



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Second Week of Easter 24th April 2022 Year C

Readings: *Acts 5:12-16, Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19, John 20:19-31*

Today used to be known as “Low Sunday”– a reflection on all the pomp and ceremony of last weekend –and it was also known as Quasimodo Sunday from the opening words of the Latin Mass for that day (and of course Quasimodo was the name they gave to The Hunchback of Notre Dame because he was found abandoned on that Sunday).

Of course no Sunday is ever really “low”– always the Mass is high in God’s eyes: and of course, also, not one of us should ever consider themselves to be low or abandoned. Today’s Psalm 118 is full of reference to God NOT abandoning us: “God’s right hand has raised me, the Lord’s right hand has triumphed, I shall not die, I shall live”



But – there are always times when we DO feel abandoned – well, not REALLY abandoned – just overlooked: Thomas felt that way – all the others had seen the Risen Christ and he hadn’t: sniff, mutter – He’s been to all the others and I’ve been left out – what’s so special about THEM!! How come I haven’t seen Him?? How come I’ve been overlooked? It’s just not fair, NOT NOT fair at all. And the others all reckon they’ve seen the wounds and that great scar on His side (well, that’s what they said and I don’t really believe them. I’m not going to believe them unless I can see for myself – so there!!

But of course he hadn’t been abandoned and Jesus came back a week later (what took you so long?) to show Thomas the fact that, yes, He, Jesus was alive and – look here, Thomas m’boy, there are the wounds so pop your hand and have a feel for yourself: See, they’re real. But aren’t you so lucky Thomas that you can feel for yourself – what about all those people at church in St Francis of Assisi parish in 2022 – do you think they feel abandoned just ‘cos they can’t see me in person, they can’t stick their hands into the whacking big gash in my side?

NO – THEY DO NOT FEEL ABANDONED because they grew up in the faith that says I will never abandon them: of course they might abandon me which can be a bit rough, But I will NEVER ABANDON them!! I, the Risen Christ, will stand by them until the day they die and I will receive them into my Kingdom and they will never feel abandoned again

Tony de Joux

ANZAC MASS : YOU are invited to an ANZAC PEACE YOUTH MASS on APRIL 24th at 10.30am at Ss Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville.

The Mass will be organised by the Challenge 2000 Youth Ministry Team.

The theme is “**We will remember their Service and Sacrifice**”.

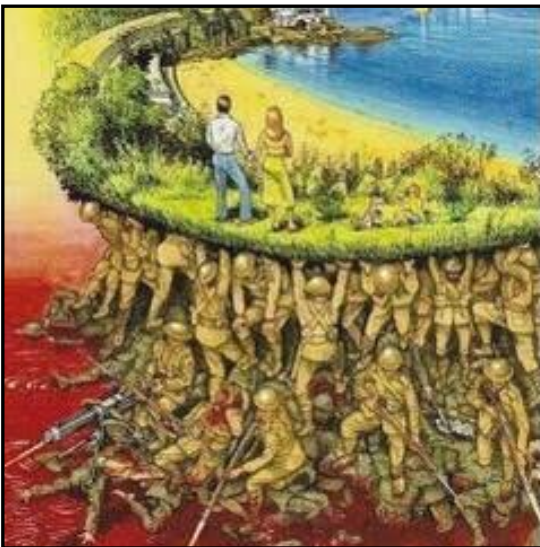
Children and young people are encouraged to wear their grandparents' medals. Everyone is encouraged to wear a red ANZAC poppy or white peace poppy.

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 9.30 am on.

Also, if you would like to be involved in any way: prayers, music, readings or if you can play an instrument or a trumpet for the Last Post and Reveille then contact Mihi or Kitty or the Parish office.

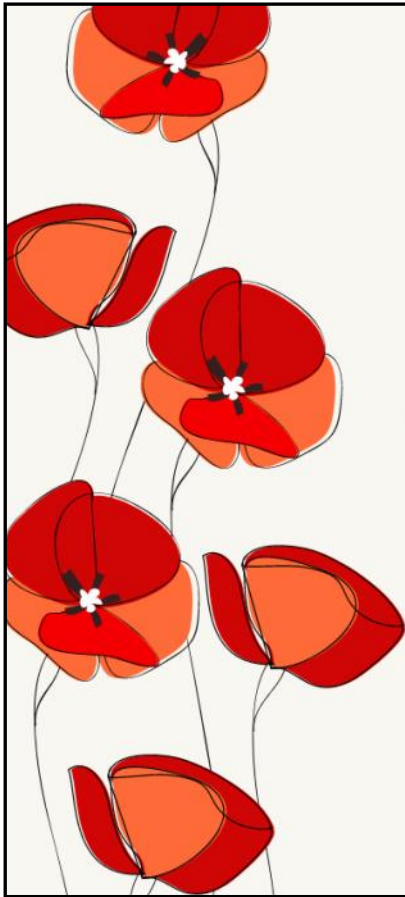
Covid willing we will share ANZAC biscuits and a cup of tea after the Mass in the hall or outside. All are welcome.

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



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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.



TUESDAY APRIL 26TH;
10-4PM SS PETER AND PAUL'S
HALL JOHNSONVILLE
CHILDREN AGED **5-12**
LEARN ABOUT ANZAC DAY,
SERVICE AND PEACE

ANZAC Holiday Programme:

"Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou."
"We will remember them"

For More Information or a registration from
Contact Challenge 2000: 04 477 6827
or email mihihough@challenge2000.org.nz
or stephpenny@challenge2000.org.nz

Numbers are limited. Please enrol as soon as
possible.

"The only constant in Life is Change" **Seasons for Growth small group program for adults:**

For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences.

We may not choose the changes in our lives – but we can choose how we meet them.

Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults with companion Bridgett Parkin:

Dates: 5th June, six consecutive Sundays, 2.00-4.30pm
(participants to attend all six)

Venue: Wilton (venue on application)

Cost: \$40.

Registration by email closes Monday, 23rd May: seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz

Tax Receipts / New Envelopes

We are currently finalising parishioners tax receipts for year end 31st March 2022.

For those who give by Automatic Payment, we will email you through your tax receipt. If we do not have an email address for you, this will be printed off and ready for collection in the Church foyer.

For those who give by envelope, your new envelopes and tax receipts will be available to collect in the Church foyer. If you cannot locate your envelope, please contact the Parish office for clarification as to which church they will be available.

Envelope givers please note: The Parish has moved to a new tax receipting system, so you have been issued with a new planned giving number. This number is indicted in a letter with your new envelopes.

If you have any queries, please contact the **Parish Office, ph: 04 4787137.**

The Parish would like to thank you for your continued support, especially throughout this difficult period.

Sacramental Programme 2022

Registration brochures are available in the church foyers. They are also available through our schools and on the parish website. [Click here.](#)

The programmes offer preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion/Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Youth Ministry team will also arrange the Sacrament of Baptism if that is wanted. Any questions please call **Kitty ph; 021491459 or Angela/Helen at the Parish Office 04 4787137.**

Wednesday, 27th April - we will run a **one day** Reconciliation Programme at Ss Peter & Paul Church, for details, please refer to the brochure.

Thanks to those who have offered to help with the programme so far. Everyone is welcome to be involved.



COVID Update

New Zealand is now in **Orange** in the Covid-19 Protection framework.

Mass number are **NO** longer restricted. Bookings are **NO** longer required.

We ask that you do still wear a mask while attending our Liturgies and Masses.

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to discuss possible arrangements.

Ph: 04 478 7137.

If you are isolating and need support, you can call the COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337. The helpline is open 7 days a week.

For more information please go to the Government Covid-19 website. [Click here.](#)



Prayer for our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu.

Loving God, as members of our Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Ohariu, we come before you in a spirit of love, prayer and thanksgiving.

We pray you bind us together in love. Whatever our age, cultural background and individual roles within our parish, may we be one together in Jesus. May we accept, affirm and support one another.

In your service we offer you our talents and gifts so as to build your Loving Presence amongst us. May our Parish be vibrant with your love and always a place of welcome

May your Holy Spirit anoint us, inspire us, and send us out into the community as witnesses to you and your love and teaching. May we have the courage and compassion to reach beyond our church to the peripheries to those who are most vulnerable and in need.

May your Holy Spirit draw others to you through us.

We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us, and guide us.



Upcoming Events/Notices

Come and join us - HOK Movie Fundraiser

Please bring your friends and family and join us for the latest Downton Abbey Movie at:



Penthouse Cinema Brooklyn.
Sunday 15th May - 2.30pm

Tickets \$25—All proceed to St Benedict's School.

Raffles will be held - \$5 tickets can be pre-purchased or bought with cash on the day. Be in to win 1 of 3 gorgeous hampers.

For further information **email: hok@st-benedicts.school.nz**

Onslow Catholic Women's League

We haven't been able to meet for a while, but please come and join us for an afternoon get-together on **Tuesday, 26th April at 2pm** in the foyer of St Benedict's Church, to have a chat and to reconnect! (Please note the change of time from our usual meetings)

Afternoon tea will be provided, and we hope very much to see you. If you would like a lift, please call either **Margaret Morris on 478 2939** or **Ita Delahunty on 479 6448**.



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Evening):

Women in the Scriptures & Mythology

Part 2: Women in the Sistine Chapel with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

Sunday, 29 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/women-in-the-scriptures-mythology/>

Please also see additional information about Esther, Judith and Miriam here:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/04/09/miriam-esther-judith/>

Interview with Michael Mangan on Liturgical Music:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/04/13/michael-mangan-on-muffin-talk/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Upcoming Events/Notices

Pā Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon - Events coming up:

Spiritual Theology Course: "Death and After Death", 5 Tuesday evenings, beginning 3 May

Winter Film Series: "Born in the Shadows: A Spirituality for Living in Today's World", 5 Monday evenings beginning 6th June OR 5 Thursday evenings beginning 9th June.

For further information and/or to register, please contact Brian Cummings SM at bccummings@xtra.co.nz

Holy Hour: You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 26 April** at the Connolly Hall Chapel, beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

We will also be praying for peace in the world and especially for peace in Ukraine.

Included in the hour will be prayers, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

NZ Catholic free digital - Click link below:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3fa6ad33-b255-4dc6-b270-7d281d530553>


Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on **Thursday 28th April 2022** starting 7:30pm sharp followed by a cuppa.

Venue: 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets.

Speaker: Peter Ewart SM, Chaplain for Joshua Wellington on the Joshua

2022 3-in-1 theme: "Fix your eyes on Jesus... Faith, Present Jesus to the World... Love, Seeing beyond the storm... Hope". Want to know more?

Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555, or email: 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:

Recently Deceased: Paul Thomas

Anniversaries: Marie Odell

Prayers for the Sick: Mike Coghlan, Ann Zouch, Gerard van der Kaa, Myra Oh, Rosemary Molloy, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank McGuire, Monsignor John Carde, Fr Peter O'Connell.

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. We also pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

Saturday 23rd April—Saturday 30th April

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 23rd April, 5pm Word
& Communion
Sat: 30th April, 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

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

Sun: 10.30am - Mass
Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am - Liturgy
Wed: 11.00am - Mass with
morning tea
Thurs: 9.00am - Liturgy
Fri: 9.00am - Liturgy

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Parish Bank Account for Donations:
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