



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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**Thirty First Week Ordinary Time, 30th October 2022 Year C**  
**Readings:** *Wisdom 11:22-12:2, 2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10*

## Welcome him joyously.

We are all familiar with the Gospel story of Zacchaeus; a tax-collector, well placed to get rich by adding a percentage, and he did get rich. He tells us how he got rich – by defrauding people, by taking four times as much – this is what he promises to pay back.

Zacchaeus had heard about Jesus, he wanted to see Jesus, and he made an effort to do so. Zacchaeus is a "big man" about town, however he is short – so he does an undignified thing and climbs a tree.

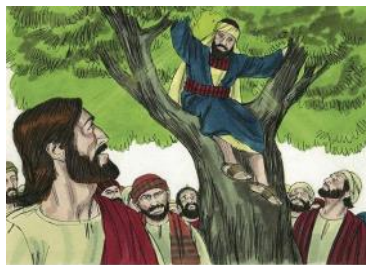
But the thing that leaps out in this story is firstly that Jesus saw Zacchaeus, and knew who he was, and in that way, what he was – a sinner.

The second thing that stands out is that Jesus invites himself to stay at Zacchaeus' house. In a hospitality society the hosts would usually sort out among themselves where the arriving guests would stay.

Not in this story: Jesus looks directly up at Zacchaeus, AND INVITES HIMSELF. Zacchaeus responds to that invitation – he gives away his possessions and makes right what he shouldn't have taken, and more.

And then Jesus gives Zacchaeus even more: he recognises him as a "son of Abraham". In doing so he declares that Zacchaeus is no longer an outsider, he is forgiven.

Jesus does for us what he did for Zacchaeus: he recognises us; calls us by name; knows who and what we might be; and, despite that, invites himself to come stay with each of us.



All we have to do is, like Zacchaeus, "welcome him joyously".

**Joe Green**

## Parish Information



### PARISH PUBLIC MEETING re NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS

with  
**Rev Dr Joe Grayland**  
on  
**Wednesday 9 November – 7.00pm - 8.00pm**  
at  
**Ss Peter & Paul Church, Johnsonville**

- *What makes for a good church?*
- *What makes for a good worship space?*
- *How can our buildings contribute to an enhanced sense of community?*
- *How can we build a church that reflects our call to be missionaries?*

Rev Dr Joe Grayland is a Parish Priest of the Diocese of Palmerston North with an academic background in liturgy, sacraments and church design.

Come and listen to Fr Joe share his knowledge and experiences.

Bring your questions.

### **Parish Property Meeting Notes**

The Meeting Notes and the Presentation following our Parish Property Meeting - 25th September, can all be found on our [website](#).

For a copy of the Meeting Notes [click here](#) to view.

For a copy of the Presentation [click here](#) to view.

Please also look over the [Q&A's](#) on the website and send any questions you have to the Parish Office.

We are working to make this process as smooth as possible, we appreciate all comments and feedback.

**Children's Liturgy Commencement NOTICE** - The Children's Liturgy at **Ss Peter and Paul Church** will recommence at the 10.30a.m Mass Sunday, 6th November.

We look forward to seeing all the children again.

## Parish Information

**First Friday Morning Tea** - 4th November following Exposition and Service in St Ben's Foyer.  
Hospitality: Margaret Dunne and Christine Patete.

### **Upcoming Masses at Ss Peter & Paul Church**

**ALL VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MASSES**

**All Saint's Day Mass** - Tuesday, 1st November at 9.15 am, with St Brigid's School present.

**All Saint's Day Mass** - Tuesday, 1st November at 7.00 pm.

**All Soul's Day Mass** - Wednesday, 2nd November at 11.00 am.

**All Soul's Day Remembrance Mass** - Wednesday, 2nd November at 7.00 pm.  
This Mass will be followed by supper.

**Sunday, 6th November 10.30am Mass.** There will be a cup of tea after 10.30am Mass provided and served by members from our Parish Indonesian Community. All very welcome.

### **Confirmation Mass**

This weekend another 34 of our children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at **10:30AM Mass in Johnsonville.**

This ceremony completes our Parish Sacramental journey for children for this year.

A big thank you to our children, their families and our programme leaders who have participated so energetically and fully.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered, painted, sung, played and prayed.

You are amazing. The Spirit is alive and sends us all out like sparks to set the world on fire with LOVE.

At the practice last Wednesday we had a stand in Cardinal of the future: Thanks Andre!!



## Parish Information

### **Remembrance Liturgy – St Benedict's**

Each year, St Benedict's holds a Remembrance Mass on the first Sunday of November to remember our deceased parishioners and family members.

This year, at our Remembrance Liturgy on Sunday 6 November we will also remember those who passed away in 2021, as we had to cancel due to Covid.

As we may be unaware of all recent bereavements in 2022 and 2021, you are invited to contact Robyn Radomski, ph: 027 201 8766, email: [robynrad71@gmail.com](mailto:robynrad71@gmail.com) with details of name, date of death and their relationship to you so we can include them in the liturgy.

While we do remember, in a special way, those parishioners who have passed away during the previous year, you are invited to remember any of your deceased loved ones. You may like to bring a funeral order of service, a photo or a memento of that person who has been loved by you and your family. These can be placed on the altar before Mass.

Candles will also be shared with the congregation before Mass begins.

**St Benedict's** attendees will find in the foyer a clipboard with purple paper on which they can write the names of those deceased whom they wish to be prayed for during November.

### **PARISH ARCHIVES**

Clive Sowry [St. Benedicts] and Pat Collier [St. Peter and Pauls] are working to collect and collate the archives of all 3 communities in our St Francis of Assisi parish Ohariu.

If someone with knowledge of St. Andrews would like to join us we would be most appreciative. Please contact Pat ph: 021 0298 9504 or email [tchpat.collier@gmail.com](mailto:tchpat.collier@gmail.com).

In addition if anyone who has photos or information we could add to our archives please contact Pat as above.

**The Parish Jubilee Book** is available to purchase at all three Churches. Order forms are available. For further information please contact the Parish Office,

Ph: 04 478 7137 or email: [bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz)



## Parish Information

**TIME CAPSULE.** – Fragments from the History of Our Parish.

### No.4. **The Church of the Holy Name in Ngaio, 1912.**

On December 20, 1910, a building application was submitted to the Onslow Borough Council for a church to be erected on Section 48 in Ngatoto Road. The submitted plans, now in Wellington City Archives, show the internal dimensions of the small church were 18 feet wide by 28 feet deep. The front of the church had a cross atop the gable above the single door and four wooden steps providing the only access and exit. The side walls had two windows each, and the back wall a single window. The builder was Mr P. C. Watt of Berhampore. Originally known as "The Church of the Holy Name", it was recalled that Father Thomas Walsh celebrated the first Mass in the (probably uncompleted) church in December 1911. Father Walsh also officiated at the first marriage ceremony held there on 10 April 1912, just a few weeks after it was formally opened on 24 March. The district then was part of the Lower Hutt Parish. By the time the church was enlarged in 1929 it was known as St. John's Church and was part of the Johnsonville Parish. For a number of years, some locals continued to refer to it as the Church of the Holy Name. Further enlargements in 1936 allowed the older parts of the church to be used as classrooms. St. John's was the first Parish Church of the new Onslow Parish established in 1950. In 1992, when further alterations were carried out, the remnant of the original church formed part of the parish hall. St. John's was closed following the last Mass there on Sunday 20 May 2012. The building was sold and demolished; houses now occupying the site. Yet remnants of the building live on; the large cross in St. Benedict's Church was crafted using timbers from St. John's.

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[Footnotes: Ngatoto Road – later Ngatoto Street – is variously described as being in Ngaio, Nairnville or Khandallah. The church's street address was 36 Ngatoto St. Father Walsh's surname was sometimes rendered Walshe.]

### **Help make this Christmas a happier one for a child in need**

Spare a thought for a child to whom Christmas feels like an empty promise.

St Vincent de Paul invites you to bring a smile to a child's face by gifting an article of new clothing or a toy to our **Christmas 2022**

**Children's Clothing & Toy Appeal.**

You can gift an item at our local shops:

**4 Broderick Road, Johnsonville or 18 Ganges Road, Khandallah**



## Parish Information

### 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



As Mission Month 2022 draws to a close, may I thank you on behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies for your gift from the heart for the missionary work of the Church. May only goodness and kindness follow you all the days of your life. Fr Bernard Espiritu, SVD – National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, NZ. Your gift is your legacy to missions. Donate online: <https://missio.nz/donate>

### Tuākana Youth Ministry Applications are open

This Programme provides training and support to become a Tuākana Youth Minister within a College for the school year, joining the Archdiocese's Young Church team. [Tuākana Youth Ministry Programme 2023 Applications are now open | Archdiocese of Wellington \(catholic.org.nz\)](#)

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

## Other Events/Notices



### XLIT NOVEMBER

Inviting TEENS and YOUNG ADULTS to come and experience the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Together we worship Him through music, receive true freedom through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and feel the love through the gift of each other.

**Day/Date:** Friday, 18th November 2022

**Time:** 7.00 – 9:30pm. **Venue:** St Joseph's Church - Mt Victoria

### SEEK – EXPLORE AND DISCERN

An invitation for young adults to explore their vocation and discern their role in the Church and in the world.

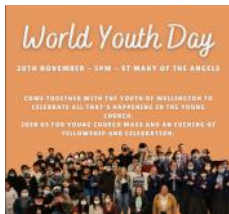
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm to 5pm at St Mary of the Angels.



The afternoon will conclude with the World Youth Day Mass at 5pm. To register please email [youth@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:youth@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS 2022

Come together with the Youth of Wellington to celebrate all that's happening in the Young Church!



Join us for Young Church Mass and an evening of fellowship and celebration for World Youth Day 2022.

**Day/Date:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Time:** 5pm **Venue:** St Mary of the Angels Church

### **Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy***

#### **Online Sessions (Evening):**

**The Gospel of Matthew** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 7 & 14 November. ZOOM.

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session which includes resources.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/10/02/the-gospel-of-matthew/>

**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: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

# MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Anniversaries:** Rolando Dela Cruz

**Prayers for the Sick:** Jocelyn Whitehouse, Diana Helm, 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.

## MASS & LITURGY TIMES Saturday 29th October - Sunday 6th November

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

Sat: 29th Oct - 5pm Word & Communion

Sat: 5th Nov—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,

Sun: 10.30am - **Confirmation Mass**  
Mon: 9.00 - Liturgy  
Tues: 9.15am - Mass with school  
Tues: 7.00pm Mass  
Wed: 11.00am - Mass with morning tea  
Wed: 7.00pm Mass with Supper  
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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