



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Easter Sunday 17th April 2022 Year C

Readings: *Acts 10:34,37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9*

Easter Sunday

It is important that the Easter Triduum, from the Mass of the Lord's supper to the Easter Vigil is seen as 'one liturgy'. We remember that over three days Jesus launched the Kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven".

At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the family meal we re-enact over and over as the "source and summit" of our Christian life. In John's account, by the washing of his disciples' feet Jesus demonstrates that the only ministerial authority is the authority of service.

What happened the following day, the day we call 'Good Friday' is, as one commentator puts it, "simple: though fathomless in its implications".

Crucifixion is an act of incredible abuse on every level. Jesus's last shout from the cross, "it is done", or in some translations, "it is accomplished", is the completion of his vocation.

Jesus embodies the love of God, and acts as a personal expression of that love throughout his life, and all the way to his death. He dies under the accumulated forces of evil, so that now at last the Kingdom can come to its fullness: a new power is let loose, the power of self-giving love.

Jesus's resurrection happens in and within the natural world: we believe it to be a bodily, real-world resurrection because of the testimony of those first Christians who experienced it with their eyes and ears and hands, as well as in their hearts. They shared meals with the Risen Jesus. Without the resurrection Jesus's life and words would have remained good advice, not 'good news' (gospel).

What is accomplished over those three days is nothing short of what many have called a revolution: it can actually be "on earth as it is in heaven". The last scene in the New Testament doesn't have earth going to heaven, it has heaven coming to earth!

Easter reminds us that as disciples of Jesus, we too are called to be a revolutionary people.

People of a kingdom hard won for us. **Joe Green**

Holy Week

Holy Thursday (sometimes referred to as Maundy Thursday after the Latin mandatum or command to love one another, is a day when Christians commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus.

In some traditions, there is the washing of the feet of various members of the community to recall a gesture of Christ at the Last Supper when he washed the feet of his disciples. This is a sign of the need to do more to love one another and to serve all people, especially the poor.



Good Friday is a solemn day on which Christians recall the death of Jesus and its promise of hope and new life. In some traditions a wooden cross is set up and people spend time meditating before it.

Other people make the Stations of the Cross a devotion that recalls the journey of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows) in Jerusalem to Calvary where he was crucified. (In Jerusalem the place of Christ's death and resurrection is commemorated inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.)

Many Christians keep this devotion but also see in the suffering of Jesus a reminder to be more concerned for the suffering of people in today's world. For many Christians, this day is also a day of fasting and penance.



Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. While our society puts a major emphasis on Christmas, no other day is traditionally as sacred for the Christian community as Easter. This is the day Christians commemorate the resurrection of Christ.

In some traditions, the services begin the night before with the lighting of a new fire and the blessing of a large Easter candle. Water is blessed and many are baptized. But for all Christians, this is a day to renew one's faith.

In the Catholic Church, there is a sprinkling of all people with the newly blessed Easter water as a sign of renewal of our baptismal commitment. In many Christians communities, Easter is celebrated at a sunrise service early on Easter morning. Easter usually ends with festive celebrations with special foods and Easter delicacies. **Pete sm**



Holy Week Timetable

	St Andrew's	St Benedict's	Ss Peter & Paul
Holy Thursday		Thursday, 14 th April 7.00pm - Mass	Thursday, 14 th April 7.00pm - Mass
Good Friday	Friday, 15 th April 3.00pm - Liturgy	Friday, 15 th April 3.00pm - Liturgy	Friday, 15 th April 3.00pm - Liturgy
Easter Vigil		Saturday, 16 th April 8.00pm Mass	
Easter Sunday		Sunday, 17 th April 9.00am - Mass	Sunday, 17 th April 10.30am - Mass

What does Linda Birch (Principal of St Brigid's) and the Huia Feather have in common?

The huia feather is a revered treasure for Māori and **symbolises leadership and mana, wisdom, elegance and great dignity.**

The feathers from the tail of the huia were particularly prized and were worn in the hair or around the neck by both men and women.



The wearing of the Huia feather was seen as a person of great honour and a person deeply revered

On Thursday, Linda stood before her staff, students, parents, board members and friends and was presented with a most beautiful ceramic of the Huia feather.

What more gracious symbol could be passed onto Linda in thanksgiving for her 6 years as Principal of St Brigid's Catholic School Johnsonville.

Linda, with your staff you have paved the way for our young people to grow in faith together, to grow in faith and belief in themselves and in others, to grow in faith in a God never to be 'feared' but to be embraced as a friend.

With your Leadership along with the leadership of all your staff, you have sown these seeds of a living faith. This is the most important grounding a young person can have. From this they will have the confidence to learn, to accept, to grow, to forgive and achieve.

The world will always teach us fear. Jesus will always command us to love. And when we seek the spiritual good of another, we at last forget our fears and ourselves.

The Parish community of St Peter and Paul's Ohariu, and the wider community say farewell and thank you.

It happens at times, that children are not the best at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

On behalf our Parish (Pete Roe SM)

St Brigid's Stations of the Cross Lenten Art Project

Students from the whole school undertook a project to depict the stations of the cross through art. Last week students, parents and teachers spent time admiring the beautiful artwork and reflecting and learning about all the Stations.

The Stations of the Cross was really fun especially since I have never done it before but I loved doing it for the first time. **Anna.**

I have done lots of learning about the Stations of the Cross, I just can't fit it all in. But it was very fun to learn and I would encourage people to learn about it. **Sophia.**

We had to read about the Stations with a microphone. Everybody read their part very well. We had to stand in front of the art. We all went to different Stations and read different parts. I really liked all of them. In the beginning I didn't know anything about the Stations of the Cross but now, I know all of them. **Ysa.**



Baptisms in the Parish

The parish has a number of young people to be baptised.

Recognising this pastoral need Cardinal John Dew has asked Joe Green, in his capacity as a Lay Pastoral Leader, to assist.

Joe has been given the faculties under section 861 of Canon Law for six months to baptise in the place of a Bishop, Priest or Deacon.

Joe is currently completing formation for this responsibility.

As from late April, Fr Pete Roe and Joe will be working together to baptise our young people.

Sacramental Programme 2022

Registration brochures are available in the church foyers. They are also available through our schools and on the parish website. [Click here](#).



The programmes offer preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion/Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Youth Ministry team will also arrange the Sacrament of Baptism if that is wanted. Any questions please call **Kitty ph; 021491459 or Angela/Helen at the Parish Office 04 4787137**.

Thanks to those who have offered to help with the programme so far. Everyone is welcome to be involved.

YOU are invited to an ANZAC PEACE YOUTH MASS on APRIL 24th at 10.30am at Ss Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville.

The Mass will be organised by the Challenge 2000 Youth Ministry Team.

The theme is “**We will remember their Service and Sacrifice**”.

Children and young people are encouraged to wear their grandparents' medals. Everyone is encouraged to wear a red ANZAC poppy or white peace poppy.

If you have any family photos/ items that you would like to place on our altar centrepiece, then please bring these to the church from 9.30 am on.

Also, if you would like to be involved in any way: prayers, music, readings or if you can play an instrument or a trumpet for the Last Post and Reveille then contact Mihi or Kitty or the Parish office.

Covid willing we will share ANZAC biscuits and a cup of tea after the Mass in the hall or outside. All are welcome.



Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou : We will remember them

Tax Receipts / New Envelopes

We are currently finalising parishioners tax receipts for year end 31st March 2022. These will be sent out to you in the coming weeks. Further details on how these will be distributed, will be communicated through the newsletter.

Upcoming Events/Notices

Easter Holy Water

We are being cautious during this Covid pandemic. The Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil will not be available on the Saturday night.

From Easter Sunday on, if you bring your own container we will be pleased to provide the newly blessed Holy Water for your private use.



Onslow Catholic Women's League

We haven't been able to meet for a while, but please come and join us for an afternoon get-together on Tuesday, 26th April at 2pm in the foyer of St Benedict's Church, to have a chat and to reconnect! (Please note the change of time from our usual meetings)

Afternoon tea will be provided, and we hope very much to see you. If you would like a lift, please call either Margaret Morris on 478 2939 or Ita Delahunty on 479 6448.

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Lent Preparation

During this Lenten time, the National Liturgy Office is featuring a page of preparation for liturgies for each Sunday in Lent. Please click here for details: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/>

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on **Thursday 28th April 2022** starting 7:30pm sharp followed by a cuppa.

Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets.

Speaker: Peter Ewart SM, Chaplain for Joshua Wellington on the Joshua 2022 3-in-1 theme: "Fix your eyes on Jesus... Faith, Present Jesus to the World... Love, Seeing beyond the storm... Hope". Want to know more?

Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555, or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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: Trevor Adams

Prayers for the Sick: Mike Coghlan, Ann Zouch, Gerard van der Kaa, Myra Oh, Rosemary Molloy, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank McGuire, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Peter O'Connell.

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 friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Monday 18th April—Friday 22nd April

For EASTER please refer to the timetable in the newsletter

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

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

Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy
Wed: 11.00am - Liturgy
with cup of tea
Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy
Fri: 9.00am - Liturgy

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