



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Holy Family 26th December 2021 Year C

Readings: *1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28, 1 John 3:1-2,21-24, Luke 2:41-52*

Dear brothers and sisters in our St Francis of Assisi Community of communities.

2021 is almost over and what another strange year it has been. **And** the Leadership team is so grateful that through all the changes and Covid uncertainties and impacts, you, our parishioners have turned up, helped, prayed, discovered creative ways to be church and community, worshipped and contributed to our families, homes, work and study places, church life and civic responsibilities. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

2021 has also been a busy year and much has been accomplished. New ministries and projects have been discussed and set up, lay people trained to actively take up their Baptismal call, and the normal pastoral, sacramental, liturgical and life needs of a parish community have been mostly catered for. And there is still much to do.

Next year in 2022, our new collaborative and cooperative Parish model where we, the parishioners and employed staff, take responsibility for the mission of our parish and church will continue. Our partnership with the Society of Mary and the Archdiocese of Wellington who support this new model of being church and bringing life and love to our communities will also continue.

May the peace, joy and confident hope of Jesus be with you over the Christmas season and may He fill our hearts and lives as we strive to bring his mission in our lives in 2022.

**Shane, Paul, John L, Pete,
John K, Thomas, Kitty, Clayton.**



Vigil and Sunday Masses and Word and Communion Liturgies

As we get closer to January and February 2022, I am fully aware that the holiday season begins, Covid restrictions are still in place and that over this time there will be fewer Masses, on Sundays, where there are no Priests available.

Please be assured Mass will be offered in at least one of our communities - St Andrew's, Ss Peter and Paul or St Benedict's - be it a Vigil or Sunday Mass. Hence, I encourage you to be aware of where Masses will be celebrated during January and February. Word and Communion Liturgies will also be celebrated over these weekends.

What is a Word and Communion Liturgy?

Celebrating the Lord's Day

"The people of God need to know that, even when we listen to God's Word and receive Communion outside of Mass, we are closely united with the sacrifice that continues the sacrifice of the cross within our lives."

(Vatican for Divine Worship – Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass)

The Church gathers on Sunday, the Lord's Day, to celebrate Eucharist, gathered around the Tables of Word and Sacrament. The Church is sent by the Lord, to serve the common good in the world that God places before us. We are the Church the Lord assembles, to be His People.

We gather, and we pray, and we go, and we serve, we gather, and we pray, and we go, and we serve.....And the Lord calls us to be open and welcoming to the new members he sends to us. Our challenge is to engage all in mission and ministry.

In circumstances when a priest is not available to lead the Eucharist, the Church calls from its members men and women to be Leaders of Prayer (LP) and Leaders of Communion (LC).

Over the last four weeks training has taken place with parishioners from our three communities. They are already Ministers of the Word and Communion and are now also able to lead us in Word and Communion Liturgies - where a Priest is not available on Sundays.

A Word and Communion Liturgy looks very much like a Mass but is led by a presider rather than a priest, because it does not have a moment of consecration - which only the priest can perform.

At a Word and Communion Liturgy, you will not hear the words, “This is my body.... This is my blood....”, instead a presider and ministers of communion, distribute hosts that have been consecrated at a Mass and then placed in the tabernacle until needed.

Our Word and Communion liturgical texts have been prepared using the traditions of our various communities across the parish, as well as resources from the Canadian Catholic Bishops Conference. We are blessed to have several choices of Prayers of Preparation, Gratitude and Thanksgiving that are suitable for our needs.

Thank you to all who have responded to the invitation to lead our communities, in Word and Communion Liturgies, when a priest is not available. I know the wonderful people of Saint Francis of Assisi, Ohariu will benefit greatly from your Ministry. **Fr Pete Roe SM**

Please CHECK THE TIMETABLE BELOW to ensure you know when and where these Masses and Liturgies are being celebrated.

January Schedule

<p>Saturday 1st January Ss Peter & Paul's - 10.30am Mass St Andrew's - 5.00pm Vigil</p>	<p>Sunday 2nd January St Benedict's - 9.00am Word & Communion Liturgy Ss Peter & Paul – 10.30am Mass</p>
<p>Saturday 8th January St Andrew's – 5.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 9th January St Benedict's – 9.00am Mass Ss Peter & Paul – 10.30am Word & Communion Liturgy</p>
<p>Saturday 15th January St Andrew's – 5.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 16th January St Benedict's – 9.00am Word & Communion Liturgy Ss Peter & Paul's – 10.30 Mass</p>
<p>Saturday 22nd January St Andrew's – 5.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 23rd January St Benedict's – 9.00am Mass Ss Peter & Paul's – 10.30am Word & Communion Liturgy</p>
<p>Saturday 29th January St Andrew's – 5.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 30th January St Benedict's - 9.00am Word & Communion Liturgy Ss Peter & Paul – 10.30am Mass</p>

Fr Pete Roe

From 2nd January 2022, Father Pete will be on sabbatical, for a well earned break and retreat. He will also be spending time with his beautiful family. He will not be available at this time.

When you call the Parish Office - 04 478 7137, the call will be answered by the office staff during office hours and after hours answered by a member of the Leadership Formation Team who will be able to help.

Parish Director of Mission

Next year our parish will continue to develop a new way of being community/being parish in today's world. The Leadership team will continue to work with the Archdiocese of Wellington and initially with the Society of Mary to continue on the journey of the past few years.

We will also from February have a Parish Director of Mission who will join our parish management team and the many ministries that we have.

We have been fortunate in recruiting Joe Geen to this role. Joe has been a Lay Pastoral Leader in the Wellington South Parish since 2016 and prior to that was a police officer and teacher.

Joe will start in early February and his full time role will support the transition of our parish to a collaborative and new model of church. More information and an opportunity to meet Joe will occur next year.

THANK YOU: The St Andrew's Committee (SAC) wish to give their utmost gratitude and thanks to Yvette Ibe and family who will be moving permanently to Christchurch in the new year.

Yvette and husband Jog, kids Chase and CJ, have voluntarily and dedicatedly looked after the St Andrew's church after Mass particularly during rainy days ensuring everything is covered and kept dry.

We will surely miss Yvette for her dedication in helping out SAC and the church in many ways, and most of all, for her fun and energetic personality. God bless you and your family Yvette for this new adventure down south.

Newlands Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank

THANK YOU!!

Your generous response to our Christmas Food Bank appeal has meant that we have been able to be **very** generous with our Christmas Hampers this year. May God bless you all and your whānau. We could not do this work without your support. Kia ora.

Tofa ma faamavae - From Sio

As I reflect back on my time being part of the parish for the last three years, all I can say is "What a journey". I remember first coming here unsure on what the parish model was going to look like. I wanted to say YES to the calling of serving our young people in our community.

I have had the privilege to meet so many families who are connected to this beautiful community. There is a sense of diversity of cultures and gifts that people have. I have loved every moment and opportunity to serve, to grow and to learn. I have made many special connections while I have been here.

I have enjoyed working alongside our Children and families through the holiday programme, Sacramental Programme, Youth and Children masses. It has been some of my highlights and joys of serving.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each of you for your support and love over the last three years. I look to the next part of my journey, as I will always call St Francis of Assisi my home parish in Wellington. Fa'afetai tele lava, alofa atu.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Sio



Covid Vaccine Passes required at all Masses and Liturgies

Wellington is now in Orange under the Covid-19 Protection framework.

Everyone aged over 12 and 3 months must show a Covid MyVaccine pass when you come to a Mass or Liturgy.

Orange: You will need to show your Covid Vaccine pass when you arrive at the church. You won't need to book but you will need to wear a mask and scan in or register in writing.

Should we move to **Red** you will need to show your Covid Vaccine pass when you arrive. Masses will be limited to 100 people. You will need to book and must wear a mask.

Everyone over 12 and 3 months will need a pass. You can get a pass at <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-certificates/my-vaccine-pass/> If you don't have a computer, phone: 0800 222 478 and have your NHI number ready.

If you're not vaccinated there are special masses in Wellington. These can be found by clicking on this [link](#).

If you are unable to attend Mass and you wish to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to discuss possible arrangements to receive. **Ph: (04) 478 7137.**

NB: If you would be interested in having an option to attend an Open Mass in our Parish, please contact the office to advise by either email: office@stfrancisohariu.nz or ph: **(04) 478 7137** between 9.00am -3.00pm.

Christmas Collection

To the parishioners who have automatic payments set up for planned giving and who wish to make a Christmas donation through the bank, please reference the donation as **Christmas.**

A Message from the Office

The Parish Office will close on 24th December 2021 and will reopen on 17th January 2022 with reduced hours. This will our final Parish newsletter for the year.

*We look forward to seeing you all again in January.
Have a blessed and safe Christmas.—From Helen and Angela*

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Anniversaries: Mark Orioste, Tom O'Donnell, Doris Bose, Mathew Gale

Prayers for the Sick— Abbey Washington, Ted Ramsbottom, Graeme Gorton, John Fanning, Tony Bordignon, Tau So'oa (father of Mel Aspinall), Monsignor John Carde, Fr Colin Durning, Fr Frank McGuire, Fr Peter O'Connell

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

We pray for parishioners and their friends & contacts who have been affected by Covid-19. We also pray for New Zealand and all those working to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

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.

Columban Calendar 2022

We have received the 2022 Columban Calendars for next year. They are available for purchase in the foyer at a cost of **\$12 per calendar**. In the event you cannot attend Mass and wish to purchase one, please contact the Parish Office; **ph: (04) 4787137, email: office@stfrancisoHariu.nz**.

WEEKDAY MASS & LITURGY TIMES - JANUARY 2022

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

Mon: 9am Liturgy
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy
Wed: 11am Liturgy
(No cup of tea)
Thurs: 9am Liturgy
Fri: 9.00am Mass

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass

St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Monday: 9.00am Liturgy
Monday: 7.00pm Meditation
Tuesday: 9.15am Liturgy
Wednesday: 9.00am Liturgy
Thursday: 9.00am Liturgy
Friday: 9.00am Liturgy
Saturday; 9.00am Liturgy

Christmas Mass Times

Friday 24 December—Christmas Eve

St Benedict's Church: 6.00pm Family Mass
Ss Peter & Paul Church: 7.00pm Family Mass
10.00pm Mass
St Andrew's Church: 7.30pm Carols for 8.00pm Family Mass

Saturday 25 December—Christmas Day

St Benedict's Church: 9.00am Mass
Ss Peter & Paul Church: 10.30am Mass

Sunday 26 December—Boxing Day

Ss Peter & Paul Church: 10.30am Mass

A Vaccination Pass will be required to be shown on arrival

10pm Christmas Eve Mass: This late Mass will be a simple mass most suitable for people who may not regularly attend Mass and would like to go at Christmas Time. It will be led by Challenge 2000 and Father Eddie Condra.

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