



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st November 2021 Year B
Readings: *Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33-37*

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time Christ the King Reflection

Today we celebrate the last Sunday in the Church's year. Next Sunday is Advent. We have finished the Year of Mark and next year, our readings will be from the Gospel of Luke. It's a time for giving thanks for the year we've had and at the same time, breathing a sigh of relief, that the year is over. Such a tough year!

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges Pilate's understanding of what a king – or a ruler – is. Pilate thinks kingship is all about holding and using power. Jesus answers Pilate by saying, no his kingdom is not of this kind. Jesus' kingship is about truth and living as a witness to truth. He says, I came into the world to bear witness to the truth and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.

Our world is awash with strong opinions on how we should respond to important matters – climate change, the pandemic – and we are reminded that following Jesus is not about getting our own way but instead listening to God's truth and holding true to that.

Jesus, the Lord, is the Alpha and the Omega; the beginning and the end. God is with us from all time. Let's give thanks for all the good things and the challenges we have been given this year, and as we worship Jesus - Christ the King – we people of faith and hope, look forward to 2022 and beyond.

Jo-Anne and Michael Carley



An initiative of the Parish Liturgy Advisory Group

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Liturgy of the Word with Communion

This is one of the ceremonies available to us as members of the Catholic Church.

It has been celebrated in our churches of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu during the week for many years.

The liturgy gathers the people in prayer, reflects on the readings of the day, gives thanksgiving, prepares for receiving communion, communion is received and prayers offered before the sending rite.

During this time of pandemic restrictions we are going to celebrate this liturgy in our parish on a Sunday evening at 6.00p.m

Many of you are unable to attend mass as we are limited in numbers so this liturgy is an opportunity to gather as a community, reflect on the day's readings and be nourished by communion.

These Sunday night liturgies will alternate between Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Benedict's churches.

The first of these liturgies will be at **Ss. Peter and Paul Church 6.00 pm on Sunday 28th November.**

This liturgy numbers will be limited during current level 2 Covid restrictions.

Bookings are essential

You may book for both Ss Peter and Paul and St. Benedict's

By emailing Tina Araza [before 5.00p.m. Fridays]

tmaraza.spp@gmail.com

Or phone or text [before 5.00p.m Fridays]

Wendy Cleaver

Ph: 2322008

Mobile: 0272696209

On the **7th of December**, Sindy Rodrigues and the Youth Ministry Team of Challenge 2000 will be holding Día de las Velitas (Day of the Little Candles).

This is a tradition held in Colombia, in which we will be lighting small candles in celebration and honour of Mother Mary and the

Immaculate Conception. Fr. Brophy SM will be helping to

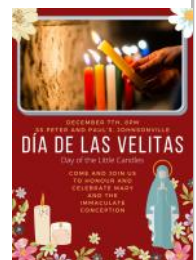
lead the liturgy. This will be at **8PM at SS Peter and Paul's**

Church in Johnsonville. Todos son bienvenidos! See you there!

Due to the 100 person limitation, if interested please call/text

Sio at 02108160396. For more information about the tradition

itself, please contact Sindy on 0225137914.



Pastoral Letter from the New Zealand Bishops

New Zealand Bishops have sent two letters regarding vaccination and how we might operate under the traffic light system when this commences. You can access these letters from the links below. There are 2 versions

Extended—[link](#)

Condensed—[link](#)

The Leadership Formation Team will consider this advice and decide what we do as a Parish for vaccinated and unvaccinated parishioners. We will provide details when we have developed our plan with each of the groups currently managing our churches, under the existing COVID—19 rules.

In the meantime you will need to continue making reservation to attend Sunday Mass.

Open letter from the LFT to our Parish

Please click on the link below to access a letter from the Leadership Formation Team to the Parish. Members of the LFT will be speaking about the letter during Masses this weekend 20/21 November: [link](#)

Property Review Update



St Francis of Assisi Property Review

The LFT has decided to continue the discernment by hosting several casual conversations with Parishioners to discuss further the future of our parish.

Wednesday 24 November 7-8pm St Peter and Paul's

Thursday 25 November 7-8pm St Andrews

Sunday 28 November 11:30-12:30pm St Peter and Paul's

Tuesday 30 November 7-8pm St Benedict's

Saturday 4 December 6-7pm St Andrews

Sunday 5th December 10-11am St Benedict's

Additional meetings will be advertised next week.

Please come along to any of the conversations to pray, reflect and share. All Welcome.

More details about the property review can be found on the parish website here: <http://stfrancisohariu.nz/updates/building-and-property-review/>

World Day of the Poor Liturgy November 2021

On Sunday the 14th of November, we commemorated the 5th World Day of the Poor called by Pope Francis.

Pope Francis challenged us to reflect, pray and stand in solidarity with those who go without, in Aotearoa and around the world. In the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu parish, we held an input and Reflection liturgy at SS Peters and Pauls church, Johnsonville. After a period of prayer,

Daniel Kleinsman and Muzghan Samarqandi, spoke of their personal experiences of Afghanistan and of their friends and relatives who remained there in very challenging circumstances.

Sindy spoke of the loss and gain of leaving Colombia and making a new life for herself and her children in Aotearoa New Zealand. Jacob spoke of the challenges of life, the pain of those he worked with at Challenge 2000 and how he too was deeply affected by the many mental health, poverty and social issues so many face in Wellington. Kitty spoke of Te Tiriti o Waitangi from a Pakeha perspective and that of our Catholic Bishops. The truth and statistics relating to the impacts of colonisation for Māori had a big impact on this present. Lastly Te Po Hohua, who has been involved in our parish for many years, spoke of colonisation, whakapapa and the trauma that has been passed on through many generations. The content was so amazing that the Youth Min team is thinking of offering the input again for others to hear so that as a parish we become even more informed about the causes of poverty and what our faith calls us to do. Thanks to the Youth Ministry team for organising this moving liturgy.



Christmas hampers 2021

St Vincent de Paul plans to distribute hampers of sweet treats to families in need at Christmas.

With generous help from parishioners we are usually able to provide hampers to over 40 families. Demand is similar in 2021.

We plan to pack hampers on 12th December and will be grateful for any packaged treats received by **Sunday 5th December**.

Please add to the basket at St Peter and Paul's.

Thank you Musicians

Feast of St Cecilia Patroness of Music and Musicians **22 November**

On St Cecilia's feast day we give thanks for the gift of music and pray for our parish musicians as they lead us in music and song at Mass and other liturgies.

St Benedict's Christmas Hamper Mass

We will be holding the Hamper Mass on **Sunday 12 December at 9am**. We have already been notified of some families in need, their details will be available in the church foyer from Sunday 14th November. (More families may be added later.) Don't forget to leave your name and contact details so that we know who is looking after which family!

The Hamper Mass itself may have to be organised slightly differently this year because of Covid issues, but the need for the hampers remains the same.

We will advise arrangements for the Mass closer to Dec 12th. Any queries or for more information, please ring **Jo Mackenzie on ph: 021 990 918**

Advent is a special time in our Catholic faith as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is a time of Reflection, Waiting, Praying and wondering.

On **Sunday December 5th and Sunday December 19th** there will be two additional Liturgies at **5pm** at SS Peter and Paul Johnsonville, organised by the Youth Ministry Team and Challenge 2000. These are not the usual Sunday Masses. Instead there will be input and times of personal and community prayer. The Liturgies will also include a space for children to create Advent art.

On December 5th we will focus on John the Baptist. What he said to the people of his time and what he says to us today.

On December 19th we will focus on Mary, her faithfulness and her passion for bringing Jesus into the world. And what she has to say to each one of us.

If you would like to have any further information about these Liturgies or be involved in some way please call **Kitty 021491459 or Sio 02108160396**.

Special guidelines may apply relating to Covid. Watch this space over the next few weeks!



St Benedict's School Fundraiser

St Benedict's School has kicked off their last big fundraiser for the year -**Christmas Honey!** We have delicious 500gm pots of NZ Multiflora honey with our very own St Benedict's Christmas label. These make great Christmas presents, or load up the pantry for your own family. These are selling for **\$15 per jar** and all profits are going to St Benedict's School and the completion of our new playground.



If anyone would like to order please email: Kaye at kayeherrick@gmail.com by **December 1st** to confirm payment and delivery details. Thanks to all the Parish for their support.

Christmas Holiday Programme for children aged 5-12;

Monday December 20th December from 10am-3pm in the Church Hall at SS Peter and Pauls, Johnsonville

Organised by the Youth Ministry Team and parish volunteers: come along and make Christmas Cards, act out the Christmas story, paint, sing, make, cook. It will be a wonderful time together.

Please register by calling or email: Sio on pelasio@challenge2000.org.nz / 02108160396, or email the Parish Office. Numbers limited to 30.

Please bring your own lunch. Cost \$5.00 per child or by donation
Come along and have fun!

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Get ready to participate in a group, by reading and prayerfully reflecting on one of the ten Synod themes. Go to www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod

SEEK – EXPLORE AND DISCERN

An invitation for young adults to explore their vocation and discern their role in the Church and in the world.

Sunday 21st November, 10am to 5pm at Home of Compassion, Island Bay

The afternoon will conclude with a Young Church Mass at 5pm.

BYO lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

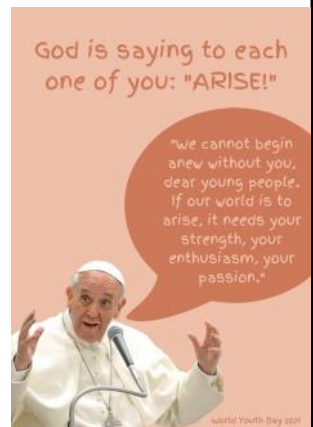
To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

FINAL YOUNG CHURCH MASS 2021

Sunday 21 November @ 5pm

Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay

All young people welcome.



Upcoming Events/Notices

The grounds at St Benedict's need a tidy up.

A working bee for a few hours will be held mid week on a day that suits volunteers.

Please contact **John Lawson or Thomas Davis** if you are available to help.

House to Rent

The presbytery at St Benedict's is available for rental from mid December. This is a four bedroom house.

A rental of \$800 is sought with preference for a minimum of one year rental.

Please contact Thomas Davis thomas0davis@gmail.com or **021 486 704**

Catholic Women's League

It is with regret, we must cancel our annual Advent/Christmas celebration which was to be held at St Benedict's Church on **Tuesday evening 23rd November**

CWL has committed to providing a Christmas Hamper for a family in need and have always collected items for this hamper at our Christmas Social, Under the circumstances we would be most grateful if you could leave your gift in the basket we will have at the church over the next few weeks. Alternatively you can contact any committee member and we will arrange collection. The Hamper Mass is on the 12th December - 9am Mass. With many thanks. Any enquiries to Margaret Dunne. phone 478 6348

Topic: Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting

Time: Friday, 19th November—6.30pm –7pm

Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260

Passcode: hra2h3

Mass for Alternative Thinkers

All being well, we will gather at **4pm on Sunday 28th November**, in the chapel at Challenge, 1 Wanaka Street. Eddie Condra will lead us in prayer.

FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Columban Calendar 2022

We have received the 2022 Columban Calendars for next year. They are available for purchase in the foyer 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) 4787137, email: office@stfrancisochariu.nz.

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Fr Barry O'Connor SM

Anniversaries: James Dooley, Juanita Salisaban, Des Chambers

Prayers for the Sick— Graeme Gorton, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Dianne Greene (Mother of Steven Greene), Tau So'oa (father of Mel Aspinall), Patricia Davidson (mother of Scott Davidson), Monsignor John Carde, Fr Colin Durning, Fr Frank McGuire, Fr Peter O'Connell.

Please also remember in your prayers those that are supporting them.

We pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19. We also pray for Auckland and all those working to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES 14th November - 20th November

St Peter & Paul's Church 37 Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville

Sun: Mass 10.30am
Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy
Wed: 11am Mass (No Cup of Tea)
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Fri: 9am Mass

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sunday Mass 9.00am
Monday 9.00 Liturgy
Monday 7.00 Meditation
Tuesday 9.15 Liturgy
Wednesday 9.00 Liturgy
Thursday 9.00 Liturgy
Friday Exposition 8.30 Liturgy at 9.00
Saturday 9.00 Liturgy

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 (Covid Permitting).

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