



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
Thirty Fourth Week Ordinary Time, 20th November 2022 Year C
Readings: *2Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:35-43*

Feast of Christ the King



Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Today is also the last Sunday of the Church's year.

Jesus the Christ – the anointed one (from the Greek 'Christos'), also called the Messiah (from the Hebrew 'Mesach') – 'is the image of the unseen God and the first born of all Creation'.

'From the beginning and before anything was created Christ existed. All things were created through him and for him and he holds all things in unity'. (Paul to the Colossians)

"Christ is God, and Jesus is the Christ's historical manifestation in time."
(Richard Rohr)

"The Christ of God resurrected (is) the source of our salvation." (Joe Grayland)

'All things were to be reconciled in him when he made peace by his death on the cross.' Therefore, everyone and everything is filled with the Divine Presence of God who through Jesus Christ seeks connection and communion with each person at the most profound level.

How does Christ our King do this? Jesus Christ is both God and human and because of this gives us a God who is both personal and universal. The first incarnation was in creation, the second incarnation was in Jesus who was born and lived among us, and the third incarnation is in the ongoing faith filled community which Paul describes as The Body of Christ, of which Christ is the head and we his beloved are the parts of Christ's body.

It is up to us to play our part in manifesting Christ in the world today.

Let us take time to reflect on this Mystery of Christ, the anointed one of God who is the King of the Universe in whom and through whom we live and move and have our being.

Judy McCormack

Parish Information

Parish Property Project

To assist the Parish implement the outcomes of our property review the Leadership Team has asked Thomas Davis to be the manage the project for the parish.

If you have any suggestions or questions relating to the project ask Thomas, members of the leadership team or parish management.

Thomas can be contacted at property@stfrancisohariu.nz

Moving from Three Churches to One

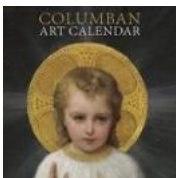
We have previously announced that we will close all our churches in the new year and open St Francis of Assisi Church in Johnsonville as our only church in the interim while we plan for development of the Johnsonville site and a new church.

We will be taking things from each of our current churches to incorporate in St Francis of Assisi Church but we can't use for example all three altars or baptismal fonts so will need to decide which one to use, what to store for a new church and what to distribute for others to use at some later date.

We have been very fortunate to have things which have been gifted to our Parishes or that have some special history or special memories for us that you would like to see in our interim church. There might also be things we would rather leave behind.

So we can consider parishioners interests, please let us know. Tell members of the leadership team, liturgy committees or parish office.

Emails can be sent to property@stfrancisohariu.nz



Columban Calendar 2023

We have received the 2023 Columban Calendars for next year. They are available to purchase at a cost of **\$12 per calendar.**

In the event you cannot attend Mass and wish to purchase one, please contact the Parish Office; **ph: (04) 478 7137**,
email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz.

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Thank You Musicians

22nd November is the Feast of St Cecilia, the Patron Saint of musicians.

We thank all the musicians of the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish for their dedication and time to their ministry during the last year. May they be blessed as they lead and support us in music and song during liturgies.

Please pray for our musicians.

It is appropriate that at this time we celebrate the pipe organ at St Benedict's with a recital next Sunday, 27th November at 2pm.



Sleepers Awake! - Organ Recital

St Benedict's Church, **27th November, 2.00pm** - a short recital by Douglas Mews.

One of the last opportunities to hear the organ in St Benedict's and a wonderful way to begin Advent with a variety of religious and secular music, followed by afternoon tea in the foyer.

Everyone is welcome - please bring your family and friends.

Welcome - At the 10.30am Ss Peter and Paul Mass this Sunday, we welcome the Wellington Catholic Deaf Community.

Ecumenical Advent Event

We will be joining with our fellow Anglican and Presbyterian congregations in Khandallah for an Advent Ecumenical Liturgy at St Benedict's Church on **Sunday 27th November at 7pm.**

This is an opportunity to join together in prayer to celebrate the opening of advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year.

All are well to come and join. Refreshments to follow.

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

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Sunday 27th November - We will be pleased to welcome Peter Phillips into full Communion on Sunday 27 November at 10.30am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

Peter, his wife Denise and their two children Giana and Michael emigrated to New Zealand in July from South Africa and Peter has been preparing to become a Catholic.

He will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive Holy Communion in full membership with our community next week.

We will celebrate with morning tea after Mass; any finger food contributions for this would be lovely.

RCIA - If you have an adult friend or family member who would like to become a Catholic and participate fully in the Sacraments, please have them contact:

Michael and Jo-Anne Carley on jamcarley@xtra.co.nz or phone: 022 300 7413. Adult preparation is carried out over a period of accompaniment and discussion.

St Benedict's Hamper Mass 9am Sunday - 11th December

St Benedict's will again be holding the Hamper Mass next month. We have 18 families we are supporting in our community this year, the list of families will be in the foyer of the church.

As per usual we ask for parishioners who are able to select a family and the associated tag off the Christmas Tree.

For the hampers we suggest non-perishable items such as tinned / dry foods, toiletries and other items you might feel are appropriate for the family you have chosen. Some parishioners like to include a small gift as well, but each hamper is very individual!

We ask parishioners to bring their hampers to the church on the **11th December** for the Mass, where they will be placed in front of the altar before the Mass starts.

Thank you for your support, please contact Jo Mackenzie on 021 990 918, if you have any queries.

Parish Information

Johnsonville Christmas Parade - Saturday 3rd December

The Combined Churches of Johnsonville will have a float in the parade.

We invite any children who would like to take part to gather at the Uniting Church, Dr Taylor Terrace [next to St. Brigid's] 9.45am on 3rd December.

Come dressed as a member of the nativity scene or borrow a costume supplied at the Uniting Church on the day.

There will be a nativity scene on the float and all other participants will walk beside the float which goes along Dr Taylor Terrace, down Broderick Road, up the Main road and back to Dr Taylor Terrace.

Adults are welcome to be part of the parade.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers for Families

We are preparing hampers of edible treats to celebrate Christmas for people who might miss out.

In past years with help from our parishioners we have filled hampers for families with food items including cans of fruit, pasta, and sweet biscuits. With your help we can fill hampers for over 40 families.

If you are able, please add your donation to the food basket at Mass.

We plan to pack hampers on Sunday 11 December for delivery soon after, and will be very happy to **receive your donation by 4 December.**

Parish Visitation Ministry

Our Ministry provides visitation and pastoral care to parishioners at home, and to those living in rest homes in our Parish area.

If you know of anyone who would like a visit for companionship, or for prayer and communion, please contact the Parish Office ph: 04 478 7137 or email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz

Anyone interested in joining our Ministry is welcome to contact me for further information. **Pauline White: ph; 04 213 1915 mobile: 021 151 2543.**

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Onslow Catholic Women's League

We invite all our members and friends to our Christmas party on **Tuesday 29 November** at **2pm** in St Benedict's.

We'll begin in the church with a reflection and carols, followed by afternoon tea in the foyer; there'll also be raffles and small home-made items for purchase (so please bring some cash!).

We would be very pleased to receive an item (non-perishable and non-alcoholic) for the CWL hamper for those in need (the Hamper Mass will be on December 11th), and a gold coin donation for the Wellington Women's Homeless Trust would be much appreciated.

Many thanks.

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve

St Benedict's Church: 5.45pm Carols for 6.00pm Family Mass
Ss Peter & Paul Church: 6.30pm Carols for 7.00pm Family Mass
St Andrew's Church: 7.30pm Carols for 8.00pm Family Mass

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

St Benedict's Church: 9.00am Mass
Ss Peter & Paul Church: 10.30am Mass

Christmas Family Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church

There will be carols at 6.30pm for the 7.00pm Christmas Mass.

Ss Peter and Paul Liturgy Group would like to invite anyone who would like to help with this Mass to contact Wendy Cleaver, ph: [04]232 2008, mobile 027 269 6209 or email: cleaver@actrix.gen.nz. All very welcome.

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

No.5. The Petone Connection, 1894-1895.

The following report appeared in the Wellington daily newspaper, the *Evening Post*, on 27 August 1894.

Archbishop Redwood has formed Petone into a parish, together with Ohariu, Johnsonville, Tawa Flat, and Pahautanui. The clergyman in charge will reside at Petone, namely, Rev. Father Donnelly, formerly rector of Palmerston South, who began his duties there yesterday. Report speaks of him in the highest terms as an administrator, and as a most zealous, hard-working, kind, broad-minded, and liberal priest.

At that time, Mass for Petone Catholics was celebrated in the Drillshed, as the borough did not have a Catholic Church. But there were Catholic churches in the most far-flung parts of the new parish – in Ohariu and in Pahautanui (now known as Pauatahanui) – where churches had been opened in 1875 and 1878. It was while Father Donnelly was in charge of Petone Parish that tenders were called for the erection of a Catholic Church at Johnsonville. Tenders closed on 10th December 1894, and construction was soon under way. With completion in sight, the *Evening Post* of 29 April 1895 reported:

The new Catholic Church of St. Peter and Paul's, Johnsonville, will be opened by Archbishop Redwood on Sunday, the 19th May. The church is quite an ornament to the town, and reflects the greatest credit on the builders, Messrs. Edwards and Palmer, and also the Rev. Father Donnelly, who is having the building put up. The style of architecture is early English, and the building will seat about 100 people.

The new church was duly opened on the appointed day.

The Petone Parish was short-lived. By October 1895 Father Donnelly was assisting Father Ahern in the missionary district of Gisborne. Without a resident pastor, Petone, Ohariu, Johnsonville, Tawa Flat, and Pahautanui reverted to the Hutt Parish under Father Lane. When Petone next became a separate parish, in 1903, the outlying districts remained in the Hutt Parish until 1922.

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MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Buenaventura Sison

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 Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Maurice Carmody

For the month of November, please pray for all the Holy Souls of our dearly departed family and friends.

May they rest in peace.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 19th November - Sunday 27th November

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 19th Nov - 5pm Word & Communion

Sat: 26th Nov - 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,

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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