



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Sixth Week Ordinary Time, 25th September 2022 Year C

Readings: Amos 6:1,4-7, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31



The Word of God this Sunday challenges us to place the common good and social justice at the centre of our lives. It warns us against self-centred living, personal gain and indifference to the crying need of the poor and the gaping wound of the earth. Amos was a prophet who was not afraid to speak truth to power.

In the parable that Jesus told his disciples, the rich man was totally caught up in his own affairs. He enjoyed a good life without any consideration for Lazarus who longed for the crumbs that fell from his table. Then death brought about the reversal of fortunes. Yet the point of the parable is not about rewarding the poor and punishing the rich. Rather, it is about the sense of duty and responsibility that comes with what we have been given. The rich man simply does not look beyond his own gate; he does not care.

The Word of God is a reminder to us of our collective and personal responsibility to bring about a new society and a new world where the reign of God is evident. We are challenged by the prophetic message of Amos and Jesus to confront what the Holy Father calls "globalised indifference", and to bring God's justice to those who are poor, vulnerable, discriminated against, deprived of fundamental human values. And yet it begins with me, in my own environment and relationships: each of us has something to share with someone needing help from us.

"You might be tempted to say, "I have nothing to give". That's not true. If we want to, each of us can discover that we possess inexhaustible treasures: our free time, our love, our smile, our advice, our knowledge, our peace and our words that might persuade someone who has to give to someone who has not. You might also say: "I don't know whom to give to". Just look around you: don't you remember that sick person in the hospital, that widow who always feels alone, that classmate who failed and got discouraged, that young person who is sad because they can't find a job, your younger sibling who needs a helping hand, that friend who is in prison, that new person at work who is unsure of themselves? In each person, Christ is waiting for you." (Chiara Lubich)

Let's renew our commitment to be catalysts and agents of God's reign of justice. In the words of St Paul today, "Let us fight the good fight" as we share God's life and love with others.

Anna Franceschini

Parish Information

FROM THE LFT

Our Parish Property Meeting will be held this Sunday, 25th September.

- **At Khandallah Town Hall**
- **From 2.00pm - 4.00pm, Sunday 25th September**

We will be arranging transport from St Andrew's Church, Ss Peter & Paul Church and Malvina Major.

Bus pick up details:

1.15pm - Pick up Parishioners at St Andrew's Church, Newlands

1.30pm - Pick up Parishioners at Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Johnsonville

1.35pm - Pick up Parishioners at Malvina Major, Burma Road

1.45pm, - Arrive at Khandallah Town Hall

Bus drop off details:

4.00pm - Collect from Khandallah Town Hall and return

4.15pm - Drop off Malvina Major, Ss Peter & Paul's Church, then St Andrew's Church

If you would like to join us on the bus, please indicate your interest to the office, so we can have an understanding of numbers.

Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs")

FAQs relating to the Property Project are now available [here](#).

Season of Creation Week 4

Give thanks for all Creation.



At SS Peter & Pauls during the Season of Creation we will collect your soft plastics for you. All must be empty and dry. Bread bags, frozen food bags, toilet paper packaging, Courier bags, anything that can be scrunched up. Please put them into the black bin in the walkway marked SOFT PLASTICS and we will deliver them to New World at Churton Park or Newlands.

St Peter and Paul's 100 Year Celebration Mass

Please click below for an audio link to the St Peter and Paul's 100 years Celebration Mass held on Sunday 26th June 2022.

<http://www.r2.co.nz/stpp100/>

Parish Information

Closure of St Benedicts and St Andrews - Message from the LFT

The Parish is progressing the decision from Cardinal John that we close St Benedict's and St Andrew's Churches. To do so, the following will happen in January 2023.

The letter from the Cardinal will be made available at Masses over the weekend and also at the Parish Meeting on Sunday.

The Leadership Team have agreed that Ss Peter and Paul Church will close in early January and undergo some minor refurbishment. This refurbishment is an interim measure until final decisions are made regarding redevelopment options for this church and the wider Johnsonville site.

We will also seek a decree from Cardinal John to rename the church St Francis of Assisi.

A section of our meeting on Sunday afternoon will be to discuss the future needs of our Parish on the Johnsonville site.

Later in January we will close St Benedict's and St Andrew's and open St Francis of Assisi. Furniture and artifacts from St Benedict's and St Andrew's will be taken to St Francis of Assisi.

Special liturgies will be held for each of these milestones in our parish.

The specific dates will be confirmed later this year 2022.

Ohariu Parish Feast Day - The Feast of St Francis of Assisi will be celebrated on Saturday, 1st October and Sunday 2nd October.

For this Parish Feast Day, **MASS** will be celebrated in all 3 communities at the normal Mass times.



Following 10.30am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on this day, there will be a morning tea. All welcome.

Notice for Malvina Major - There will be an anointing Mass at Malvina Major, this Sunday, 25th September, at 10.30am in the Burma Lounge.

Please note this Mass is for residents only.



Parish Information

Pastoral Advisory Group - Over the last few weeks, Fr Pete & Joe have commissioned the Pastoral Advisory Group, a group that has been formed to discern and advise on Pastoral matters in the Parish.

Each member of the group were presented with a Franciscan Tau (Cross).



Confirmation Programmes 2022 - The Confirmation programme has now started. The next sessions and options are listed below.

Option 1 - St Ben's School, Sunday mornings

Sunday 25th September 10:15am - 11:45am

Sunday 16th October 10:15am - 11:45 in St Benedict's Church

Option 2 - School Holiday Confirmation Programme, Ss Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville on Tuesday 4th October, 10:00am-4:00pm. Please bring lunch.

Confirmation Masses will be held at St Benedict's Church at 5pm on Saturday 29th of October and on Sunday October 30th at Ss Peters and Paul Church at 10:30am.

Please contact the Parish office for a Registration Form. If you require additional information, please text/email or call Kitty McKinley.

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St Vincent's de Paul's Feast Day - Next Tuesday, the Youth Ministry Team will lead the 9.15am Liturgy with St Brigid's School pupils, to celebrate St Vincent de Paul's Feast Day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Reflective thoughts as we move towards our celebration of St Francis of Assisi Feast Day on Tuesday 4th October 2022

Monday: 26th September 2022

The early Franciscan friars and Poor Clare's wanted to be *Gospel practitioners* instead of merely "inspectors" or "museum curators."

Tuesday: 27th September 2022

Does the Body of Christ move us to contemplate God in creation? If so, then how can we say "Amen" to receiving the Body of Christ and perpetrate destruction of the environment?

Wednesday: 28th September 2022

God calls us to mystical activism, a deep-rooted spirituality inspired by our encounters with God and commitment to our spiritual practices, to bring beauty and healing to the world.

Thursday: 29th September 2022

Simple living is about freedom. It's about a freedom to choose space rather than clutter, to choose open and generous living rather than a secure and sheltered way.

Friday: 30th September 2022

As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that greater peace is in your hearts. —Francis of Assisi



Mental Health Awareness Week

- **Create something.** Creating something (e.g. art) gives you a sense of purpose, which can add meaning to your life.
- **Develop relationships.** The supportive nature of spending time with others will help you to develop more of a sense of meaning in your life.
- **Find purpose in pain.** If you are going through something bad, try to find a purpose in it. Even if this is a bit of mental trickery, it will help to see you through. For example, if a family member is going through medical treatments for a disease, view your purpose as being there to support that person.

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- **Understand that life is not fair.** There is nobody keeping score, and you will not necessarily be dealt a fair deck. However, life can always have meaning, even in the worst of situations.
- **Freedom to find meaning.** Remember that you are always free to make meaning out of your life situation. Nobody can take that away from you.
- **Focus on others.** Try to focus outside of yourself to get through feeling stuck about a situation.
- **Accept the worst.** When you go out seeking the worse, it reduces the power that it has over you.

Where to get help

- Need to Talk? Free call or text 1737 any time to speak to a trained counsellor, for any reason.

Or [click here](#) for a full list of places to get help.

Pete Roe

SVDP Newlands Conference Recess Announcement

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that this weekend will be the last time we are able to receive donations of kai and putea from you, our loyal Parishioners. Low membership means that we are no longer able to serve you and our wider community as we have in the past. We are in the process of going into recess and are currently completing our mammoth task of early Christmas parcels to those in need. After this weekend, any donations of kai and monetary koha can be redirected to our wonderful Johnsonville Conference, who along with Challenge 2000, continue to serve those most in need. We thank you all sincerely for the many years of dedicated support you have given us and invite you to a cup of tea after Mass on Saturday the 1st of October as a way of saying - Thank You!

On a **positive note** Saint Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) is still flourishing within our parish. You can contact the Johnsonville Conference President Spencer Tasker, in confidence, by email on johnsonville.svdp@gmail.com or by phone on 020 40880192 for any issues you might have otherwise spoken to us about. Some of our members will be associated with the Johnsonville Conference moving forward. Kia ora.

Ngā mihi nui,

Derek and Rima Gale, Marie Coghlan, Patricia Maguire, Marie Paurini and all those who have walked beside us for many years - Mike Keenan, Mike Coghlan, Josephine Lawrence, Matthew Gale and many others.

Parish Information

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month....

Show your support by taking a simple challenge to eat 30 healthy foods in 30 days.



We know that 30% of cancer is preventable with lifestyle factors. Eating healthy and exercising can prevent any number of chronic diseases, and in some cases, like diabetes, it can even help reverse some of the most dangerous effects. **Pete**

Other Events/Notices

You are invited - to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 27 September 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. Our celebrant will be our newly ordained priest Fr Alfred Tong. **All welcome.**

Thank You Luncheon Invite From the Johnsonville Combined Churches Op Shop

Thursday 20th October 2022 at 12.30pm
In the Friendship Lounge at Johnsonville Community Centre.,
Please bring: A donation to the Foodbank
RSVP by 17th October to: Yvette Elliston, email: ycelliston@gmail.com or
ph: 021 605 754 or your coordinator.

SENIORS' WEEK 2022

Age Concern Event - Seminar Day

When: Wednesday, September 28, 10am - 2pm

Where: Johnsonville Uniting Church, 18 Doctor Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville

- Better banking - how to avoid scams
- Enduring Power of Attorney - why you need one
- Advance Care Planning - why and how to plan for your end of life care
- Brain Health and Dementia 101 - how to keep your brain healthy

Lunch is provided. The Stroke Foundation will also be available to do blood pressure checks.

For details and to register:
www.acwellington.org.nz or call 04 499 6648



MASS INTENTIONS



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

Anniversaries: Antonio "Tony" Moreno Junior, Alex Telfar, Johan Hermon, Eldon Porter

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

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 24th September - Sunday 2nd October

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 24th Sept - 5pm Vigil
Mass

Sat: 1st Oct - 5pm Vigil
Mass - **SFOA Feast Day**

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Sun: 9.00am - Word &
Communion
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 - **SFOA
Feast Day**

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

Sun: 10.30am - Mass
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 -
SFOA Feast Day

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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