



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Fifth Week Ordinary Time, 18th September 2022 Year C

Readings: Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13

The Ultimate Price

Jesus paid the ultimate price when he gave his life as a ransom for all. Paul tells Timothy God "Wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth." The truth is this – God is love and God's essential command is to "love one another as I have loved you."

Love is the currency of the ransom Jesus paid with his life and love is the currency of the debt we owe in the way we live our lives.

Everything we have in this world including life itself is a gift and everything including money is essentially good.

It's how we use the goods of our world, including money, that matters.

Amos spoke out against people who use money to oppress and enslave other people and to rob others of a fair deal in their trading of goods. There is the flavour of the capitalist in Amos' words when he describes those who make a God of money by focusing on amassing financial wealth whether by fair or by devious means.

Luke tells us, "No one can be the slave of two masters. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money."

Let's each do a reckoning today. Does the currency of love run through all the ways I use the world's resources including money, so that others with whom I relate experience love in terms of respect, justice and equality?

What have we got to lose? After all we can't take it with us! \$\$\$\$

Judy McCormack

Parish Information

FROM THE LFT

We have listened - and we have heard!

A number of parishioners have expressed disappointment at the time for our Parish Property Meeting on 25th September. Sunday tea time is not a good time!

SO - definitely, finally - our meeting will now take place:

- **At Khandallah Town Hall**
- **From 2.00pm - 4.00pm, Sunday 25th September**

We will be arranging transport from St Andrew's Church and Ss Peter & Paul Church.

Bus pick up details:

1.15pm - Pick up Parishioners at St Andrew's Church, Newlands

1.30pm - Pick up Parishioners at Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Johnsonville

1.45pm, - Arrive at Khandallah Town Hall

Bus drop off details:

4.00pm - Collect from Khandallah Town Hall and return

4.15pm - Drop off Ss Peter & Paul's Church, then St Andrew's Church

If you would like to join us on the bus, please indicate your interest to the office, so we can have an understanding of numbers.

Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs")

FAQs relating to the Property Project are now available [here](#).

Property Project – Human Resources

Please consider whether you have skills and experience (eg: pastoral, governance, project management, property, construction, architectural, financial, legal) to contribute to the success of the property project over the next few years (and contact the Parish Office or a Parish leader).

Email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz

Parish Information

Update - As per the Government's decision this week, NZ has now moved out of the Traffic Light Framework.

Following this decision, Cardinal John Dew has put out a letter on previously suspended Mass practices. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference have also published a letter.

Please [click here](#) for Cardinal's John Dew's letter.

Please [click here](#) for NZ Catholic Bishops Conference letter.

Welcome

Please welcome members of the Pastoral Advisory Group. Our new team of Parishioners who will be providing pastoral advice to Fr Pete & Joe Green.

Meeting minutes and activities will be available to view on our website soon.

Members of Pastoral Advisory Group:

Lucienne is an experienced ICPE missionary, trained Lay Pastoral Leader endorsed by Cardinal, one of the Archdiocese of Wellington Church Mission team.

Natasha has a background in organisational development (change and culture). She is a senior public sector manager. BOT member and proprietor rep at a catholic school.

Scott is a lawyer. Offers reflections at St Andrew's.

Jacqui is the Director of Religious Studies at St Benedict's school.

Mike is a Catholic teacher at St Benedict's school.

Robert is in ministry formation (scripture, theology, Pastoral, spiritual). He is active in rest home and hospital ministry.

Fiona is the Director of Religious Studies at St Brigid's school. She is a member of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council.

Petrus is a trained and experienced ICPE missionary. He and his wife Mely have recently agreed to set up a welcoming ministry for new parishioners to the parish.

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Ss Peter & Paul Ministry Roster

These are being compiled this week for the Sundays from 9th October through to 11th December.

If you know you are going to be away on any of those Sundays, please let me know by Friday. Many thanks. Wendy.

Email - cleaver@actrix.co.nz

Confirmation Programmes 2022 - Confirmation programme has begun.

The next sessions and options are listed below.

Option 1 - St Ben's School, Sunday mornings

Sunday 18th September 10:15am - 11:45am

Sunday 25th September 10:15am - 11:45am

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



Option 2 - Ss Peter and Paul Church, Sunday afternoons

Sunday 18th September 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 25th September 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 16th October 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Option 3 - School Holiday Confirmation Programme, Ss Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville on Tuesday 4th October, 10:00am-4:00pm. Please bring lunch.

Confirmation Masses will be held at St Benedict's Church at 5pm on Saturday 29th of October and on Sunday October 30th at Ss Peters and Paul Church at 10:30am.

Please contact the Parish office for a Registration Form or [click here](#) to download. Email back to the Parish office stating which Option your child/young person prefers. If you require additional information, please text/email or call Kitty McKinley.

Also if you can volunteer to help with the programme, would like a role at the Masses, wish to share your artistic talent or music/vocal talent then please get involved. Training, preparation is offered and support/skill is always welcomed.

Please pray for our children and community as they take this next important step on their faith journey.

Parish Information

Ohariu Parish Feast Day

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi will be celebrated on Saturday, 1st October and Sunday 2nd October.

For this Parish Feast Day, **MASS** will be celebrated in all 3 communities at the normal Mass times.



Season of Creation Week 3

Have a digital free day this week.



At SS Peter and Pauls during the Season of Creation we will collect your soft plastics for you. All must be empty and dry. Bread bags, frozen food bags, toilet paper packaging, Courier bags, anything that can be scrunched into a ball.

Please put them into the black bin in the walkway marked SOFT PLASTICS and we will deliver them to New World at Churton Park or Newlands.

CHRISTMAS HAS COME EARLY TO SAINT ANDREW'S!

Our Newlands Saint Vincent de Paul Conference will be distributing food and essential item parcels to our whānau earlier than usual this year. A late mid-winter Christmas and an early Christmas koha if you like.

If you would like to assist you can donate any kai, essential goods or putea (Cash donation) to our Conference before the last weekend in September.

We have been lucky to receive some kai from the recent Food Bank drive, in Kilbirnie and so the only items we **do not** require are Cornflakes, Ricies and bars of soap.

Please keep our Conference in your prayers as these are the most important of the gifts you give us. Kia ora.

If you are in need and would like to receive one of these packages please email marie.paurini@outlook.com in confidence.

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Parish Information

The Parish Jubilee Book is available to purchase at all three Churches.

Order forms are available in the foyers. They can be put in the collection basket at Mass or sent to the office.

For further information please contact the Parish Office,
Ph: 04 478 7137 or email: bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz



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

No.1. **The First Mass in Ohariu Valley, 1873.**

The following two small notices appeared in the Wellington daily newspaper, *The Evening Post*, on 24 October 1873.

A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE CHAPEL is about to be erected in Ohariu Valley in memory of the late lamented and much-esteemed Bishop Viard. To gratify a wish expressed on his death-bed "that his love and devotedness to the great St Joseph should be remembered," this little Chapel will be called by that name, St. Joseph's. Subscriptions towards it will be thank-fully received by the Rev Father Cummins, St. Mary's.

ON Sunday next, Feast of the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin, Ohariu Valley, is to be specially dedicated to St. Joseph. The children of the Valley are to repair in procession to the site set apart for the Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at eleven o'clock.

It was probably this Mass held on Sunday 26 October that was being recalled by Brother Alphonse McKenny S.M. (1868-1944) in the following reminiscence published in the *Marist Messenger* in 1940.

Father Cummins, S.M., said Mass in a tent on the site of the church in Ohariu, the land for the said site being donated by one of the settlers. That Mass was celebrated in a truly sylvan setting, for though the site and its entourage was cleared land, small trees, boughs, and forest flora in profusion had been transported from the native bush nearby, and set up in the ground as decorations on each side of the tent, as well as lining the approaches to it.

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Other Events/Notices

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.



Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy* Online Sessions (Evening)

Living Waters – in Judaism with Dr Leonard Bloksberg.

Monday, 19 September, 7-8.30pm.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/living-waters-in-judaism/>

Living Waters – in Christianity with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 26 September, 7-8.30pm.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/living-waters-in-christianity/>

Fee: \$25/session or \$45/series of 2 sessions

Joshua Wellington Men's One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion,
Island Bay on Saturday 29th October 8:30am to 5pm.

Theme: 'Peace, hope and healing through Jesus for our brokenness'

Retreat leader: Brendan Malone, Director of LifeNET NZ.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555

email: joshua.watn@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Anniversaries: John Collier, Ray Vaughan, Keith Mettrick

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. We also pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 17th September - Sunday 25th September

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 17th Sept - 5pm Word & Communion

Sat: 24th Sept - 5pm 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: 9.00am - Liturgy
Fri: Exposition 8.30am and Liturgy at 9.00am
Sun: 9.00am - Word & Communion

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 - 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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