



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Sixteenth Week Ordinary Time Sunday 23rd July 2023, Year A
Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

Be Kind to One Another

We can say with a high degree of accuracy that most of us at some time in our lives find ourselves having spoken or acted in ways that are not fair and just to ourselves or to other people. Quite simply we have 'stuffed up'! To make things right again we need to say, "I'm sorry" and seek forgiveness of others and as well as of ourselves.

Sometimes we can be afraid that admitting our mistakes can be a sign of weakness; we deny our responsibility for our actions and try to blame others. The Book of Wisdom reminds us that God is lenient and mild in judging us and is willing to forgive us when we acknowledge that we are at fault and in need of forgiveness which is granted when we repent – have a change of heart.

Today's psalm echoes God's mercy and compassion and encourages us to seek God's compassionate and merciful forgiveness.

What is more, Paul in his letter to the Romans, writes that God knows us from the inside out and has sent the Spirit of God to inspire, encourage and enable us to live a life of loving kindness.

The Good News according to Matthew recounts Jesus' parable that tells us that even the smallest step, the tiniest intention and the faintest desire to live a life of love is enough of a beginning for us to grow in goodness and strength until our lives well-lived shine like the sun as we come into the Kingdom of the One who is merciful and compassionate.

Judy McCormack



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Grandparents and Kumātua [Elders] Day

As you come into Church this weekend please write the name of any Grandparents or Elderly you would like us to pray for on a piece of paper and put in the bowl provided.

They will be presented at the offertory procession.

Children's Liturgy

Please note that Children's Liturgy will recommence at the **10.00am Mass on Sunday 30th July.**

And on the 8th Day God Created Seniors

Most seniors never get enough exercise.

In His wisdom, God decreed that seniors become forgetful,
So they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things,
Thus doing more walking.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw another need.

In His wisdom he made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things,
Requiring them to bend, reach and stretch.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature,

Requiring more trips to the bathroom,

Thus providing more exercise.

God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, as you age, your are getting up and down more, remember it's God will.

It is in your best interests even though you mutter under your breath.



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Beatitudes for Friends of Grandparents and Kumātua [Elders] Day

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering steps and shaking hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today
Must strain to catch the words they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know
That my eyes are dim and my reactions slow.

Blessed are they who look away
When my coffee gets spilled during the day.

Blessed are they with a cherry smile
Who stop to chat with me a while.

Blessed are they who never say
"You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the ways
To bring back lovely yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known
That I am loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who know the loss
Of strength I need to bear the cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days
Of my journey home in loving ways.

Sacramental Programme

First Communion classes have begun. Sunday's session will be in the Church Hall - **2.00pm - 4.00pm.**

If you have not already registered for the Eucharist and Confirmation Programme, and would like to participate, please [click here](#), for a registration form.

Any queries, please contact: Ana Baice on 021 227 3754 or the Parish Office.

Parish Information

Synod 2023-24

The characteristic signs of a Synodal Church: "baptism thus creates a true co-responsibility among all the members of the Church, which is manifested in the participation of all, with the charisms of each, in the mission of the Church and the building up of the ecclesial community".

"Rooted in this awareness is the desire for Church that is also increasingly synodal in its institutions, structures and procedures, so as to constitute a space in which common baptismal dignity and co-responsibility of mission are not only affirmed, but exercised and practised."

"A synodal Church is a listening Church".

"A synodal Church desires to be humble, and knows that it must ask forgiveness and has much to learn".

"A synodal Church is a Church of encounter and dialogue".

"A synodal Church is open, welcoming and embraces all".

"Characteristic of a synodal Church is the ability to manage tensions without being crushed by them".

"A synodal Church is also a Church of discernment".

Joe Green

Weekly School Liturgy with The Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, **25th July**, 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, **27th July**, 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.



IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

Are you a young adult searching for the meaning of life?

We have an invitation for you!

Alpha is coming to our parish - a place to connect with others as you explore the big questions in life.

Join us and bring your mates along for a shared meal, an episode on a topic of faith, a chance to ask questions and share ideas.

All are welcome to attend.

Join us for a **PROMO NIGHT** on **Tuesday 8th August, 6:30pm** in our church hall.

To register, email alpha@stfrancisohariu.nz.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lucienne Hensel



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What's my purpose?

You're not the only one with questions.

Try Alpha



Other Events/Notices

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Lamb of God Christian Community, Wellington branch is hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LISS).

This series is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn more about or experience anew the love of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit over a weekend seminar.

When: Saturday, 12th August - 9.30am - 4.30pm. Lunch provided. And Sunday, 13th August - 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Where: St John's Anglican Church, 18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville

Email: lifeinthespirit.log@gmail.com

To register please click the link - <https://forms.gle/8pq3Mc3a83co4ztUA>

There is no charge to attend.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Appeal - Fundraising Raffle

1 Ticket for \$5
3 Tickets for \$10
8 Tickets for \$20

1st Prize \$1000 New World Vouchers

2nd Prize \$300 Pak N Save Vouchers & \$200 Farmers Vouchers

3rd Prize \$250 New World Vouchers

Draw Date Time & Place:

Sunday, 13th August, 12.00pm at St Thomas More Church Hall, Wilton

Joy Nagrampa will be in the church foyer this weekend selling tickets for this appeal.

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

Other Events/Notices

Holy Hour

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 25th July** 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.

Winter Warmers Scripture Union Event

Come in out of the cold and gather with others involved in Children's Ministry for an afternoon of creative ideas and resources for Intergenerational ideas over Winter.

On Sunday, **30th July @ 2pm**. Please RSVP by 26th July

Venue: Wellington South Baptist, 284 The Parade, Island Bay.

Contact: Andrea Lukin, andrea.lukin@sunz.org.nz, ph: 027 480 5322

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

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

Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series (incl. study material).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

4-part series on our YouTube channel. Online. No fee.

Part 1: *Do we gather as consumers or celebrants?*

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



SAVE The Date
13 Aug 6pm
ST BRIGID'S
QUIZ NIGHT
1841 - Johnsonville
REGISTRATION COMING SOON

The poster features a dark, textured background. The text 'SAVE The Date' is written in a large, stylized, light blue font. Below it, '13 Aug 6pm' is written in a similar font. The text 'ST BRIGID'S QUIZ NIGHT' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, '1841 - Johnsonville' is written in a white, sans-serif font, and 'REGISTRATION COMING SOON' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Recently Deceased: Rito Kisteria, Paul Wheeler, Michael Wheeler, Anne Marie Wheeler, Anne Cook.

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, Penelope Corich, John Fanning, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Kevin Purcell.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 22nd July - Friday 28th July

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

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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