



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twentieth Week Ordinary Time 20th August 2023, Year A
Readings:: Isaiah 56:1,6-7, Romans 11:13-15,29-32, Matthew 15:21-28

Reflection

I was thinking about a bit of commentary and thought on today's gospel reading but then I thought – you know most of us have had that reading explained to us so many times over the years – and THEN I came across this little ditty.

"Farm Street" refers to the Jesuit Fathers' church at Farm Street in London: it was the first Catholic church to be built in England after the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829 – when Catholics were again allowed to practice their religion in England - 295 years after the Reformation. It is a church highly sought after by "High Society" as a location for society weddings. Anyways, I came across this little ditty and if you substitute Johnsonville for Farm street it will still make sense (even if it doesn't scan properly – my Latin lecturer will snigger if she knows I'm talking about scanning- I never could)

Anyhow – and with thanks to Lady Antonia Fraser who wrote it = here goes

Whenever I doubt – I get out and about
To Farm Street I go – the journey is slow
I mutter and murmur, my resolve should be firmer
Doubt? I kick it out

Then I flop down on my chair, they put it specially there
So it's solid and true As I should be too
I pray throughout Mass
Doubt? Kick it out

Suddenly there's a change – just within range
The Host is held high into the church sky
Peace is retrieved
I believe

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe (Jn20:29)

Tony de Joux

Parish Information

St Andrew's and St Benedict's Decrees of Deconsecration

Archbishop Paul has sent the Parish Decrees of Deconsecration for St Andrew's and St Benedict's Churches.

A separate notice has been emailed to parishioners with details. Printed copies will also be available at Masses this weekend.

Objections to the Decrees must be received by Archbishop Paul abp@wn.catholic.org.nz by **Friday 25th August**.

Thomas Davis
Finance Committee Chair

Reverence for Life

The Reverence for Life group exists in our parish to promote a " Culture of Life in which every person, born and unborn, is protected and loved."

One of our activities is every three months to present at Mass the Book of Life. The Book of Life is a record of personal, family, church and community events that celebrate special occasions reflecting a celebration of life.

The Book will next be presented on the weekend of the 9/10th of September.

We welcome contributions to the Book for this presentation. Your contribution of a celebration event not only enriches our Book of Life but it helps to build awareness of the preciousness and dignity of life in all its stages from conception to death.

Please email your article with any photos to Fiona Kearns at email: fionakearnz@gmail.com, or leave a hard copy in the specially marked "Book of Life" container in the church foyer.

Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE

For the Parish Dance. **Saturday, 25th November**more details to follow.



Parish Information

Thank You

This is a huge thank you to everyone who supported the family made homeless by a house fire in the flat above them.

The solo mum, with her toddler son, asked me to pass her heartfelt thanks for the financial donations from St Francis of Assisi Ohariu parishioners. She is humbled and very grateful.

She has now found a place to move to.

Thank you for this support and generosity of love. **Jo-Anne Carley**

Family Mass - 10.00 am on Sunday 17th September

Anyone who would like to participate in this Mass please contact Pat Collier, email: tchpat.collier@gmail.com

On the day please bring food for a shared lunch. The children will receive an ice block after lunch.

Also we encourage you to bring an item of non perishable food for families in need. These can be placed in the basket before Mass and will be presented at the offertory.

Many thanks. **Pat Collier**

Called to Serve - Thank You

A big thank you to all those Parishioners who completed this. We had over 300 responses and offers of help for the various Ministries within our Parish.

Lists have been compiled and you will be contacted over the next few weeks by those leading in the Ministry you have offered your time for.

Thanks you again for your participation and time.

Joe Green



Parish Information

Volunteer Training

Training for those involved in supporting different communities or who would like to be involved in a volunteer ministry is now being offered through our Parish Outreach Committee.

Our Parish and Challenge 2000 is known and respected for the grassroots work we do in our different communities.

As part of this work our second volunteer information and training programme is being held on **Wednesday, August 30th from 7.00-9.00pm** in the Parish Hall.

If you wish to become a volunteer or upskill please contact:

Kitty McKinley - kittymckinley@challenge2000.org.nz , ph: 04 4776827 or

Jo-Anne Carley - jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz or

Parish Office - ph: 04 4787137 with your basic details to register.

ALPHA COURSE Starting Soon!

Alpha is a 10-week series which provides a place to connect with others as you explore the big questions in life. Join us and bring a friend along!

Each evening consists of a shared meal, an episode on a topic of faith, and a chance to ask questions and share ideas in small groups.

Starting on Tuesday 29th August, 6:30pm in our church hall. All are welcome to attend. To register, please email alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz by Tuesday 22nd August.

We look forward to welcoming you to Alpha!

HELPERS NEEDED

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve in the parish community?

Talk to us about becoming a part of the Alpha Team. Helpers are needed for set-up, cooking and/or serving of meals, and clean-up afterwards.

Please see Joe Green if you are interested.



Parish Information

Weekly School Liturgy with The Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, **22nd August**, we will be having our liturgy with St Brigid's School, at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church. It will start at **9:15am**.

Next Thursday, **24th August**, we will be having our liturgy with St Benedict's School, in the library at **9.00am**.

If you would like any further info please contact Ana Baice, ph: 021 227 3754.

All are welcome, we would love to see you there praying with our children.



Sacramental Programme



For those that would like to participate in the Confirmation Programme, sessions have already begun. There will be another session on **Sunday, 20th August from 2.00pm - 4.30pm**. [Click here](#) for full dates.

If you have not already registered and would like to, please [click here](#) for details, or contact Ana Baice on 021 227 3754 or the Parish Office, ph: 04 478 7137.

Confirmation Mass will be held on: **Sunday, 10th September at 2.00pm**.

Prayer Chain

Is someone you know suffering though challenges to health, mental well-being or personal hardship?

St Francis of Assisi Parish has an active **PRAYER CHAIN.....**

Ring Katharina Dobson
(04) 976 9191 or Mob: 027 327 3609

To add your prayer request to the chain.....

And why not join the chain to add your voice to ours?



Parish Information

THE FAITH OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN (MATT:15:21-28)

Faith is often found in the least-expected places. Faith is a matter of the heart, not the head. And God's grace can touch the hearts of some people we might tend to dismiss.

Hymn – Reflection

She Came to Jesus She came to Jesus from
outside the fold — Canaanite woman!
Persistent and bold!

Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see One
who would help her and set her child free.

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by
place.

Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed — For in her asking, her faith
was revealed.

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer. You welcome dreamers
who faithfully dare.

In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends: Those on the outside are
welcomed as friends. **Pete SM**



Other Events/Notices

Notices - Titipounamu Study & Joy

Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 07/14/21 Aug & 04/11/18 Sep, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series. All sessions are connect but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Other Events/Notices

Johnsonville Op Shop

A big thank you to all the parishioners who volunteer at the Johnsonville Op Shop. We really appreciate your time.

We are in need of some volunteers on the Thursday after Sale Day (last Sat of the month) to assist with the clean up and sorting of stock.

Just a couple of hours once a month starting at 9.15.

The dates are: Thursday 31st Aug, 5th Oct, 30th Nov and Mon 18th Dec

Please contact your coordinator from your church group.

Catholic: Carol - 021 174 3585

Uniting: Janet - 938 2657

Anglican: Barbara - 0210 452 206

Brethren: Tony 027 694 6980

Fundraiser in Aid of YouthLine Wellington

Please join us for our Fundraiser Dinner Dance organised by AV Funding Youth in aid of YouthLine Wellington.

When: Saturday, 4th November 2023

Where: Atura Hotel, 24 Hawkestone Street, Thorndon, Wellington

Time: 5.00 pm – 11.30 pm

Cost: Tickets - \$75pp.

Youthline gives free confidential advice and guidance to the youth who are seeking help, and support for a range of topics, for example mental health, depression, self-harm, abuse, suicide, bullying etc.

For more details please view flyer on the church notice board in the foyer.

Enquires - Vино, ph: 021 31 84 66 or Anselm: ph: 022 456 3627

Email – avfundingyouth@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 22 August** at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Penelope Corich

Anniversaries: Robin Adair, Victorio Canderle

Prayers for the Sick: Eugene Crosby, Domingo Basilio Navera Jr, Janet Scapolo, Gerard McDonagh, David Clarke, Jessie Hensen, Tau So'oa, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, John Fanning, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Kevin Purcell.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 19th August - Friday 25th August

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Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tue:	9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	11.00am Mass - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy

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

Our Parish Vision

We are missionary disciples of Christ,
in a community of communities,
being transformed in our lives,
and transforming others and our world.

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