



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Ascension of the Lord 29th May 2022 Year C**  
**Readings:** *Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53*

## Jesus says to us in the Ascension Scriptures this weekend:

"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"

You are **witnesses** and **see**, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city **until** you have been clothed with power from on high".

Jesus lived and died to show us the whole deal of who we are and what and how we are called to be. On the day of the Ascension his disciples who he had lived with and who finally understood his life and love, knew he was off on the next stage of his life.

And they were okay with this - even joyous- because they finally knew, they finally "saw". They understood his life and why he had come. They understood how they needed to be and what they had to do on the next stage of their lives. They got it. At last they understood.

It's the same for us today. Its no use us looking up to heaven for Jesus. He is here amongst us. He is in us. He is with us. Jesus is in everything and everyone. He is calling us to be him, to be his witnesses, every day and in every way. We are not Jesus observers, Jesus explainers, Jesus historians, Jesus controllers or hander outers.

We are his living, loving witnesses, filled with the Spirit, clothed with power and love to be his words- gospels, dreams and actions in our parish, communities, homes and country today. What a gift, a privilege and a vote of confidence Jesus has given us. We're here that's why he could go away.

This week let's sit for a few minutes. Picture him and hear what he is saying now.

Breathe his Spirit in for a while and pray:

*Jesus help us to see you and help us to be you so that with smiles on our faces we can carry you to the places where you are most needed. Amen.*

**Kitty McKinley**



**"Parking for Jesus only" -**

**(The place a Parish 6 year old thinks Jesus left from and he is coming back!)**

**Saints Peter and Pauls Johnsonville  
1922-2022**

**LET'S CELEBRATE**

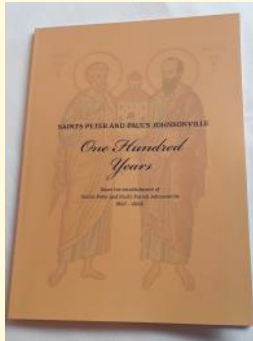
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm**

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**

All welcome - No need to book

Displays to bring back memories.  
Read about our faith journey.



Book will be available from 26<sup>th</sup> June.  
It may be purchased on the day. Cost \$20 cash no eftpos.

You may pre order it at - [bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz)

Payment into parish account  
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Book may be picked up on the day or posted.  
[Please include Name and postal address]

Extra \$5 for postage and handling [\$25 for book and postage]

**Sunday 5th June Pentecost Sunday** - From this date we will resume having a cup of tea at Ss Peter & Paul Church following the 10.30am Mass.

On this day we will also have a small presentation for Linda Birch, who recently retired as Principal of St Brigid's School.

**You are all welcome to attend.**

### **Joe Green's Commissioning**

On **Saturday, 11th June 2022 at 5pm Vigil** - St Andrew's Church, Cardinal John Dew will celebrate Mass to Commission Joe Green as the Lay Pastoral Leader in the role of Director of Mission.



You are **all** very welcome to come and celebrate with the Parish.

Following the Mass there will be hospitality at St Andrew's in the lounge.

A shared meal with light refreshments and tea/coffee.

If you would like to bring a plate for the shared meal it would be most welcome.

Tea / Coffee & Light refreshments will be provided.

For any further information please contact: Stephanie D'Mello,  
**Email:** [stephaniedmello@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniedmello@hotmail.com)

### **Synod Update**

This weekend Fr Pete, Joe Green and Shane Dinnan will join others from the North Island part of the Archdiocese to reflect on the Synod submissions.

The outcome from this weekend will go toward the whole of Aotearoa reflection and submission. We will keep parishioners updated.

### **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 Ss Peter and Paul Community.

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

## First Communion Programme

Preparation for First Holy Communion begins on **Sunday 12th June**.

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.**

Due to high interest and some clashes with sporting/family fixture dates, there have been some changes to the Sacramental programme. Popular demand has also resulted in a school holiday day programme option. An updated brochure will be sent to all current sacramental families next week. Printed copies will also be available through schools and the parish office as will a registration form for the holiday programme. Please email either the parish office, Gemma Nash or Kitty McKinley if you require additional information.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### **First Communion Masses**

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

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

#### **Children's sessions**

There are **three** options of preparation for the First Communion programme. These are:

- a four week Sunday/afternoon programme at Ss Peter and Paul Church, with a final session and practise TBC;
- a four week Sunday/afternoon programme at St Benedict's Church;
- a full day in the school holidays at Ss Peter and Paul Church, with a final session and practise TBC.

Children attending the four week programmes can attend First Communion Mass at either Church. **Note:** Those attending the school holiday programme will need to attend the Ss Peter and Paul Church Mass, as the school holidays are after the first Mass.

### Session Times:

#### Option 1

**Ss Peter and Paul Church - Sundays and weekday afternoons**

**Session 1:** Sunday 12th June

3:30pm - 4:30pm, children only

4:30pm - 5:00pm, children and parents (information time).

**Session 2:** Sunday 19th June

3:30pm - 5:00pm

**Session 3:** Thursday 23rd June

3:15pm - 4:30pm

Note that Ss Peter and Paul 100 year celebration mass is on Sunday 26th June at 2pm, all are welcome.

**Session 4:** Thursday 30th June

3:15pm - 4:30pm

Final session and practise TBC: closer to Mass

**Option 2**

**St Benedict's Church/hall - Sundays and weekday afternoons**

**Session 1:** Sunday 12th June

10:15am - 11:45am

**Session 2:** Sunday 19th June

10:15am - 11:45am

**Session 3:** Sunday 3rd July

10:15am - 11:45am

**Session 4:** Friday 8th July (final session and practice)

4:00pm - 5:30pm

**Option 3**

**Ss Peter and Paul Hall/Church holiday Programme**

Thursday 14th July 10-4pm

**Parents' Info Sessions**

Parents are invited to attend one of either of the information sessions that suits them timewise.

Ss Peter and Paul Church: **Sunday 12th June, 4:30pm - 5:00pm** (at the end of the first children's session)

St Benedict's Church: **Thursday 23rd June, 7:00pm - 7:45pm.**

Parent/s/caregivers will also be sent some information on the Programme prior to its start.

### **Confirmation Programme 2022**

The first Confirmation mass will be on **Sunday 7 August at 10:30 AM** at Ss Peter and Pauls 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.

The next Confirmation Mass/es will be on the evening of October 29 and the morning of Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 for children who have been on this years Sacramental programme or are eligible to be Confirmed.

Some parents are choosing to leave Confirmation until the children are older so that is also an option.

### **Recipe of the Week**

We are looking for some recipe ideas / inspiration for our 100 Year celebration.

If you have a favourite recipe, send it to the office and we will publish one a week leading up to the celebrations on 26th June 2022.

If you are really inspired, you may even like to make it for the afternoon tea on the day of the celebrations!

Week 3 recipe [Click here....](#)

Pete always welcomes a tasting!

**Pete, Joe, Helen, Angela**  
**The Pastoral Team**



### **PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK** **30 MAY -5 JUNE**

In these days of uncertainty let us say this prayer each day.

*As people of the new covenant, sealed in the blood of your son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, we turn to you O God,  
for renewed strength to more faithfully  
witness the unity of your family.  
We seek the healing touch of your mercy,  
O Loving God, Glorious in your power,  
that we might walk with greater trust the way of peace.  
Help us put aside the differences that do not matter,  
While honouring the diversity that blesses your all embracing love.  
Move us forward, hand in hand, that your covenant of peace  
might be the cause of unity for your people and the whole world.  
In the name of Jesus, who prayed that all might be one.*

**Amen**

**Fr. James B Lyons.**

## Other Events/Notices

### **St Patrick's College Open Day Tours – June 2022**

Tēnā koutou katoa

It is with pleasure that I invite you to register to attend one of our Open Day Tours which are to be held on **Tuesday 14 June** between 10.00am to 11.30am and from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, and again on **Thursday 16 June** at the same times.

To make a booking please either email [admin@stpats.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpats.school.nz) with your request or to make a booking yourself visit the St Patrick's College website: <https://www.stpats.school.nz>

Open Day is a chance for parents to visit our College and learn about the opportunities and experiences that we offer across Years 9 to 13.

Mike Savali

**TUMUAKI | RECTOR**

**NZ Catholic Bishops Conference** - The bishops were in Christchurch last week for one of their regular Conference meetings.

If you'd like to get the flavour of the kind of matters they discuss, go to this link: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-may2022meeting/>

**Inter-Church Service** - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Where:** Johnsonville Uniting Church  
18 Dr Taylor Terrace

**When:** Thursday 2 June 2022

**Time:** 7.45 pm start

You are invite for tea/coffee before the service. All are welcome

**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:** [lifeinthepirit.log@gmail.com](mailto:lifeinthepirit.log@gmail.com)

# MASS INTENTIONS

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



**Recently Deceased:** Herminia Montes

**Anniversaries:** Denis Low, Apolonia D'Souza, Joseph D'Souza

**Prayers for the Sick:** Margaret Blight, Joe Godinet, Penelope Corich, Mike Coghlan, Ann Zouch, Gerard van der Kaa, 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 28th May - Saturday 4th June**

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

Sat: 28th May, 5pm Vigil  
Mass  
Sat: 4th June, Word &  
Communion

### **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**

Sun: 10.30am - Word &  
Communion  
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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