



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Thirtieth Week Ordinary Time, 23rd October 2022 Year C

Readings: *Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14*



Reflection

Humility – that's, what today's readings are all about.

But it's Mission Sunday - so how are we going to mix humility and going out preaching the Gospel.

Well, in many respects preaching the Gospel, reaching out to others is the easier task -and you don't have to go overseas to be a missionary. St Francis of Assisi summed it up succinctly- "Preach the Gospel at all times – if necessary – use words". You can't make it much easier than that. So how do you preach the gospel? – you do it by living a Christian life of love and understanding and being Christ-like to all!! Christ-like – you remember the last time you did something nice for someone else? Or gave way in the car when you didn't really have to? Or bit your tongue instead of letting fly? Aha – Christ is working in you and when Christ works in you and you do things like that – then you preach the Gospel to others. You are NOT required to stand on street corners and preach!!

Remember the Great Commission: Matt. 28:19 – Go and make disciples of all nations. And that is the church's mission statement – it doesn't say anything about inclusiveness or going out to peripheries or race or sex– it simply says "Go and make disciples of all nations" - ALL nations! And it's a command – Jesus didn't say "Look if you're in a good mood, if it works into your busy schedule today, as a personal favour to me, if you're not playing golf today – no He makes it a command – you MUST do it.

And something I remember from a very long time back "Thank God you've got the faith – Why keep it to yourself"? Indeed – why keep it to yourself? Why not share it with others? So, let your prayers bless you to the extent that when anybody sees you this week they will see Christ in you.

We are enjoined to take the Gospel to all – not to ask them to come to the

Gospel and in these times of church closures it is even more important that we take the Gospel to others by showing them a Christian way of life – if we don't do that we can hardly expect the crowds to come thronging to our churches.

That's the easy bit: Now for the humility bit. One could write books on humility but I rather like a comment one of my teachers made to a sixth form (Lower Sixth Form) class back at St Bede's College in Christchurch in 1958: initially it's quite a brutal statement but it sums up humility and life – and it doesn't care whether we are famous or not:

Fr Bernard O'Brien on indispensability: Boys, he said. We all die sooner or later and we would all like to think how great we were in life. Fill up a bucket of water, he said, make a fist and plunge it into the water: when you pull it out, the hole left in the water will be the measure of your indispensability. If we can realize that in death we will all be humbled before God as he judges us then we will be humble throughout our lives – we will never get too big for our breeches (as the old saying went) – we will live fruitful and fulfilling lives as we await the day when we face our Maker. That's the essence of humility. And that's the hard bit.

But to soften that hard bit a little – how about “Humility is being comfortable with who you are in Christ and seeking to build others up – not just yourself, living your life in the service of God”

Tony de Joux

Parish Information

Children's Liturgy is Returning to 9am Mass at St Benedict's Church - It has been a long break but Children's Liturgy is finally starting up again at the 9am Mass at St Benedict's Church in Term 4.

Our first session will be this **Sunday 23 October 2022**, so bring your children or grandchildren (or any other children) so they can join in and learn about God's message of the day in a child friendly format.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Lai (calai@outlook.co.nz) or the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy Commencement NOTICE - The Children's Liturgy at **Ss Peter and Paul Church** will recommence at the 10.30a.m Mass Sunday, 6th November.

We look forward to seeing all the children again.

Parish Information



Welcome - We welcomed Edmund Becker into full Communion into the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu, last Saturday, at St Andrews Church.

The service was lovely. A huge thank you to all those involved.

Congratulations and welcome Edmund.

Upcoming Masses at Ss Peter & Paul Church - ALL VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MASSES

Anointing Mass - Wednesday, 26th October at 11.00 am. Followed by morning tea

All Saint's Day Mass - Tuesday, 1st November at 9.15 am, with St Brigid's School present.

All Saint's Day Mass - Tuesday, 1st November at 7.00 pm.

All Soul's Day Mass - Wednesday, 2nd November at 11.00 am.

All Soul's Day Remembrance Mass - Wednesday, 2nd November at 7.00 pm. This Mass will be followed by supper.

Sunday, 6th November 10.30am Mass. There will be a cup of tea after 10.30am Mass provided and served by members from our Parish Indonesian Community. All very welcome.

Confirmation Mass

The Confirmation Mass will be held on **Sunday, 30th October** at Ss Peter & Paul Church, 10.30am. Cardinal John Dew will celebrate Mass.

Please note there will be a final practice on **Wednesday, 26th October at 5.00pm** at Ss Peter & Pauls Church. All children and their parents are invited to attend. Sponsors are also invited if they are available.

If you have any questions please contact Kitty McKinley.



Parish Information

This Sunday is Mission Sunday - If you would like to make a donation to support Pontifical Mission Societies, you can do so by placing your planned giving envelope in the basket or donate through our bank a/c **02-0524-0203642-00**, Ref: Mission Sunday.

Remembrance Liturgy – St Benedict's

Each year, St Benedict's holds a Remembrance Mass on the first Sunday of November to remember our deceased parishioners and family members.

This year, at our Remembrance Liturgy on Sunday 6 November we will also remember those who passed away in 2021, as we had to cancel due to Covid.

As we may be unaware of all recent bereavements in 2022 and 2021, you are invited to contact Robyn Radomski, ph: 027 201 8766, email: robynrad71@gmail.com with details of name, date of death and their relationship to you so we can include them in the liturgy.

While we do remember, in a special way, those parishioners who have passed away during the previous year, you are invited to remember any of your deceased loved ones. You may like to bring a funeral order of service, a photo or a memento of that person who has been loved by you and your family. These can be placed on the altar before Mass.

Candles will also be shared with the congregation before Mass begins.

St Benedict's attendees will find in the foyer a clipboard with purple paper on which they can write the names of those deceased whom they wish to be prayed for during November.

Onslow Catholic Women's League

All Onslow CWL members are very warmly invited to the branch Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25 October at **2pm** in the foyer of St Benedict's Church; committee members will provide afternoon tea.



We encourage as many members as possible to attend, as there are some important decisions to discuss and to make about the future of Onslow CWL branch when St Benedict's Church closes in early 2023. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parish Information

Help make this Christmas a happier one for a child in need

Spare a thought for a child to whom Christmas feels like an empty promise.

St Vincent de Paul invites you to bring a smile to a child's face by gifting an article of new clothing or a toy to our **Christmas 2022 Children's Clothing & Toy Appeal**.

You can gift an item at our local shops:

4 Broderick Road, Johnsonville or

18 Ganges Road, Khandallah



Other Events/Notices

World Mission Sunday

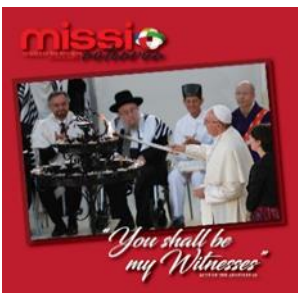
This Sunday, **23 October** is World Mission Sunday in the Catholic Church world-wide, and the bishops are asking everyone to donate to Missio Aotearoa, which represents the Pontifical Mission Societies in New Zealand with generating spiritual, material and financial support for those working in mission and Third World territories.

World Mission Sunday is also a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event. Everything you give to Missio Aotearoa helps missionaries continue their work.

Donate directly to Missio Aotearoa WMS appeal here: <https://missio.nz/donate/>

Learn more about this appeal here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/wms2022>



Mission Sunday is celebrating our being witnesses of God, ready to proclaim, in word and deeds, the joy of the Good News of Jesus.

We also express our solidarity to help missionary activities in other parts of the world.

Give from your heart.

Your gift is your legacy to missions.

Donate online: <https://missio.nz/donate>

Other Events/Notices

**You are invited to Johnsonville Uniting Church's Spring Fashion Parade
at Ballentyne's Store in Johnsonville
6:45 for 7pm on Friday 4th November 2022**

The cost for the evening is \$20:00 which covers the cost of entry and three lucky prize chances.

Tickets available from Judith Dunlop – 4785 252 – 027 244 1303 or email:
dunlop-bjf@xtra.co.nz, Karen Parminter – 027 286 0916 or
kj_parminter@xtra.co.nz

For the week following the parade Ballentynes offer 20% discount on clothes purchased.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship and see JUC models in action.



YOU'RE INVITED TO
**CHALLENGE 2000'S
FUNDRAISER
QUIZ**



FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

NIGHT

JOHNSONVILLE BOWLING CLUB,
34 FRANKMOORE AVENUE

6 people per team, \$15 donation per person

Make up a team, or contact us and we will put you in one!

Nibbles provided & drinks available for purchase.

To register your team contact:
emmamiddle-ton@challenge200.org.nz

All proceeds will go toward our foodbank.

Healing Service - Thursday **27th October**, 7.30pm at St Teresa's, Karori.
Conducted by Fr John Rea in St Teresa's `s Church, beginning at 7.30 pm.
Download the poster details [here](#). All welcome.

Tuākana Youth Ministry Applications are open - This Programme provides training and support to become a Tuākana Youth Minister within a College for the school year, joining the Archdiocese's Young Church team.
[Tuākana Youth Ministry Programme 2023 Applications are now open | Archdiocese of Wellington \(catholic.org.nz\)](https://www.catholic.org.nz)

Other Events/Notices

HOLY HOUR

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

E-Waste Recycling Drop Off Day

Saturday, 29th October - 9.00am - 2.00pm.
St Mary's College (Netball Courts), Hawkestone Street entrance.

Contact - Joy Nagrampa 021 633 225
Email - mcsh.march22art@gmail.com



Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy* Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms.
Mondays, 24 October and 7 & 14 November. ZOOM.
Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session which includes resources.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/10/02/the-gospel-of-matthew/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, inter-faith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

LAST DAYS before Men's 1-day Retreat!

8:30am to 5pm on Saturday 29 October 2022.

Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay.

Brendan Malone from Rangiora on "Peace, hope and healing through Jesus for our brokenness"

LUNCH; morning and afternoon tea provided.

Koha taken up to defray costs.

More info? Contact Steve 027-356-9555 or Joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Anniversaries: Clinton Betham, Domingo Navera

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

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

Let us pray for all those in the Ukraine and their New Zealand families at this time. We pray for peace in our World.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 22nd October - Sunday 30th October

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 22nd Oct - 5pm Vigil
Mass

Sat: 29th Oct - 5pm Word
& Communion

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 - Mass

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

Sun: 10.30am - Word &
Communion
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 -
Confirmation**

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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Parish Bank Account for Donations:

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