



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time, 17th July 2022 Year C
Readings: *Genesis 18:1-10, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42*

There is need of only one thing

The protagonists of today's Gospel are two women.

Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem and on the journey, he stops in a village at the home of Martha and Mary.

The evangelist, Luke, describes the reception that the two sisters give to Jesus: Martha fulfils the traditional role of housekeeper and '*was distracted by her many tasks*' as she provides hospitality, while Mary '*sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying*'.

The message could be reduced to contrasting active and contemplative life, almost as if they were two alternative religious approaches.

However, both Martha and Mary love Jesus and want to serve him.

In the Gospel, in fact, it is not said that prayer and listening to the Word are more important than charity, but rather that we need to find a way to link these two loves in an indissoluble way.

Who knows how many opportunities we have to welcome the Master into the intimacy of our home, just like Martha and Mary, and to sit listening at his feet like true disciples.

Often our worries, illnesses, commitments and even joys and satisfactions plunge us into a whirlwind of things to do, leaving us no time to stop and recognise the Lord and listen to him.

This Word is a precious opportunity to practise choosing the better part, that is, listening to his Word and acquiring that inner freedom that enables us to act accordingly in our daily lives.

It can help us to carry out actions that are the fruit of a loving relationship that gives meaning to service and listening.



Anna Franceschini

Property Review Decision from Cardinal John

Dear fellow parishioners,

We know that a clear path forward has been years in the making – and for many it has been years in the waiting! Acknowledging this, the LFT wish to report that Cardinal John has now responded to our SFOA parish property review and proposal.

Decision:

After consulting with his Council of Priests, +John has given his decision that our Parish's main centre of worship – our church for the future – should be situated in Johnsonville.

In communicating his decision +John has made the following main points:

- Our future church should be able to accommodate the weekend Mass count in no more than two Masses.
- Consideration should be given to closing St Benedict's and St Andrew's in the near future. (No timeframes are specified.)
- Maintenance expenditure on these two churches should be avoided.
- What happens with the Newlands and Khandallah properties (churches and presbyteries) will be determined by the parish.
- Time frames proposed by the parish for actions should be shortened. Major change benefits from momentum.
- The parish should provide resources to ensure accommodation for a Diocesan Priest.
- Future needs of the two schools and Catholic education must be considered.
- Priority should be given to funding a new church without debt.
- Many difficulties and issues arise around parish involvement in social housing. Any involvement needs to be deeply considered.

Parish Information

- In due course, consideration should be given to possible Parish boundary changes to bring Crofton Downs (and possibly Ngaio) within either the Otari or Cathedral parish (because of those suburbs' closer proximity to their churches).

Next steps:

These decisions - whether or not anticipated - will bring great sadness and sense of loss to many. There will be lots of questions about the implementation of the decision and +John's related recommendations. At this stage we may not have all the answers.

Over the next few weeks – and to the extent that COVID restrictions allow – we will hold public meeting(s) for the Parish to consider these decisions/ recommendations, their implementation and their consequences (especially pastoral).

We will also prepare and post on the Property Review page of the parish website a list of FAQs and their answers.

The LFT will work towards establishing a governance group to manage the various work streams that will need to be progressed as a result of this decision. Details of each work stream will be available in the next few weeks. It will be essential that parishioners are involved. Please consider if you have skills and experience to contribute to the success of this in the next few years (and contact the Parish Office or a Parish leader).

+John's communication was addressed to Fr Pete and others in Parish Leadership. We have approached +John to seek whether or in what form we can pass on his communication in hard copy to parishioners.

Finally:

...and above all, we would ask you to:

- mull prayerfully over +John's decision and recommendations,
- embrace this new direction for our local church here in St Francis of Assisi Parish,
- see it as a time of grace, gratitude, growth – and HOPE!
- support and love one another – and particularly those of us who will experience this as a time of grief and loss.

Leadership Formation Team (LFT)

Parish Information

First Holy Communion

Last weekend 25 children from the Parish Community made their First Holy Communion at St Benedict's Church.

The Mass was a beautiful celebration of this Sacrament.

Many thanks to all those families who have guided and supported their children throughout this process and to those who have led the programme.



Congratulations to all the children.

Sacramental Programme

Our next First Communion will be at **Ss Peter and Paul Church:**
Sunday 24th July, 2pm

As Covid is affecting many of our parishioners at the moment, arrangements can also be made for the children to make their First Communion at other masses if necessary. So don't stress or worry if your child is unwell, you will be cared for.

If you would like any further information please contact the parish office, **Kitty or Gemma** or check out the parish website. [Click here.](#)

Grandparents and Elderly Sunday - 24th July - This day has been declared by the Pope because it is the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of Ss Joachim and Anne.

There will be a cup of tea after the 10.30am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church on this day.

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 St Andrew's community.

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

Parish Information

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.



Other Events/Notices

Volunteers Required

The Johnsonville Op Shop is looking for some more volunteers for our Monday clean up and we are holding a training session on **Monday, 1st August at 2pm**. So if you would like to meet some new people and learn how the Op Shop is run please come along. The more the merrier!

Please contact Yvette at ycelliston@gmail.com or ring or text on ph: 021 605 754.

We are at the back of the Johnsonville Community Centre next to the Spot.

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Other Events/Notices

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.
Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/mary-of-nazareth/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Lamb of God Christian Community - Life in the Spirit Seminar

When: Saturday 23rd July (9:30am – 4:40pm)

Sunday 24th July (1:30pm – 4:30pm)

Where: St. John's Anglican Church

18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/SvcjFkBPg7E8TiCb6>

Contact Email: lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com

Ignatian Retreat In Daily Life

The Wellington Christian Life Community invites you to an Ignatian First Spiritual Exercise retreat in daily life.

The retreat is open to all and will be held at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street Island Bay, Wellington, over five Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. – 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August, and 4 September 2022

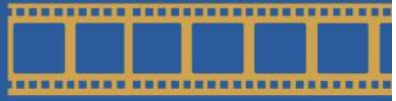
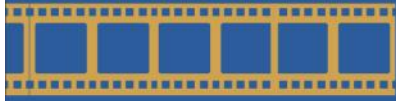
The cost (including materials) is \$50, but sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you for attending.

To register or for further information
contact Sarah Dench on 021 0814 4424
or email christianlifecommunitywgtn@gmail.com

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School - Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 30/12/22 until 8/01/23!

You can register at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration or find out more at our website or on our social media.



CHALLENGE 2000
WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

MOVIE FUNDRAISER

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS HELPING FAMILIES THIS WINTER
WHO ARE FACING CHALLENGES



What: To watch Dame Whina Cooper and her extraordinary life

Where: Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn

When: Wednesday 20th July 7:30pm.
Please arrive at 7:15 at the latest.

Price: \$20 per ticket bank transferred into 01-0519-0057660-46 with your name as the reference.

Bring cash for our raffle! \$2 per ticket, \$5 for 3.

Please RSVP with the number of tickets to info@challenge2000.org.nz by Thursday 14th July



Seasons for Growth Small Group Program for Adults - For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences. Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults with companion Bridgett Parkin:

- **Dates:** 4th September, six consecutive Sundays, 2.00-4.30pm
- **Venue:** Wilton (venue on application)
- **Cost:** \$40.
- **Registration** by email closes Wednesday, 23rd August.

For information please email - seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Anniversaries: Paul Andrew Coghlan, Jose Lopez, Jennifer Estaris

Prayers for the Sick: Joanne Gordon, 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,

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

Saturday 16th July - Saturday 23rd July

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 16th July - Word & Communion

Sat: 23rd July - 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: 9.30am - 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 - Mass

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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