



St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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Twenty Second Week Ordinary Time, 28th August 2022 Year C

Readings: *Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,,28-29 , Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24, Luke 14:1,7-14*



Today's scripture readings make us think hard about who we are, and how we act.

Ecclesiasticus says the greater we are the more humbly we should behave. We should treat everyone with love and respect.

The teaching of Jesus goes deeper than this. In the Gospel of today Jesus is invited to a dinner which has an agenda other than hospitality. His actions were closely watched so that maybe he could be accused as a law breaker. Jesus responds by healing the man with dropsy to again show that the law that really matters is the law of love.

Jesus then gives us two parables. In these Jesus teaches us that the only status that counts is the nature of our relationship with God and with others. Our real status is measured, not by race, gender, education, occupation or wealth but by our love for God and our love for others, and especially for those who are in need.

What counts is not how we are looked upon by others, but with the degree of care and compassion with which we look at them.

The teaching of Micah in the Old Testament comes to mind. "What does God require of us; it is to act justly, love tenderly and to walk humbly with God." (Ch. 6 v 8) Jesus' parables, in a powerful manner, restate this message.

The wonder is that when we humbly live a life of love of God and of others we enter into the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God joining thousands upon thousands in joyful assembly; in this life and in the life to come. (Hebrews 12; 22-24)

Ewen Laurenson

Parish Information

From the LFT

Further to the information in this column last week we are pleased to advise:

Parish Meetings

A Parish meeting will be held from **3-6pm on Sunday 25th September** at the Uniting Church in Dr Taylor Tce. The purpose of the meeting is to consider Cardinal John's decision and recommendations in relation to our properties, their implementation and their consequences (especially pastoral).

We will also hold a session midweek, after the Wednesday 11am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul's at a date to be advised.

At this stage we intend to hold a *single* parish meeting in Johnsonville rather than multiple meetings at the three churches. We are happy to provide additional meetings at other venues if there is a preference for this – but at this stage we see advantages in having a combined meeting.

If anyone has difficulty in getting to the Uniting Church for the meeting, please let the Office know in advance and we will do what we can to arrange a lift for you.

Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs")

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

Maori Pastoral Care Collection - This week is the special collection for Maori Pastoral Care Week. If you would like to make a donation, please place an envelope in the collection basket, if donating through online banking, please reference Maori Pastoral Care. Many thanks for your continued support.

Called to Serve at Ss Peter and Pauls WE NEED YOU.

On Sunday **28th August at the 10.30** Mass we are going to invite people to participate in various ministries and activities at Ss Peter and Pauls.

Please think about how you can serve in our Church Community and indicate that to us on 28th August or in the weeks following.

Blessings
St Peter and Pauls Liturgy and Pastoral teams.

Parish Information

Joanne Gordon our much loved Parishioner and volunteer of St Francis of Assisi Parish has sadly passed away.

To celebrate Joanne there will be a gathering on **Sunday, 28th August at 6.30pm**, Ss Peter & Paul's Church to reflect on her life. All very welcome.

Her funeral will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's Church on **Monday, 29th August at 11am**.

Condolences and all our blessings at this time to her family and friends. Rest in Peace Joanne.



St Brigid's Year 7 and 8 Liturgy - Tuesday 22nd August

Last Tuesday Kitty and Jared of the Youth Ministry team led this Liturgy about Mary and our National Shrine of St Mary of the Angels.

Our students were amazing, taking on lots of roles in the Liturgy and then also at the end putting Camellia petals representing student's special intentions in front of Mary for her to look after.

These petals were then collected in a bowl and put beside the tabernacle until next Tuesday's Liturgy.

You are all warmly invited to be part of our Children's Liturgy of the Word with Communion every Tuesday.

On August 29th our theme will be Pray for Creation. Pope Francis has requested that we all pray and intentionally care for our Earth during the month of September.

Our school/Youth Ministry Liturgies begin at **9:15 am on a Tuesday**.

Please come along and support our children and pray with them if you are working from home or available.

If you would like any more information, have ideas or would like to do something at these Liturgies then please call the parish office.



Parish Information

Father's Day

Next Sunday, 4th September, there will be a cup of tea after 10.30am Mass at St Peter & Paul's Church.

All are welcome, especially all the Fathers in our community.



St Benedict's First Friday Morning Tea

On Friday 2nd September Exposition and Service of the Word with Holy Communion will be followed by Morning Tea in the foyer.

All welcome.

Hospitality: Linda and Nick Polaschek

Season of Creation - Sunday 11th September at 6.45p.m for 7.00 pm

Ss Peter and Pauls Church. Dr. Taylor Tce Johnsonville.

An Ecumenical webinar liturgical event, connecting with Australia, NZ and Pacific Islands with prayer, meditation, reflection and music.

Come to listen together and to respond together to the Cry of Creation.

Supper will be served afterwards.



Thank You to Natalie Brockie

The Community at St Benedict's Church extends a very sincere thank you to Natalie, for the beautiful floral arrangements she has done for us, over many, many years. Natalie set up and organised the roster and has retired from this Ministry. We wish her a well- deserved rest.

Natalie's talents have enhanced the seasons of Christmas, Easter and ordinary time as well as her Pentecost displays, special feasts and those for the Remembrance Mass for Holy Souls. Thank you Natalie.

If anyone is able to assist with altar flowers at St Benedict's, please contact Elizabeth Kennedy ph: 027 686 4381.

There is a supply of silk flowers available to use.

Parish Information

Reverence for Life - Book of Life

We plan to restart presenting the Book of Life at our Sunday services. The first presentation will be on **Sunday the 11th of September**.

The Book represents all that is done within our parish and wider community to celebrate life.

Celebrations - can include anniversaries, family gatherings, church gatherings, community gatherings, school activities, Christmas, holidays; in fact, anything at all of interest that reflects the joy and wonder of life.

However - we need your input to make the Book of Life a beautiful book that contains your stories of how you have celebrated special events. We cannot do this well without your help.

Please be open - to sharing your stories through the Book of Life so it reflects in a vital way that all life is precious and is be nurtured and celebrated. The stories need not be long. It enhances the stories if photos accompany the text but this is not essential. All that matters is that you send in your account of a celebration.

How to send in your story:

a) by email to carol.may.ryan@gmail.com

b) by placing your story in the Book of Life plastic container placed in the foyer of Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

Thank you for your input and help. Let us together make our Book of Life special and wonderous.

Other Events/Notices

Faiths in Tune

Listen and enjoy the contributions of eight different faith groups singing their sacred music.

Date: Saturday 3rd. Sept 2.00-5.00p.m.

Venue: St. Andrews church 30 The Terrace Wellington. **Free entry**

Chrism Mass - Will be celebrated at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday, 14th September at 7pm.

Other Events/Notices

World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage to Lisbon



The Council for Young people is inviting young Catholics (and all other young people) to join a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon next year.

The Council has published a draft itinerary for Kiwis wanting to attend the Lisbon event. It's a very full itinerary of 24 days leaving Auckland on 15 July for Paris, then on pilgrimage to such places as Lyon and Lourdes, and Fatima for six days, before reaching Lisbon on 31 July.

Lisbon will host many official events from 1 August to World Youth Day itself on Sunday 6 August, which climaxes with a Mass that Pope Francis is expected to celebrate in person.

Read more and download the itinerary here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/wyd-lisbon2023-itinerary/>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Evening)

Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 29th August, 7-8.30pm.

ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/08/14/mary-of-nazareth/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, inter-faith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Joshua Wellington Men's - One-Day Retreat at Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 29th October 8:30am to 5pm.

Theme: 'Peace, hope and healing through Jesus for our brokenness'

Retreat leader: Brendan Malone, Director of LifeNET NZ.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555

email: joshua.watn@gmail.com

Other Events/Notices



FUNDRAISER – Catholic Enquiry Centre/Catholic Discovery

Father Stu Movie - Tuesday 6 September 6pm
Light House Cinema Petone.

Our tour with Father Stu, the movie, returns to Petone, Lower Hutt.

After two successful screenings we have decided to extend the tour.

Tickets (\$20 + processing fee) can be securely purchased online at www.catholicdiscovery.nz/stu or call the CEC office (04) 385 8518.

Vacancy - Sacred Heart Metropolitan Cathedral Parish, Wellington, seeks applications for the position of Music Co-ordinator/Leader.

This is a part-time, 15-hours-a week, fixed-term contract until December 2023. Applicants should have musical training to tertiary level or equivalent professional standard, and ideally be familiar with Catholic liturgy.

Please contact Debbie Matheson at d.matheson@wn.catholic.org.nz for a position description, enquiries, and to submit a written application enclosing a curriculum vitae. **Applications close 30 August 2022.**

From a 1924 article:

The Baby in the Church

We have all heard the baby crying in church when the priest was speaking. Not all, however, have read Father Conroy's book, "A Mill Town Pastor," nor his delightful telling of a similar experience. "There are two of us preaching in this church at once," said the pastor, "and I don't know which of us is giving the better sermon. When a baby cries in church he is telling two things: First, that there are babies in the family, and second, that the mother has come to Mass with her baby. On the whole, I think the baby is preaching the better sermon and I'll let him go on with it."

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: Joanne Gordon, Fr Brian Cummings, Paul O'Donnell, Peter Aldridge

Anniversaries: Bernie McSweeney, Doris Bose, Freddie Dias, Yvonne Joachim, Yvette Hermon

Prayers for the Sick: 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 27th August - Sunday 4th September

St Andrew's Church 29 Trebann St Newlands

Sat: 27th August - 5pm
Word & Communion

Sat: 3rd Sept - 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
Sun: 9.00am - Word &
Communion

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

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

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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