an Easter people whose hallmark is joy because "we have a sure hope and promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away." (Second reading, 1 Peter)

Do we let the marvel of the Risen Christ penetrate our lives and do we see the Risen Christ everywhere in our world?

Are we still sleeping in the darkness of our tombs or have we woken up, rolled away the stone that blocks us and holds us back, and courageously and with a certain kind of daring that we call faith, run from our tombs toward the Risen Christ who in the early morning stillness calls our name? Are we those to whom Jesus says in John's Gospel "Happy are you (those) who have not seen and yet believe."?

Do I truly believe that Christ is Risen and lives among us and has lived among us from the beginning of time?

I appreciate the following reflection by Lawrence Freeman OSB, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation:



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"Oh sleeper, rise up!

Resurrection is when love enters into what has died and calls it back to life, a broken relationship, a desperate failure, a broken world or a dying planet. Only love of the first order, the spring of agape, can break down the walls and weapons constructed by the illusions, pride or hopelessness of the ego."

Christ is risen. Indeed he is risen. He is risen indeed!

Judy McCormack

Anzac Day Liturgy Saint Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish Church April 25th 4 p.m.

You are invited to this Anzac Day Liturgy.

Our Challenge 2000 Youth whānau are preparing this ecumenical Service to remember all those who have served their countries and to pray for Peace.

Please invite your friends and family as we reflect on this important date in the history of Aotearoa.

Children, young people and adults are invited to wear their uniforms if they wish and also to bring photos and/or memorabilia of whānau members who may have served in any of our wars or times of conflict. We will place them near our altar as part of our Liturgy.

After our Liturgy we will have soup and buns and of course ANZAC Biscuits! All provided.

Please contact Marie Paurini 027 283 8580 or Kitty McKinley 021 491459. if you have any suggestions/ideas/talents to share. Everyone is welcome. Kia ora.

Children's Liturgy - Will recommence at 10.00am Mass - Sunday 30th April.

At the beginning of mass the leaders will be commissioned and then they will go with the children to their session.

The sessions will be held in the meeting room [next to the sacristy] and also in "Little Pa" [the house next to the church.]

Please pray for the leaders of this ministry.



Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme for 2023 will begin next week.

Registration brochures are now available in the church foyers, from the Parish Office and on our website. Please [click here](#).

This programme offers preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion / Eucharist and Confirmation. The Programme will begin with Reconciliation.

For Reconciliation we will be offering a one day Programme option, which will be held next week, in the school holidays.

Reconciliation Dates as follows:

Option 1:

Full Day Course, Tuesday, 18th April, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Option 2:

Sunday, 23rd April,
Sunday 30th April and
Sunday, 7th May - all sessions will be at 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Everyone will then need to attend a final meeting and practice on:
Friday, 12th May, 4.30m - 6.30pm

The Reconciliation Service will be on - **Sunday, 14th May, 4.00pm**

All sessions will be held at: St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish,
37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville.

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.

Good Friday Walk



A number of Churches were involved in the Good Friday walk this year 2023. Those involved were Johnsonville Union, Catholic and Brethren Churches, Tawa Union and Khandallah Presbyterian Churches. A number of people from other places joined in. Our mission to

celebrate the life of Christ is communicating itself to the people outside of our immediate areas.

There were about 150 people who walked from JUC to St John's Anglican stopping at St Francis of Assisi Catholic and Broderick Brethren Churches on the way. We also stopped at Johnsonville Mall and the Police station.

Starting at JUC we sang the Servant song and the first episode of the Passion of Our Lord Christ from the Gospel of Mark and then at each of the other stops we continued to read the Passion narrative. After each reading, we sang "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ Proclaim". From the Police Station to St John's we sang, "Jesus remember me when you come into your Kingdom", after the readings.

St John's Anglican set up a quiz with colourful posters for the children along the route so that there was some type of engagement for all in the event.

We had a large heavy cross which different groups of people carried together along the whole route. It was for all a deeply prayerful moment and celebration of our love and commitment to our Lord, Jesus.

On arrival at St John's Anglican Church, we were welcomed in the Parish Hall with tea, coffee and hot cross buns and a chance to be with each other and get to know each other better. **Ian Hamilton**



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ORGAN RECITAL: May 13 at 3pm

David Dobson will present an organ recital at our Parish Church of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, on the above date.



The recital will be about an hour long.

Those attending will be invited to offer a generous koha, and all donations will go towards Cyclone Relief.

The recital, of six or seven pieces in different styles, will allow you to hear sounds of the organ from the quietest to the most triumphant.

Ministry Sharing Evening

We have many ministries in our parish, many people doing God's work.

At **7pm on 25 May 2023** we are holding a "ministries sharing evening".

Those coordinating any ministry are invited to come along to the parish church and hall and share with others and parishioners a brief outline of your ministries: tell us what your ministry is, how many involved, who you reach. Maybe 2 or 3 minutes.

This will be an opportunity to meet and share with others in ministry.

We know who and what many ministries are. There are some we don't know so well. Please help us out if you haven't heard from us.

Please send to the office a short paragraph about your ministry group (if you have not already done so): who the contact person is and their contact details, by Friday, 12th May.

We look forward to hearing from you. **Joe Green**

Marist Messenger Reflections

All those who were regular subscribers will know that this magazine has ceased publication but fortunately Fr Jim Dooley has offered us his April reflections which had already prepared.

Please [click here](#) for the reflections.

Parish Information

Newlands Passionist Group

Invites One & All
Housie Nite

Saturday 20th May 2023, 6.30pm

Newlands Community Centre
Entry \$15.00 / 3 games, Children free, DJ Music

BYO Beverages & Nibbles

Hot soup & buns for the first fifty people
Proceeds for Refugee Fund / SPCA

Please RSVP

**Kerry - 027 311 6618, Jenny - 021 1115 8441, Nirmala - 021 108 2074
Stephanie - 021 189 3441**

Music Ministry

Mission: To encourage greater participation in the singing at liturgical celebrations.

We aim to achieve this mission statement by:

Encouraging congregational liturgy in prayer through song;

Emphasising themes of liturgy by choosing appropriate music;

Leading the singing and encouraging congregational participation;

Increasing the musical repertoire;

Being available for liturgical celebration other than Sunday mass, e.g. weddings, funerals, baptisms, sacramental celebrations;

Participating in ecumenical celebrations.

Pat Collier

Other Events/Notices

Joshua Wellington

Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to come to the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this coming Thursday 20th April at 7:30pm followed by supper.

Activity: Testimonies from the recent Current of Grace conference in Waikanae

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra, 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?... with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 24 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material)

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>

YouTube Recordings

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust

(www.greenstonedoors.co.nz) are holding a **SHOE SALE at St Peter and Paul's, Lower Hutt, Church Hall on Tuesday 25th April (Anzac Day) from 1pm - 4pm.**

Eftpos available. We have loads of quality shoes available at very low prices.

If you have any new, near new or second hand shoes to donate to the sale please drop off at the church in the box in the foyer or call Monica on 021 2991138 to arrange pickup.

A Retreat for Mothers – “In the Potter’s hands” - Saturday 6th May

As a mother, you always put the needs of your loved ones before your own. Today you are invited to come away, to rest and be blessed by the God who lovingly shaped you.

Join us on Saturday 6th May 2023 from 10am to 3:30pm Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay. Please register with Lucienne Hensel by Friday 28th April. l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Marjorie Squire, Fr Michael Lloyd, Benito Ranido

Prayers for the Sick: 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.

Marriage Congratulations: Kai Yin Davidson-Khor & Julian Schurhammer

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 15th April - Friday 21st April

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

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| 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 |

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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