



# St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

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## **Fouth Week Ordinary Time 30th January 2022 Year C**

**Readings:** *Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19, 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13, Luke 4:21-30*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St Francis of Assisi Parish Ohariu,

Happy New Year and let's hope that despite another Covid wave we can continue to grow together, to become closer to Jesus and to transform our communities. These are very strange, disruptive and scary Omicron times. Today's readings and our gospel provide support, confidence, inspiration and a road map for us.

*Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19* confidently writes:

*Now the word of the Lord came to me saying (and to each of us in SFOA Ohariu) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations"..... **They** will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you."*

In our time **"They"** could easily be those nasty wee Omicron bugs! And all that they mean. They are here among us, they are upsetting and confusing us, they do cause stress. AND we will get through this. AND we have a mission and work to do as faith filled people to keep ourselves, others and our city safe, growing and well. We have lives to live as prophets and servants. We are consecrated and sent out by our God. In our *Second Reading from Corinthians* we have the road map of how we are to travel and live through the next months, individually and as a community of communities. As Catholics our dispositions, our attitudes, our actions are to be guided by LOVE. We are called to be loving, kind, patient, aware of others, hope filled and to help where we can. LOVE is our Omicron spirit and our map for 2022. *"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love"*.

"Jesus said things that the people didn't want to hear. His words frightened them. So as Luke writes in today's gospel: *"They got up and led him to the brow of the hill so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way"*.

It's easy to get frightened by life and to lash out. It's even possible to get scared of the good news that Jesus proclaims. One thing that we can be certain of is though, that Jesus does overcome fear, he does overcome anger and despair. He moves through it and goes on his way preaching LOVE through his life, words and actions.

For a while this weekend maybe sit and read one of the readings and decide how you will live as a prophet through these challenging, strange times, giving and receiving LOVE, HOPE and FAITH.

Love and blessings on the journey of 2022  
Kitty McKinley

On behalf of the parish office we would like to wish all our parishioners a very **Happy New Year.**

We hope you had a blessed Christmas and we wish you a very safe and healthy 2022. In these difficult COVID times, it is important we all look after ourselves and our neighbours.

If at any time you need help, please contact the Parish Office: 04 478 7137 or email: [office@stfrancisochariu.nz](mailto:office@stfrancisochariu.nz)

### **Covid Vaccine Passes Mandatory at all Masses and Liturgies**

New Zealand is now in **Red** 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 and masks are mandatory. Social distancing is essential.**

Under **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 for weekend Masses and Word and Communion Liturgies.

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. To book your place please go to the Archdiocese website and register or click on the [link](#)

Please note bookings for weekend Masses open at **9.00am Wednesday** and close at **12pm Friday.**

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 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.**

### **Tonga Relief Appeal - A Message from Caritas NZ.**

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has mobilised prepositioned supplies to be of immediate assistance and will continue to work with Caritas Tonga to best assist those in need. We have also pledged a solidarity grant to go immediately to assist with the response to the disaster.

If you would like to donate to the emergency relief work of Caritas in Tonga. Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund [www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) or via bank account 03-0518-0211216-00. Please include your first & last name and put 'Tonga' as the code. Alternatively you can donate by credit card by calling 0800 22 10 22.

## Other Events & Notices

### Sacramental Programme

Thank you to those parishioners who have been inquiring about the Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation Programmes for 2022. Sacramental and Youth Ministry Team members have been meeting and talking to some of our schools and parents/ caregivers to work out how best to facilitate these programmes.

Please watch this space and once schools are back we will consult with you all and then work out a safe, faith filled programme for this year. A big welcome if you are new to the parish and please let the parish office know who you are, your contact details and the ages and sacramental opportunities that you would like your children to have. Everyone is welcome and we can accommodate children/young people of any age. So please let us know what you would like.

If any of you would also like to assist with any parts of this programme then please either email the parish office with your details or call **Kitty McKinley on 021491459**. Training is provided.

### Typhoon Odette (Rai) Appeal

A Filipino group from within our parish is appealing for donations to help Typhoon Odette victims. The funds raised will go to families in the island of Bohol in the Central Visayas's region of the Philippines who desperately need help. They still have no electricity and drinking water is rationed.

Any donations will be gratefully received and can be made two ways locally. Donations through a Givealittle page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/typhoon-odette-victims-fundraising> or buying a raffle ticket at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/11e1nN7ZKPxsJbYHxX7LfahAmW48MbEK2SdMJOffT20/mobilebasic> Fr Dennis Nacorda (also from Bohol originally) is organising a monster garage sale in **Levin on Saturday 19 February** to raise funds for the typhoon victims.

### Catholic Social Services Job Vacancy—Senior Social Worker

Catholic Social Services is seeking an experienced social worker to join our dynamic team in Wellington. This full time role is 37.5 hours per week. For a copy of the job description or additional information please contact us **04 3858642**. Please email your CV and covering letter to [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz) Applications close at 3pm on Friday 4th February 2022.



# MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Ted Ramsbottom, Bishop Robin Leamy, Edward O'Sullivan, Anne Gordon, Sr Monica Landy, Harold Mallia - Zarb, Sr Catherine Shelton.

**Anniversaries:** Norma Farenas, Banny Abitang, Mary Porter

*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 those affected by Typhoon Odette in the Philippines and the people of Tonga so badly affected by natural disasters.*

## WEEKDAY MASS & LITURGY TIMES 29th January - 4th February

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

Monday: 9am Liturgy  
Tues: 9.15am Liturgy  
Tues: 5.00pm St Brigid's Liturgy  
Wed: 11am Mass -Tea after  
Thurs: 9am Liturgy  
Fri: 9am Mass  
Sunday: 10.30am Mass

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

Saturday: 5pm Vigil Mass

### St Benedict's Church 3 Everest St Khandallah

Mon: 9am Liturgy,  
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Tues: 9.15am Liturgy  
Wed: 9am Liturgy  
Thurs: 9am Liturgy  
Friday: 9am Liturgy  
Sat: 9am Liturgy  
Sun: 9am Word & Communion

Te paepae o te paerangi ki te paewhenua

Where heaven and earth come together

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 or by appointment.

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