



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Third Sunday of Easter 23rd April 2023, Year A**  
**Readings:: Acts 2:14, 22-28, Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35**

This Tuesday, across New Zealand and Australia, we remember in a particular way, men and women who lost their lives while serving their country. We also remember those who having served in times of war or as peacekeepers, returned home and continued to make an invaluable contribution to society.

May our remembrance on this ANZAC Day make us ardent advocates for peace in our time, so that the world might be a better place. We need peace more than ever! Just in the past week we heard about the escalation of violence in Sudan. We can feel disillusioned, disheartened by a feeling of powerlessness in the face of injustices done to the innocent and defenceless. Our own lives have their share of pain, uncertainty... How we would like to transform it all into peace, hope, light for ourselves and for others!

Do we want to meet Someone who can understand us to the core of our being, Someone who can shed light upon our journey through life?

During this Easter season we celebrate the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a chance to rekindle our hope, our faith in the Risen One, transforming every pain into love.

Certain of God's closeness to each of us, in any situation, let's repeat, like the disciples of Emmaus, Stay with us, because it is almost evening.' (Luke 24.29).



*That "Jesus might grant to each one of us the grace of meeting Him every day; to knowing, and to specifically recognise, that He walks with us in every moment. He is our companion along the pilgrim way". (Pope Francis, 26 April 2020.*

**Anna Franceschini**

## Parish Information

### Anzac Day Liturgy Saint Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish Church April 25<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m.

You are invited to this Anzac Day Liturgy.

Our Challenge 2000 Youth whānau are preparing this ecumenical Service to remember all those who have served their countries and to pray for Peace.

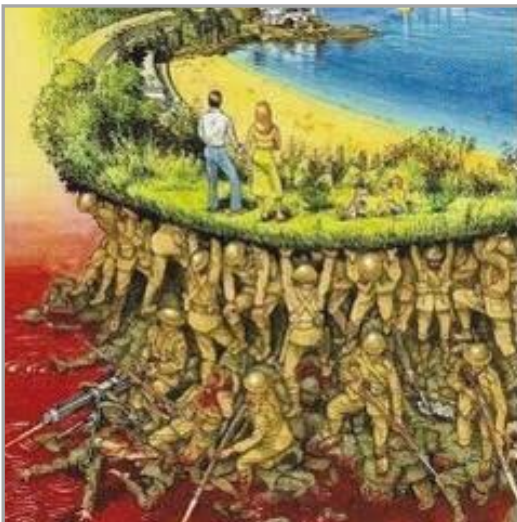
Please invite your friends and family as we reflect on this important date in the history of Aotearoa.

Children and young people are encouraged to wear their grandparents' medals. Everyone is encouraged to wear a red ANZAC poppy or white peace poppy. If you have any family photos/ items that you would like to place on our altar centrepiece, then please bring these to the church from 3.30 pm on.

After our Liturgy we will have soup and buns and of course ANZAC Biscuits! All provided.

Everyone is welcome to come and remember the importance of ANZAC day.

**Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou :  
We will remember them**



### THE ODE

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.



### Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme for 2023 began this week, the day programme was a great success and enjoyed by all of the children.

Option 2 classes begin on Sunday. Details below.

Registration brochures are now available in the church foyers, from the Parish Office and on our website. Please [click here](#).

This programme offers preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion / Eucharist and Confirmation. The Programme will begin with Reconciliation.

#### Option 2:

Sunday, 23rd April,

Sunday 30th April and

Sunday, 7th May - all sessions will be at 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Everyone will then need to attend a final meeting and practice on:

**Friday, 12th May, 4.30m - 6.30pm**

The Reconciliation Service will be on - **Sunday, 14th May, 4.00pm**

All sessions will be held at: St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish,  
37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville.

Bookings can be made through the Parish Office.

If you have any queries, you can contact Kitty on 021 491 459 or the Parish Office, (04) 478 7137.

**Children's Liturgy** - Will recommence at **10.00am Mass - Sunday 30th April.**

At the beginning of mass the leaders will be commissioned and then they will go with the children to their session.

The sessions will be held in the meeting room [next to the sacristy] and also in "Little Pa" [the house next to the church.]

Please pray for the leaders of this ministry.

### Reconciliation Programme

25 children, four Challenge 2000 leaders and three parish volunteers began the Reconciliation Programme with a full day from 10-4pm last Tuesday.

It was a wonderful day with all the children getting involved, having fun and learning about how important they are, what forgiveness is, how much God loves them, hearing about the Prodigal Son, making choices and how we can put things right and find our way home to LOVE.

**Programme Option 2** continues this Sunday so if you'd like to help out or enrol your child, grandchild or family member then contact either the Parish Office, Kitty or Ana.

Everyone is most welcome to join in.

Registration forms are available in the church foyer, and through St Brigid's or St Benedict's School. Its not too late to start!



### Children's Liturgy Ministry

Children's liturgy is a lay led liturgy, specially prepared for the children, focussing on the readings of the day.

In our Parish the children go out for their liturgy at the beginning of each 10.00am Mass and return at the offertory time.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs."

**Pat Collier**

**An Evening of Thanks**

A group of three Turkish families hosted an Iftar meal last Friday night in the church hall, for friends and parishioners who have helped the families settle in New Zealand.

The meal, which is a breaking of the daily fast during Ramadan, was attended by around 45 people.

The families prepared delicious Turkish cuisine, and treated us to Sufi music and a session of Ebru (marble) art.

We thank them for sharing their culture and their wonderful generosity, in what was a very special occasion.



**Jo-Anne Carley**



**“SACRED AND SECULAR”: AN ORGAN RECITAL: May 13, 3pm**

David Dobson will present an organ recital at our Parish Church of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, on the above date.

The recital will be about an hour long. The concert is free, but there will be an opportunity to contribute towards a Cyclone Relief Fund. All funds raised by your generous contributions will go towards this cause.

The recital, of six or seven pieces in different styles, will allow you to hear sounds of the organ from the quietest to the most triumphant and music from several different nations and eras.



## Parish Information

### Newlands Passionist Group

Invites One & All  
Housie Nite

**Saturday 20th May 2023, 6.30pm**

Newlands Community Centre  
Entry \$15.00 / 3 games, Children free, DJ Music

BYO Beverages & Nibbles

Hot soup & buns for the first fifty people  
Proceeds for Refugee Fund / SPCA

Please RSVP

**Kerry - 027 311 6618, Jenny - 021 1115 8441, Nirmala - 021 108 2074  
Stephanie - 021 189 3441**

### Ministry Sharing Evening

We have many ministries in our parish, many people doing God's work.

At **7pm on 25 May 2023** we are holding a "ministries sharing evening".

Those coordinating any ministry are invited to come along to the parish church and hall and share with others and parishioners a brief outline of your ministries: tell us what your ministry is, how many involved, who you reach. Maybe 2 or 3 minutes.

This will be an opportunity to meet and share with others in ministry.

We know who and what many ministries are. There are some we don't know so well. Please help us out if you haven't heard from us.

Please send to the office a short paragraph about your ministry group (if you have not already done so): who the contact person is and their contact details, by Friday, 12th May.

We look forward to hearing from you. **Joe Green**

## Parish Information

### Christian Meditation

A Christian Meditation groups meets: **Mondays**, at 7.00 - 7.45pm in the Committee Room, Uniting Church, Johnsonville.

Meditation is not something new to Christianity. It is rooted in the gospel and in Paul's letters. Also known as contemplative prayer, meditation is the ecumenical prayer of silence and listening.

*"Be still and know that I am God" - Psalm 46.:10*

To learn more about Christian Meditation ring Linda or Nick Polaschek, ph: (04) 479 7955 or simply come along any Monday evening.

The World Community for Christian Meditation has a comprehensive website: [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

## Other Events/Notices

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 24 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material)

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>

### **YouTube Recordings**

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### **A Retreat for Mothers – “In the Potter’s hands” - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

*As a mother, you always put the needs of your loved ones before your own. Today you are invited to come away, to rest and be blessed by the God who lovingly shaped you.*

**Join us on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 10am to 3:30pm.** Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay.

Please register with Lucienne Hensel by Friday, 28th April

[l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

## MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Anniversaries:** Marie Odell, Maria Nobelen

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

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 22nd April - Friday 28th April

### 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 - with 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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Parish Bank Account for Donations:

**02-0524-0203642-00**

