



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Pentecost Sunday 28th May 2023, Year A

Readings:: Acts 2:1-11, 1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13, John 20:19-23

Pentecost - The Great Conspiracy 2023

Early records of the word "conspire" say the word comes from the Latin *conspirare*, *con* - together and *spirare* - to breathe. So the word *conspire* means to breathe with or to breathe together – in unison.

In today's world there are many conspiracy theories. Here's another to consider as we gather as brothers and sisters in our faith community.

Pentecost is the day when we celebrate and are inspired and motivated by the Jesus-humanity conspiracy. The day Jesus conspired with his disciples and the day he now conspires with us – you and me.

By becoming human Jesus had already showed his great love, understanding and confidence in his human family.

Pentecost took this confidence to another level. He gave us the Spirit. He breathed on us and we breathed with him. We joined him in his mission, his vocation, his life – we became co-conspirators to serve the common good, heal, forgive, love and transform the world. And human conspiracies can frighten, paralyse and divide us.

Then the Spirit moves deep inside us and we hear Jesus say "PEACE be with you as the Father sends me I am sending you."

Today breathe in the Spirit and breathe out. Choose to say YES to being a co-conspirator- co breather with God. This is our Pentecost faith conspiracy..

Spirit fill us with your love and power, help us to say YES and to accept our mission.

Kitty McKinley



Parish Information

Passionist Family Group

The St Francis of Assisi combined Passionist Family Group 'Housie Nite' hosted by the Newlands Passionist Group last Saturday was a resounding success.

Around 120 attended and many more turned away with regret due to space limitations. A night of laughter and conviviality was had by all; with some tables proving luckier than others.

Huge thanks to the organisers - Denzil and Stephanie - and the wider team especially, Nirmala, Jenny, Kerry, Derrick, Ossie, Trevor and Clayton, for re-starting this event after a Covid break, supplying soup and buns, securing a great number of prizes and hosting the event. It was great for the Parish to come together in such a fun, social way.

The Refugee Fund received a magnificent \$700 and SPCA welcomed a donation of \$300, from the proceeds.

The funds for the Refugee fund are very timely as the parish just this week set up the 27th house (since 2015).

Each house is supplied with electrical equipment such as microwave, vacuum cleaner, toaster, jug, iron etc, all the items in the kitchen, including a full food pantry, and all linen including towels, tablecloths, blankets, duvets, new pillows/mattress protectors and other things to make a house a home. The latest incoming refugee family moved in on 19 May.

If anyone has anything to donate (in cash or kind) the Parish Refugee team is restocking. Please contact Jo-Anne Carley on 022 300 7413, email jo-anne@stfrancisohariu.nz

Thanks again to the parish Passionist Groups for a fun evening. If anyone would like further information about the Passionist Family Group, please contact Kerry or John Kleinsman - ph: 027 311 6618 or email: Kleinsklan88@gmail.com

Thank You

A big thank you to the members of our many ministries who came to the ministries sharing evening on 25 May. We had a convivial time, meeting and greeting each other over a cuppa, then sharing in a relaxed way what our many and varied Parish ministries are and do. **Joe Green**

Parish Information

Reverence for Life

The Reverence for Life group exists in our parish to promote a " Culture of Life in which every person, born and unborn, is protected and loved."

One of our activities is every three months to present at Mass the Book of Life. The Book of Life is a record of personal, family, church and community events that celebrate special occasions reflecting a celebration of life.

The Book will next be presented on the weekend of **10th / 11th June**.

We welcome contributions to the Book for this presentation. Please email your article with any photos to Fiona Kearns at fionakearnz@gmail.com, or leave a hard copy in the specially marked "Book of Life" container in the church foyer.

Gifting Sunday

The Second Vatican Council makes it clear that every member of the church is called to ministry in the Lord's name. This call comes out of our baptism.

On the weekend of **10 and 11 June** we'll be asking you to look into your baptismal calling. Are you called to ministry in this Parish? We'll ask you to indicate from a list of ministries in the parish, quite an extensive list. There'll be space for you to indicate if you feel called to a ministry that isn't listed.

At the same time we will update your contact details, and align the parish with the Privacy Act 2020. Between now and then we ask you to pray for guidance in this. **Joe Green**

Greetings all from the Youth Ministry Team at Challenge 2000

Next Tuesday, 30th May, we will be having our liturgy with St Brigid's School, at St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Church.

It will start at 9:15am and finish at 9:45am.

If you would like any further info please contact Ana Baice: 021 562 690.

All welcome, we would love to see you there praying with our children.

Parish Information



Sacramental Programme

If you have not already registered for the Eucharist & Confirmation Programme, and would like to participate, please [click here](#). The Eucharist Programme will begin in July.

Bookings can be made through the Parish Office. If you have any queries, you can contact Kitty on 021 491 459 or the Parish Office, (04) 478 7137.

Sunday School Carpark

If you use St Brigid's School Carpark on a Sunday for Mass, can you please refrain from parking on the grass if it is wet.

The school are very happy for Parishioners to use the school grounds, however, when the weather is wet, the grass becomes very muddy, so it is best to try to stay on the concrete. Many thanks for your help with this.

Parish Office

Parish Visitation Ministry

Our ministry provides visitation and pastoral care to parishioners at home and to those living in rest homes in our Parish area.

The Ministry provides:

- Holy Communion
- Prayer
- Companionship
- Family Liaison

We meet about three times a year for prayer, formation training and to support each other.

If you are interested in joining our Ministry please contact me.

Please contact the Parish Office if you know of anyone who would like a visit for companionship or for prayer and communion.

Coordinator: Joanne Byrne email: byrnejoannem@gmail.com
mobile: 021 0436856

Parish Information

Why do People in Anger Shout at Each Other ?

When two people are angry at each other, their hearts are distant from one another.

To cover that distance they must shout to be able to hear each other. The angrier they are, the stronger they will have to shout to hear each other to cover that great distance.

What happens when two people love each other? They don't shout at each other but talk softly, because their hearts are very close. The distance between them is either non-existent or very small...

When they love each other even more, what happens?

They do not speak, only whisper and they get even closer to each other in their love. Finally they need not even whisper, they only look at each other and that's all. That is how close two people are when they love each other.

So when you argue do not let your hearts get distant, do not say words that distance each other more, or else there will come a day when the distance is so great that you will not find the path to return.

FOR REFLECTION: What do you make of the relation between the intensity of communication and the closeness of hearts?

When we find ourselves in a situation where we are either shouting or being shouted at, how might we transform the situation and bridge the distance that has developed?

Can you share a personal experience that illustrates the bridging of this distance?
Pete Roese

First Friday Morning Tea - 2nd June

Everyone is warmly welcome to Morning Tea following 8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Service on Friday, 2nd June.

Hospitality - Ita Delahunty and Margie Crook / Margaret Dunne. Any enquires, please contact Judith 021 203 1144.

Malvina Major

Thank you to all those who assisted in any way with the Anointing Mass last Tuesday. God bless you all. Many thanks Judith.

Parish Information

Christian Meditation

A Christian Meditation groups meets: **Mondays**, at 7.00 - 7.45pm in the Committee Room, Uniting Church, Johnsonville.

Meditation is not something new to Christianity. It is rooted in the gospel and in Paul's letters. Also known as contemplative prayer, meditation is the ecumenical prayer of silence and listening.

"Be still and know that I am God" - Psalm 46.:10

To learn more about Christian Meditation ring Linda or Nick Polaschek, ph: (04) 479 7955 or simply come along any Monday evening.

Loafers Lodge Appeal

For anyone wishing to donate to the Wellington Mayoral Relief Fund to support those affected by the Loafers Lodge Fire, please click the link below.

<https://wellingtoncitymission.org.nz/donate-now/>

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.



Other Events/Notices

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms.
Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.
Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum with Laetitia Puthenpadath
Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM.
Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Discover This Treasure In Catholic Teaching!

*What are we here for? What is my purpose? What will make me happy?
Get to know the answers to these questions.*

Join the **Theology of the Body course (TOB): Discovering God's Master Plan for your life.**

Dates: 17 (SAT) & 24 June (SAT), 8:00 am- 5:00 pm

Venue: St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington.

Limited spaces! Register now at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz.

Parenting for Faith Seminar

Dr Andrew Mullins from Melbourne will talk about integrating character and faith education within the context of raising children and encourage us with practical ways to ensure that we parents are empowered to pass on the taonga which is our faith.

Sunday 4th June from 2pm - 4pm at St Mary of the Angels Church Hall,
17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central.

\$20 per individual or couple. Afternoon tea included. Childminding available for \$10 per family.

For more information or to register email Monica Devine at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

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



Recently Deceased: Margaret Mary Gilchrist (nee Kelly - Scotland / Ireland)

Anniversaries: Dennis Low, Marcelo Buenviaje, Giuseppina Mollo

Prayers for the Sick: Gerard McDonagh, David Clarke, Jessie Hensen, Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, Fr Frank Whitaker, Augafa & Sefine Pelelo, Fr Maurice Carmody, Penelope Corich, Tau So'oa, John Fanning, Joe Godinet, Tony Bordignon, Fr Frank Maguire, Fr Peter O'Connell, Fr Kevin Purcell, Jennifer Munro.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 27th May - Friday 2nd June

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Timetable 37 Dr Taylor Tce

Sat:	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun:	10.00am Mass
Mon:	9.00am Liturgy
Tue:	9.00am Liturgy (at the Brigidine Convent)
Wed:	11.00am - Liturgy - Followed by Morning Tea
Thurs:	9.00am Liturgy
Fri:	8.30am Exposition and 9.00am Liturgy

Please note, **Reconciliation** is held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 10.30am before the 11am Mass.

Our Parish Vision

We are missionary disciples of Christ,
in a community of communities,
being transformed in our lives,
and transforming others and our world.

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