



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Seventh Week Ordinary Time, 19th February 2023, Year A

Readings: Levit 19:1-2,17-18, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

Readings for Opening Mass: Deuteronomy 10: 11-15, Acts 1: 7-13, Matthew 9:14-17

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Church

19th February 2023

Today we are called to return to the pattern of our faith and the pattern of reality: that things die and things resurrect and both are good teachers.

Christ must be recognized and welcomed in both places - in the dying of things, and in the ecstasy and the loveliness of things to come.

Nothing is impossible with God.

The way down always teaches us;

We need times where the soul is broken and we need some place we can go and weep and mourn.

But we must have healthy people there who don't let us sink into that negativity as a way of life.

As people of the church, we are called to be that New Wine within New Skins of transformation who witness and accompany change with the wisdom of the soul.

Pete



Parish Information

St Andrew's Church - Closing Mass Saturday, 11th February 2023

"The people of Saint Andrews's, past and present parishioners, priests, and their supporters, gathered together on Saturday night to farewell their church but not each other.

Anna Mika-Hunt gave a kōrero at the end of the Mass which spoke to the hearts of all those present." [Click here for kōrero](#) **Marie Paurini**



**St Benedict's Church - Closing Mass
Sunday, 12th February 2023**

Thank you for all the hard work that went into the Mass and Vigil for the closing of St Benedict's Church last weekend. Many people have said how moving it was, and how they were pleased that they came along. Many were parishioners from years ago who came back for the final time. It is the end of an era, and this weekend the beginning of a new one. Here's hoping that the strong community spirit we have at St Ben's can be carried on, expanded and grown in the new church community. **Robyn Radomski**



Parish Information

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Church Opening Mass

Sunday, 19th February. 11am

Here we go! This Sunday.....

We gather as ONE for Mass at our newly refurbished church of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu



Please note:

- come early and gather *outside* the church (there will be seats available for those who need them)
- we will all process into the church together
- (people with health or mobility limitations can enter the church early but we want as many as possible to join our procession)

This is a new start – old friends make new friends, regulars meet newcomers, gifts of self and services are offered and received

We are making new wine and putting it into new wineskins!

Please join us for lunch and hospitality after Mass - pork, lamb and coleslaw buns and refreshments



Parking on Sunday

For those attending the opening Mass this Sunday, please note - St Brigid's School playground will be open for parking. If possible, could we leave the church carpark spaces for some of the elderly and less able parishioners.

We look forward to seeing you at our opening Mass, 11am, Sunday, 19th February.

Parish Information

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday [22nd February] is the beginning of Lent.

An Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 11.00a.m in our Parish Church of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu. We look forward to seeing you to begin our Lenten journey for 2023.

There will be no morning tea. Our usual morning teas will recommence, Wednesday, 1st March.

Ash Wednesday - Ecumenical Service

This Wednesday, 22 February 2023, there will be an Ecumenical Service involving the Parishes of the Christian Churches in the northern suburbs.

The service will be held at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Church and begin at 7.30pm.

All are very welcome.

Tea and coffee to follow the service.

Visit the Church

After the liturgies on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings next week - 20th - 24th Feb, the church will be open until 10.00am for everyone who wishes to visit to see the refurbishment.

Greetings all from the Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

This Tuesday February 21st we are beginning our school Liturgies in the church again for our amazing St Brigid's pupils.

They start at 9:15 and finish at 9:45 am.

Our theme this week is GET READY. Ready for the 40 days of Lent and ready for 2023.

If you would like any further info please contact Ana: 021480478. We'd love to see you there praying with our children.

Parish Information

Weekend Mass Schedule from 25/26 February

This weekend we move to a single church with a new Weekend Mass schedule.

Please note that from 25/26 February onwards our Mass times will be as follows:

5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

and

10am Sunday Mass

at

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Church
37 Dr Taylor Terrace
Johnsonville

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.



Parish Information

Cyclone Gabrielle

Our thoughts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters throughout the North Island as they cope with the current challenges, trauma, loss and devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle.



The Outreach Committee is also thinking about how we may be able to help in a practical way as well.

If you have any thoughts or ideas about this please contact Jo-Anne Carley on 022 300 7413 or Kitty McKinley 021491459.

Corinthians Passionist Family Group - First get-together for 2023.
Hosted by Judith Shroff at Malvina Major on Sunday, 19 February at 5.00pm.

More details next week. Please reply to judithshroff@gmail.com or txt 0212031144 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Lenten Reflection Group

During Lent, there will be a weekly Lenten Reflection Group, every Friday at 10.30am. This will be held at Pat Collier's house. This will begin on 24th February.

If you would like to join this group, please register with the office, email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz.

Lent

This Lent our Parish outreach group will be offering Lenten reflection groups focussing on how each of us can be the light of the world in our communities.

For more information contact Jo-Anne Carley, Phone: 022 300 7413, Email: jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz

Malvina Major - Lenten Group

Those at Malvina Major who are interested in joining a Lenten reflection, please contact Judith Shroff - ph: 021 203 1144

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Prayers for the Sick: Jessie Hensen, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Robyn Clarke, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Margaret Blight, Fr Maurice Carmody, Penelope Corich, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, , Fr Kevin Purcell, Joe Godinet.

Let us pray for all the people of New Zealand affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. At this time, may they find the strength to rebuild their lives and support one another. Let us remember them in all in our prayers.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Sunday 19th February - Sunday 26th February

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sun:	19th Feb	Opening Mass—11.00am
Mon:	20th Feb	9.00am Liturgy
Tue:	21st Feb	9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	22nd Feb	11.00am Mass - Ash Wednesday
Thurs:	23rd Feb	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	24th Feb	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy
Sat:	25th Feb	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	26th Feb	10.00am Mass

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

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