



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Ninth Week Ordinary Time, 16th October 2022 Year C

Readings: Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

Reflection

Life is difficult. Difficult for many reasons. Illness, pain, operations, age, rental costs, loss, food prices, aloneness, relationship issues, relatives moving overseas, abuse, overwork, underwork, war and global warming.

We are real human beings, living in a real human world in 2022. In all this God is, and God speaks within us and around us. Timothy says to us today: "be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable."

Luke tells the story of a persistent widow wanting justice and asks us to: "pray always and not to lose heart". Regardless of the difficulty keep praying, believing, keep knocking on that door (whatever it is). Never, ever give up.

Our first reading explains our church deal to me.

God speaks to us through the prayers and actions of our companions who are with us on the journey. When Moses "grew weary they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And then Aaron and Hur held up his hands so they were steady until the sun set". We are called to love, to support others. Even in tough times if we are filled with our God we **will** have the strength to serve, to hold others up.



Maybe this week identify a friend/ parishioner who needs justice or support and reach out to them in a practical way. Flowers, a smile, a card, fruit, wine, prayers?

And keep being you and never give up!

Kitty McKinley

Closure of Churches - Opening of New Church



In recent weeks you will have learned that our three Churches, Ss Peter and Paul, St Andrew's and St Benedict's are to close in January/February 2023.

In February a refurbished new Parish Church will open in Johnsonville - as the Church of St Francis of Assisi.

There is much to do between now and then. Let's make these events memory-filled, memorable and meaningful!

Small core groups from each church community are being formed to organise the respective church closures.

These groups will:

- coordinate the events/rituals/liturgies of closure
- liaise and consult with liturgy groups, music groups, parishioners and our Schools
- source histories/photos etc
- secure catering (if needed)
- consider invitees (former clergy, parishioners)

If you would like to help organise these major faith events in the life of our parish you would be very welcome! Contact people are set out below.

Please contact the person connected with your particular church - or otherwise the Parish Office:

St Andrew's: William Nobelen, Colleen Campbell, Lorraine Dias, Kai Mei

St Benedict's: Robyn Radomski

Ss Peter and Paul: Wendy Cleaver, Pat Collier

Parish Office: office@stfrancisohariu.nz Ph: 04 478 7137

In a process symbolic of our coming together as one parish, the three groups will communicate and coordinate around the closures – and then combine to organize the ceremonies surrounding the opening of our new Parish Church of St Francis of Assisi!

Parish Information

Welcome - On behalf of the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu, we welcome Edmund Becker who is being received into full Communion in our Church this Saturday Vigil at St Andrews.

Edmund's been a member of St Andrew's community for the last couple of years and has been preparing for this next step.

Congratulations to Edmund and welcome to full Communion with us all.

Children's Liturgy is Returning to 9am Mass at St Benedict's Church - It has been a long break but Children's Liturgy is finally starting up again at the 9am Mass at St Benedict's Church in Term 4.

Our first session will be on **Sunday 23 October 2022**, so bring your children or grandchildren (or any other children) so they can join in and learn about God's message of the day in a child friendly format.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Lai (calai@outlook.co.nz) or the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy Commencement NOTICE

The Children's Liturgy at **Ss Peter and Paul Church** will recommence at the 10.30a.m Mass Sunday, 6th November.

We look forward to seeing all the children again.

Anointing Mass

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish is having an Anointing Mass at Ss Peter & Paul Church at **11.00am, Wednesday, 26th October**.

There will be a cup of tea afterwards. All welcome.

PARISH ARCHIVES

Clive Sowry [St. Benedicts] and Pat Collier [St. Peter and Pauls] are working to collect and collate the archives of all 3 communities in our St Francis of Assisi parish Ohariu.

If someone with knowledge of St. Andrews would like to join us we would be most appreciative. Please contact Pat [02102989504] or email tchpat.collier@gmail.com

In addition if anyone who has photos or information we could add to our archives please contact Pat as above.

Parish Information

Art Session - The children's art session for migrant children last week was a great success.

The session was arranged as a parish outreach activity specifically to migrant families, as a fun way for children to build up connections and friendships.

Under the guidance of artist Sam Walker, the children produced some wonderfully creative birds' nests and masks.



Confirmation Programmes 2022 - The final session for the Sunday preparation course will be held on:

Sunday 16th October 10:15am - 11:45 in St Benedict's Church

Confirmation Mass will now be held **Sunday, October 30th at Ss Peters and Paul Church at 10:30am.**

Please Note - Unfortunately, the Cardinal is now unavailable for the Saturday, 5pm Mass at St Benedict's Church, so this Mass will no longer take place. All confirmations will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on Sunday, 30th October. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Help make this Christmas a happier one for a child in need

Spare a thought for a child to whom Christmas feels like an empty promise.

St Vincent de Paul invites you to bring a smile to a child's face by gifting an article of new clothing or a toy to our **Christmas 2022 Children's Clothing & Toy Appeal**.

You can gift an item at our local shops:
4 Broderick Road, Johnsonville or
18 Broderick Road, Khandallah



Parish Information

Remembrance Liturgy – St Benedict's

Each year, St Benedict's holds a Remembrance Mass on the first Sunday of November to remember our deceased parishioners and family members.

This year, at our Remembrance Liturgy on Sunday 6 November we will also remember those who passed away in 2021, as we had to cancel due to Covid.

As we may be unaware of all recent bereavements in 2022 and 2021, you are invited to contact Robyn Radomski, ph: 027 201 8766, email: robynrad71@gmail.com with details of name, date of death and their relationship to you so we can include them in the liturgy.

While we do remember, in a special way, those parishioners who have passed away during the previous year, you are invited to remember any of your deceased loved ones. You may like to bring a funeral order of service, a photo or a memento of that person who has been loved by you and your family. These can be placed on the altar before Mass.

Candles will also be shared with the congregation before Mass begins.

St Benedict's attendees will find in the foyer a clipboard with purple paper on which they can write the names of those deceased whom they wish to be prayed for during November.

Onslow Catholic Women's League



All Onslow CWL members are very warmly invited to the branch Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25 October at **2pm** in the foyer of St Benedict's Church; committee members will provide afternoon tea.

We encourage as many members as possible to attend, as there are some important decisions to discuss and to make about the future of Onslow CWL branch when St Benedict's Church closes in early 2023. We look forward to seeing you there!

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

TIME CAPSULE. – Fragments from the History of Our Parish.

No.3. Five Funerals and a Wedding, 1884-1885.

Probably the saddest sight in the Catholic Cemetery in Ohariu Valley is the headstone with the names of four children and their mother who all died in the same year, 1885. It was an outbreak of diphtheria that claimed them. The first to die, Laura Isabella Haggerty, was just two and a half years old. Her five-year-old brother, Joseph Jeremiah, died about a month later. Their mother, Marion, 36-year-old wife of John Haggerty, died almost three weeks later. During the month following William James, aged 7 years, and Catherine Mary, aged 6 years, also died. John Haggerty survived the outbreak and lived to the age of 83 years.

A happier event occurred a year earlier when what is believed to be the first Catholic wedding in Ohariu Valley took place at St. Joseph's Church. The marriage notice published in the daily newspaper, *New Zealand Times*, of 10 January, 1884, gave the bare facts:

MARRIAGE.

Kilsby—Bassett — On the 6th January, at St. Joseph's Church, Ohariu, George, eldest son of Mr George Kilsby, to Mary, third daughter of Mr Thomas Bassett, both of Ohariu.

George Kilsby was a 28-year-old farmer. Mary Bassett, who was 27 years old, lived next door to the church which had been built largely due the initiative of her father.

The celebrant was Father John McNamara from St. Mary's Cathedral Parish, Thorndon. Another Thorndon priest, Father Power, officiated at the second Ohariu Catholic wedding in 1888. At that time, the Ohariu Catholic community looked to the Thorndon Parish for pastoral support. Shortly after this the pastoral care of Ohariu Valley was assigned to the Lower Hutt Parish under Father Lane.

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[Footnote: The Catholic Cemetery is at 569 Ohariu Valley Road. Physically-fit pilgrims wishing to walk there from Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville, via the Old Coach Road, should allow about one and a quarter hours one-way. Pilgrims from St. Andrew's should allow an additional 20 minutes. Intrepid pilgrims from St. Benedict's, travelling via Tarikaka (Mount Kaukau) should allow a further hour and forty minutes.]

Other Events/Notices

World Mission Sunday

Sunday 23 October is World Mission Sunday in the Catholic Church world-wide, and the bishops are asking everyone to donate to Missio Aotearoa, which represents the Pontifical Mission Societies in New Zealand with generating spiritual, material and financial support for those working in mission and Third World territories.

World Mission Sunday is also a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event. Everything you give to Missio Aotearoa helps missionaries continue their work.

Donate directly to Missio Aotearoa WMS appeal here: <https://missio.nz/donate/>

Learn more about this appeal here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/wms2022>

Thank You Luncheon Invite From the Johnsonville Combined Churches Op Shop - Thursday 20th October 2022 at 12.30pm

In the Friendship Lounge at Johnsonville Community Centre.

Please bring: A donation to the Foodbank

RSVP by 17th October to: Yvette Elliston, email: ycelliston@gmail.com or Ph: 021 605 754 or your coordinator.



YOU'RE INVITED TO

CHALLENGE 2000'S
FUNDRAISER

QUIZ

FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

NIGHT

JOHNSONVILLE BOWLING CLUB,
34 FRANKMOORE AVENUE

6 people per team, \$15 donation per person



Make up a team, or contact us and we will put you in one!

Nibbles provided & drinks available for purchase.

To register your team contact:
emmamiddleton@challenge200.org.nz

All proceeds will go toward our foodbank.

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Christine Cleaver, Eliza Agulto

Prayers for the Sick: Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Robyn Clarke, Jessie Hensen, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, 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.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 15th October - Sunday 23rd October

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 15th Oct - 5pm Vigil
Mass

Sat: 22nd Oct - 5pm Vigil
Mass

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 9.00am - Word &
Communion
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
Sun: 9.00am - Mass

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

Sun: 10.30am - Mass
Mon: 9.00 - Liturgy
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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Parish Bank Account for Donations:

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