



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time, 26th June 2022 Year C**  
**Readings:** 1Kings 19:16,19-21, Galatians 5:1,13-18, Luke 9:51-62

## Reflection

There is a Māori whakataukī which is appropriate as we approach the feast day of Sts Peter & Paul while also commemorating 100 years since the Johnsonville church first became a stand-alone parish: *Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua: I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past.*

St Peter and St Paul are two giants of the past amongst our ancestors in faith; two saints on whom we can fix our eyes as we walk backwards into the future. They are part of the faith DNA of us all because, while our personal faith genealogies differ, tracing back through different families, cultures, denominations and countries, every Christian's whakapapa eventually links back to these two inspiring men.

The faith, leadership and courage that defines the lives of Peter and Paul touched me in a deeply personal and quite unexpected way while working in Rome in 2015. I was part of a small group who decided to visit the ancient port of Ostia, 30 kms from Rome, the place where Peter and Paul, at different times, arrived in chains, prisoners of the Roman emperor.

As we strolled along the original, well-rutted cobblestones that lead from the old port through the ruins of Ostia towards Rome, I found myself emotionally overwhelmed by the fact that I was literally 'walking in the footsteps' of Peter and Paul who, while travelling that road, would have been aware that the outcome of their stay would likely be death – upside down crucifixion for Peter and be-heading for Paul, as it turned out.



Yet, as important as it is to focus on the greatness, faith and courage of these saints, we should not lose sight of their personalities – imperfect men with chequered pasts. St Peter’s temperament led him to act impulsively at times and he let his fears get the better of him when, three times, he denied Jesus. St Paul, meanwhile, was a man with a fiery personality who started off as a bitter enemy of the young church, cheered on the stoning of Stephen and threatened death against many Christians.

In the face of my own deficiencies, focussing on the weaknesses of Peter and Paul is as important for my faith journey as focussing on their strengths.

My weaknesses do not ultimately define me, just as the Church has not let it define our memories of Peter and Paul. I can confidently continue striving to be faithful, weaknesses and all. With that reassurance, I can continue to maintain my place in my unbroken chain of faith which future Christians will one day look back on as they seek inspiration and courage for their faith long after I too have died.

**John Kleinsman**

## **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.



## Parish Events & Information

**This Sunday we celebrate - Saints Peter and Pauls Johnsonville 1922-2022**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm**

(Please note there will be no 10.30am Mass on this day)

Saints Peter and Pauls Dr Taylor Tce Johnsonville

Mass with Cardinal John Dew presiding

Followed by afternoon tea in the church hall

**Please bring a "sweet" plate if possible**

Book will be available to purchase on the day - Cost \$20 cash no eftpos.



### **St Brigid's School Liturgies**

Most Tuesday mornings during the school term, the Challenge 2000 youth team arrange liturgies for children at St Brigid's school and parishioners at Ss Peter and Paul.

If you are free or working from home we'd love to have you join with our children for half an hour to take time out to be and pray.

The liturgies are at 9:15am, and the last one for this term is next week on **28th June**. We hope to see you there!

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Each month, our weekly Prayers of the Faithful are prepared by one of our 3 Mass community's in turn.

This month our Prayers of the Faithful are being prepared by the St Benedict's community.

If you would like to contribute to this important ministry please contact a member of your local Liturgy team.

## Parish Information

### First Communion Programme

Preparation for First Holy Communion is now underway.

For all session times and dates please [click here](#).



### The First Communion Masses are at:

St Benedict's Church: **Sunday, 10th July, 9am**

Ss Peter and Paul Church: **Sunday 24th July, 2pm**

**Note the change in date with the Ss Peter and Paul Mass.**

### Confirmation Programme 2022

The first Confirmation Mass will be on **Sunday 7th August at 10:30 AM** at Ss Peter and Paul Church Johnsonville.

This is for those children who attended the Sacramental programme in 2020 or 2021 or who are over the age of 11 and have not yet been confirmed.

Times and sessions in the brochure. Please [click here](#).

Confirmation Masses for those in the Sacramental Programme this year or who are eligible to be confirmed this year as follows:

St Benedict's Church - **Saturday, 29th October, 5pm**

Ss Peter & Paul Church - **Sunday, 30th October, 10.30am**

All details for the programme are available on our website for information please [click here](#).

### **40 Day Mass for Herminia Montes**

The 40 day Mass for Herminia Montes "Nanay Minyang", mother of Miles Montes and Marita Basabas will be celebrated at St Peter and Paul's church on **Monday 27 June at 6.30 pm**.

You are welcome to join the family for this Mass.

### World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day was celebrated on 20th June. In Wellington, families from Afghanistan, Burma (Myanmar), Colombia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Lao PDR, Sudan, and many more gathered in South Wellington for a time of celebration of their new lives here.

The sea of colour, dancing and food was a reminder of the richness our migrant communities add to Aotearoa.

Our parish has so far housed 26 families and we are taking in supplies now for the next arrivals. Please contact **Jo-Anne Carley** if you have good quality kitchen and household items, linen, or furniture that you would like to donate. [Jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:Jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz) or phone 022 300 7413.

**Thank you.**



### Upcoming Event

Upcoming event for migrant families - a school holiday session on **Wednesday afternoon, 13th July.**

There will be a hands-on art session of collage and painting, with Sam Walker.

The target group is those of a migrant background, especially those who have English as a second language; school children aged 6-10.

**This is a free event.**

For more details and registration, please contact:  
[Jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:Jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz)

## Other Events/Notices

### Ordination Anniversaries

*"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek". Hebrew 7:17*

50th

John Walls SM	22/01/1972
Alan Roberts	17/06/1972
Julian Wagg	18/06/1972
Ron Bennett	19/06/1972

60th

Roderick Milne SM	01/07/1962
Tom O'Brien	17/06/1962
David Arms SSC	29/06/1962

65th

Brian Wysocki SM	17/07/1957
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Clergy Jubilees Mass will be on **July 14th, Thursday, 11am, at St. Patrick's Kilbirnie**. All welcome to attend.

### Onslow Catholic Women's League



Our mid-winter lunch will be held on **Tuesday 28th June at 12.30pm** in St Benedict's Church foyer, with soup and sandwiches and more provided by Committee members!

Matthew White, seminarian, currently at Otari Parish has agreed to come and speak to us on his vocation story and Maori spirituality.

We look forward to seeing our members and friends and invite you to take this opportunity of hearing about Matt's journey to the priesthood.

We are intending to take some more contributions to the Wellington Homeless Women's Trust soon, and would very much appreciate any items that you might be able to spare for them: toiletries, knick-knacks, colouring books, etc.

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

## Other Events/Notices

### MATARIKI BLESSING

The new light of Matariki has risen!

May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.

May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.

May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery of Atua who loves you.

May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are ever upon you and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with you. And may this be the cause of your rejoicing.

Go in peace.

Through Christ and in the perfect unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray.

Amen

National Liturgy Office

### Holy Hour

You are invited to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 28th June** beginning at 7.30 pm in the Connolly Hall chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

This Holy Hour will include prayers, Scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction.

### Lamb of God Christian Community - Life in the Spirit Seminar

#### **When:**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (9:30am – 4:40pm)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July (1:30pm – 4:30pm)

#### **Where:**

St. John's Anglican Church  
18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/SvcjFkBPg7E8TiCb6>

**Contact Email:** [lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com](mailto:lifeinthspirit.log@gmail.com)

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

- **Dates:** 4th September, six consecutive Sundays, 2.00-4.30pm
- **Venue:** Wilton (venue on application)
- **Cost:** \$40.
- **Registration** by email closes Wednesday, 23rd August:

# MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Anniversaries:** Tony Campbell

**Prayers for the Sick:** Margaret Blight, Joe Godinet, Penelope Corich, Mike Coghlan, Ann Zouch, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa, Fr Frank McGuire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Monsignor John Carde,

*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 25th June - Saturday 2 July**

### St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 25th June - Word & Communion

Sat: 2nd July - 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

**NB - No 10.30am Sunday Mass**  
Sun: **2.00pm Jubilee 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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